

PVHS PTO Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2021

6:30pm

In attendance:

Debbie Ingebretson, Lisa Hoberg, Kim Breland, Tamara Yurong, Ian Deonise, Cindy Richards, Lori Robertson, Brandon Kurtz, Solomon Woldesilassie, Cheryl Berrington, Victoria Bogat, Vanessa Ledesma, Melissa Schwartz, Betsy Graber, Gene Paden, Corey McG, Hara Dembowski, Tracie Smith, Tricia Urbano Voltz, Willow, Karen Grant, Deneen Sulsona, Jenny Patton, Jennifer Schwartz, L. Newitt, Rashi, Gracie Snyder

Call to Order:

The virtual meeting was called to order by President, Debbie Ingebretson at 6:30pm

Secretary's Report:

Tamara Yurong read the Standing Rules for the 2021-2022 school year. May's meeting minutes are posted on the PTO website for people to review. Lisa Hoberg motioned to approve the May minutes and Tracie Smith seconded, passing unanimously. Copy of the minutes and agenda can be found at paradisevalleypto.org.

Principal Report / Q&A:

Getting the kids back on campus has been great. Thank you to the PTO for the teacher/staff "back to school" lunch. Also thank you to PTO for support with Pride Camp name tags. Pride Camp went well. Approximately 375 Freshman were in attendance and were provided a Pride Guide, ID and tshirt.

Since last year's Freshman class didn't have the expected welcome-to-school experience, Class of 2024 will have the opportunity to receive a Sophomore class t-shirt. Orders will be based on interest, not total number of students in the grade.

The district's computer protection plan is available for \$30/school year. For students who have previously had the protection plan, fees can be paid online. If students previously had a Chromebook, but did not have the protection plan, they can have their current Chromebook inspected and then purchase the plan.

Email the school nurse if parents would like to inform the school of their child's Covid-19 vaccination status. It is not required, but allows the school to more quickly identify appropriate Covid-19 protocol if students are exposed at school.

Open House moved online to help do our part and reduce the risk of potential Covid-19 spread. Our experience last year showed that online is more accessible, convenient and participation is higher.

Outdoor shade structure and all new LED exterior lighting is made possible by West-Mec grant.

Our long overdue paint job is approved and coming soon!

Regarding sports: At this point, games/matches will be open to fans in person and concessions will be permitted. We will utilize GoFan for advanced ticket purchases, and cash purchases will be available on site the day of.

AZMerit scores will be sent out once available. PSAT will be available for students to take in the district, but will not be financially covered by the district. More information to come. ACT will be the determinant testing method for Juniors this spring. More information to come.

PVHS has a number of students whose hard work and determination paid off in academic and non-academic fields: AZ State Jujitsu champ, AZ Central's AZ Sports Male of Athlete of the Year, National Speech and Debate All American, SkillsUSA Website and Design. PVHS is proud of all their achievements.

Hats off to Crest and Mrs. Landreville! Crest received AZ's Outstanding CTE of the Year and Mrs. Landreville received recognition as HOSA Advisor of the Year.

Congratulations to all teachers and students! PV academically improved this year in Math and English. We are ranked 2nd highest HS in the district.

Treasurer's Report

With the last two years being financially atypical, the last three years budgets were examined in order to arrive at a workable 2021-2022 budget. 2020/21 lacked concession income, limited fundraising options and corporate matches, as well as lower than previous parent / teacher registration. We have strategic plans to increase all those streams this year. We're continuing to hold \$306 for Greenway Middle School as they work to get their PTO off the ground. Expected fundraising streams for 2021/22: online auction, grocery store rebates, restaurant nights, Amazon Smiles, Tuft & Needle, Kona Ice, booster fees, and other misc opportunities.

In the reserve account, we have \$17,404 to begin the year. The proposed budget is \$18,546, with \$12,120 income. That's a shortage of \$6,426. The budget is a guideline and will be re-examined throughout the year. Many PTO members expect to maximize our budget and make up the shortage incrementally throughout the year. IF we are not able to recoup the \$6,426, the money will be taken from our reserve account. The proposed budget was approved. Using the reserves as a backup option was voted and approved.

