

PVHS PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 7, 2022

6:30pm

In attendance:

Debbie Ingebretson, Lisa Hoberg, Kim Breland, Tamara Yurong, Ian Deonise, Brandon Kurtz, Christine Brandell, Deneen Sulsona, Cindy Richards, Melissa/ Blue Orthodontics, Jenny Patton, Tracie Smith, Joy Vanderhoof, Lori Robertson, Gracie

Call to Order:

The virtual meeting was recorded and called to order by President, Debbie Ingebretson at 6:31pm.

Secretary's Report: Tamara Yurong

January's meeting minutes are posted on the PTO website for people to review. Tracie Smith motioned to approve the January minutes and Lisa Hoberg seconded, passing unanimously. Copy of the minutes and agenda can be found at paradisevalleypto.org.

Principal Report / Q&A: Mr. Deonise

Covid numbers are continuing to drop. Students continue to mask and follow guidelines, thank you. By 3:00pm Wednesday teachers will send out Parent-Teacher Conference invitations. If parents/guardians don't receive one, please reach out to your student's teacher. You don't need to wait until conference time to speak to teachers. Teachers are always available via email. Spring sports started today - Go Exercise! Track and field is a no cut sport. All are encouraged to give it a try. March 1st is ACT testing for all 11th graders, in person at school. It's a full day, including lunch period for 11th graders. All other grades will have an asynchronous day from home: 9th/10th will be provided practice tests from home. 12th graders will work from home on graduation tasks through Naviance. Counselors will post a list in Google Classroom. April 4-29 is the ACT Aspire practice window for 9th in English class. March 21 - April 15 11th graders will take AZ Science in their science classes. It's important all students are in class during that window. The attendance is applied toward the school's letter grade. 95% of students will be tested. Make-up days will be arranged for students who miss the testing. Accommodations will be made for students who don't currently have English/science. First block tardy continues to be a problem, with some new tardies and some repeat offenders. The students were informed that after school detention is available for those who repeatedly cannot get to school on time. Parents/guardians, please help your student get to school on time. Graduation will be held outside, in the stadium. At this point, there is not a limit as to the number of guests. March 22 Jostens will be on campus distributing pre-ordered graduation items. If your student is unable to pick up that day, their items will be available in the bookstore after the 22nd. If you haven't ordered your cap and gown yet, please do so. Jostens is located on Cave Creek; you may go in and make your purchase. Painting is expected to wrap up mid-March.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Breland

Working on identifying club/booster funds from the auction. Reconciliation for January still in process. Once finished, will send it to the board for review. The procedure for Clubs/Boosters/Teachers to get access to funds is a cumbersome process. Lisa Hoberg is going to speak with a couple other HS treasurers and meet with the appropriate district contact to discuss understanding and streamlining the process for everyone's ease, while still showing accountability. Currently, it takes 2-4 weeks for the bookstore to process money for clubs. Looking to clarify how CTE Club can simplify the process as well since they have accounts for both fees and organization. For staff who teach multiple CTE courses, the bookkeeping can be overwhelming. During the meeting, members helped Kim identify on the auction balance sheet which groups were Boosters, which were student Clubs and which were CTE Clubs. This community effort will help Kim process the funds within the next week or so. Great teamwork!

Mr Cartler (welding teacher) is looking for access to his auction funds to make a purchase of much needed supplies. The board will help him process his request/purchase. We are all hoping the review with the district will streamline how money can be accessed in the future.

Melissa / Blue Orthodontics: We value being a community partner. We are able to help circumnavigate the challenges groups have to funds by donating the food directly to the PTO.

Committee Reports:

Staff Appreciation: Cindy Richards

February 25th staff lunch, 10:30 - 12:30 in the HideOut and outside. A Sign-up Genius went out today. The main course chicken was donated by Raising Cane's - thank you.

Fundraising:

Dream Dinners is coming soon.

Scholarships: Tracie Smith

42 applications were received. They've been prepped and are ready for the readers. Will know more information in April. Because of the PTO meeting timing, everyone will find out at the same time, during the awards ceremony. It's been a fun job for the last four years.

Teacher Representative Report: Christine Brandell

No new updates.

Booster Reports:

Robotics: Joy Vanderhoof

March 9th is the Flagstaff competition and the students are gearing up and excited. Also over Spring Break they will compete at Chaparral HS. Unfortunately, the students will not be attending the competition in Las Vegas.

Football Booster: Deneen Sulsona

Booster meeting is tomorrow where we will vote in new members. Still looking for a couple positions, but we're confident the positions will be filled. We're prepping for next year already with spring training and lots of new energy.

Theater: Brandon Kurtz

Rumors wrapped up well. Next meeting is Wednesday, looking for a new board for next year. Working on creating some excitement and parent participation.

Swim and Dive: Brandon Kurtz

Next meeting is late March. We have a fundraiser scheduled for March 28th.

Band and Orchestra: Lori Robertson

The Honors Concert went well. Regionals (the whole state) was great. PV's violist in orchestra received the highest score.

UPC: Lisa Hoberg

The next meeting is February 15th: "Parenting For and With Creativity" with speaker Dr Ronald Beghetto. As usual, there will be a Q&A with Dr Bales. If you aren't able to attend, all programs are recorded and posted on the UPC Youtube channel. Michael Laney was appointed to the board and will help lead the team through the end of the year. If he wishes to continue in the position, he will run for election. UPC is excited to have him on the team.

New Business

Many of the current PTO board and volunteers are parents/guardians of Seniors. Those positions will be open. If you know of anyone interested in joining a fun team who helps support the students, teachers and staff, please share this information. We're looking to nominate new members at the March meeting, elect them at the April meeting and introduce them at the May meeting. Thank you for helping spread the word.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be Monday, March 7th at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamara Yurong, Secretary.