



**PTSA General Meeting
Minutes
11/13/18
6:30pm**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome, President, Francee Williams, 6:34 pm
- III. A message from Principal Honohan
 - a. Dedication went well; great school spirit; VIP's were present; message of "One" was delivered at the dedication by Principal Honohan.
 - b. Orlando Teach In is this week and there is a great cast of speakers
- IV. Member Activity & Update, VP of Membership, Ashley Vann
 - a. The reason to become a member is to receive communication about what is going on.
 - b. Breakout session occurred: what can PTSA do to help the school, students and parents?
 - i. Christina Phillips - incorporate school and PTSA events into the PTSA calendar.
 - ii. Jen Thompson - PTSA can support parents with mentoring and continuing education; support teachers by compiling wish lists and sending to the groups; support students by having speakers.
 - iii. Regina - recruit more members to provide feedback; give students a voice to express themselves and be a part of the whole process.
 - iv. Farrah Bloom - support parents by providing an anonymous way to comment on school issues, like a suggestion box; support teachers with appreciation events and awards; support students by encouraging inclusion and acts of kindness.
 - v. Julia Young - have earlier reminders for events; support teachers with book ends in the media center;
 - vi. Heidi - support parents with a night out with child care; massage chair for teachers; honor roll presentations for students
 - vii. Lawanda Thompson - provide female personal care products in the girls bathroom.
 - viii. Will Dukes - parents night out; a "frequently asked questions" system for parents; mentor program for one grade level up, "what to expect?" ; central wish list; changes of clothes for younger kids in case of accidents; make list of after school activities more readily available; tutoring program for kids.
 - ix. Christina - open communication for school events and classroom curriculum; classroom supply list for teachers; funding for specialized programs like extra computer in classrooms; throw an event or festival for children.
 - x. Lawanda - reading buddies, promotes literacy habits, especially for those who don't get exposed to reading at home
 - xi. Ashley Vann - Falcon Pride is strong, Trevor speaks to any parent who wants to speak with him.

- V. Intro of Grade Reps, Parent Liaison Coordinator, Terri Guitton
 - a. We have grade level reps for every grade and room reps for each class; each was introduced.
 - b. Each grade provides staff meeting snacks monthly.
 - c. Communicate with your grade/room reps

- VI. The S in PTSA, Student Initiative Coordinator, Maddie Heinen
 - a. PTSA will give more info to parents about what the students are doing as part of PTSA

- VII. Organizational Adjustment Vote, Brooke Castino
 - a. Vote to combine the recording secretary and corresponding secretary, motion made by Will Dukes, seconded by Tracy Foust, passed unanimously.

- VIII. Budget Update, Treasurer, Suzy Strates
 - a. \$3,359.88 is balance
 - b. GFTH is ongoing. Goal is \$10,000 and we expect to exceed goal
 - c. PTSA supports school functions and has spent about \$5,000 to date
 - d. Much of the funds raised are actually in the Fund account, not PTSA

- IX. Cultural Arts Committee Presidential Observances, VP of Cultural Arts, Lawanda Thompson
 - a. Reflections did not go as planned. Next year we will probably do a talent show instead. For Spanish Heritage month we had a Peruvian dancer. Native American month is happening now. There are many other months upcoming honoring different cultures.
 - b. Multicultural night is coming up.

- X. Budget Vote, Parliamentarian, Brooke Castino
 - a. Vote to approve reallocation of more money to Cultural Arts so that we can observe presidential days. Motion made by Tracy Foust, second by Will Dukes, all in favor and motion passes unanimously.

- XI. Audubon Serves Upcoming Drives, VP of Outreach, Rebecca DeVane
 - a. Teach in is happening tomorrow
 - b. Mentoring is in the works.
 - c. Two drives are in the works: Jacket Drive will benefit Washington Shores. Giving Tree will be set up in front office November 26 through December.

- XII. Staff Appreciation, VP of Events, Kristen Reynolds
 - a. GFTH, bidding still open.
 - b. Staff appreciation is in February; sign up genius for sign up.
 - c. Thanks for coming out to Night at the Nest

- XIII. Fundraiser Update & Holiday Shop Announcement, VP of Fundraising Becky Junod
 - a. Thank you to all donors. Deadline for Falcon Wall is December, 2018. We have already raised \$35,000. Goal is \$100,000. Shades for playgrounds are in process, we have received quotes. Any donation for \$500 or up qualifies for the Falcon Wall.
 - b. List of donors will be published in the next few weeks.
 - c. Holiday Shop will happen in December. We have volunteers who have agreed to lead the charge on the Holiday Shop.

- d. Difference between PTSA and Foundation is that the Foundation can be flexible on purchasing and what they buy to support the school. Bigger capital expenditures go through the Foundation, every day and party expenses go through PTSA
- XIV. Gifts from the Heart Online Auction, Chairperson Joy Baylis
 - a. GFTH closes tomorrow night at 7 pm
- XV. Falcon 5k Announcement, Chairperson Brooke Castino
 - a. February 2nd, 7:30 am, first annual Falcon 5K. Thanks to Felix Fernandez for putting on the race.
 - b. There will be an opportunity to sponsor and also you can register now.
 - c. There will be a shirt for the 5K
- XVI. Other Announcements, President, Francee Williams
 - A. Behind the scenes thanks! Mickey Barkett, Laura Arja, decoration team does a great job, team of people doing tours.
 - B. Committee sign ups, in the back. PIE could use extra support asking business if they want to become partners in education. Holiday Shop and Falcon 5K.
- XVII. Meeting Adjourned: 7:57 pm