Committee Reports:**Fundraising/ Lori Robertson** (8 years of PVHS fundraising experience. Thank you!)

Continuing to work with Tuft and Needle, increasing Fry's community membership sign-ups and corporate matching sponsors. Date TBD for online auction. Examining the possibility of two silent auctions: our traditional silent auction and a second "health and wellness" auction. Lori will discuss options with Melissa Plew from Blue Orthodontics, as Blue is a primary donor. Will discuss further at September's PTO meeting. Fundraisers tbd: Kona Ice, Cold Beers and Cheeseburgers. More details are coming. Culinary currently has pasta and pesto fundraiser for classroom supplies. The Fundraising Committee always looks for donations before spending money. Anyone interested in helping on the Fund Raising committee, please reach out. Lots of opportunities to help, especially this year.

Working with Lisa Hoberg for potential coordination of moving two lathes from North Canyon HS to PV for welding.

Staff Appreciation / Cindy Richards:

Cindy is looking for help if anyone is interested. No job too big or too small. Big thanks to Jenny Patton for on-site help during staff lunch. Upcoming events: Halloween goodie bags, holiday lunch. Back to school clearance is a great time to stock up on school supplies to donate for Staff Appreciation events. All staff appreciate being recognized. Online Amazon gift cards are an easy and direct path to thank individual teachers.

Scholarships / Tracie Smith (thank you for four years in the position!):

Each year PTO awards five \$500 scholarships to eligible graduating seniors in the areas of Academics, Athletics, PV Pride, Come Back and Fine Arts. Rather than receiving the money directly, PV sends the money directly to the student's college bursar's office to be distributed to the student. All submissions are due in January.

Communications / Cindy Richards:

For PTO website updates please send info to pvptonews@gmail.com. Agendas, zoom links, updates, advertising can be included.

Booster Groups:

Booster training will be prior to the next PTO meeting on Monday, Sept 13, 2021 at 5:30pm. PTO meeting will follow at 6:30pm. Thank you for volunteering to lead your Booster group. Whether you've been involved for years, or are joining for the first time, your support is appreciated. There are plenty of resources and friendly faces to help you succeed.

Melissa Schwart / Pride of Paradise Band and Orchestra Booster (PoPBOB):

Band had a successful camp over the summer with about 65 students in attendance. October 30th, PV is co-sponsoring the AZMBA event at Pinnacle HS. Many volunteers are needed for the event. Kudos to PoPBOB for maintaining the same size membership while other organizations have seen a reduction in size.

Football Booster / Deneen Sulsona:

Yay scrimmages and concessions! Booster meetings are moving forward and the website is in the works. Like so many other boosters, football is focusing on rebuilding the lost momentum. Squad Locker has a plethora of logoed product options, not only for football.

Volleyball Booster/ Willow:

All officers are new this year and looking forward to learning how to best support volleyball through the booster training. Anticipating a successful car wash and open to new ideas.

Crest Booster / Gracie Snyder:

Welcome Back Breakfast was successful. Looking forward to a great year. Crest Parent Group meeting Monday, August 23rd, 6:00pm.

Boys Basketball Booster/ Gene Paden:

Getting ready to kick off the year. Looking forward to new opportunities this year.

Girls Basketball Booster / Betsy Graber:

Girls had camp in June. Hosted a tournament with Arcadia HS. Like Boys Basketball, getting ready to kick off the year. Betsy generously offered to help guide Willow / Volleyball.

Robotics Booster / Karen Grant:

Like so many other groups, the last two years stopped most booster progress. Virtual robotics isn't hugely successful. The group is excited to build a strong booster club this year.

UPC / Lisa Hoberg:

PV UPC reps are Lisa Hoberg and Melissa Schwartz. UPC is like a district level PTO. Many resources available in the archives for all to access. Check out UPC on their Youtube channel. The Opening Bell with Dr Bales will be virtual this month on Wednesday, August 18th at 9:00am. The virtual Vendor Showcase (September 28th, 6:00pm) is an opportunity for schools to investigate a variety of vendors for fund raising options.

Announcements:

All PTO meetings this year are scheduled for 6:30pm, and will be virtual. The next meeting will be Monday, September 13th, with Booster Training at 5:30pm prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamara Yurong, Secretary.