PVHS PTO Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2020

6:30pm

Virtual Meeting

Community Conversation

Thank you to everyone that helped with technology return, diploma pick up, yearbook pick up and senior breakfast.

PTO purchased PV high face masks for teachers instead of t-shirts this year. The teachers love them.

In Attendance:

Debbie Ingebretson, Sarah Banks, Cindy Interdonato, Lisa Hoberg, Christine Brandell-Melendez, Melissa Schwartz, Tamara Yurong, Lisa Danielson, Jo Lou Spleth, Bryan Casebolt, Karen Grant, Tracie Smith, Deneen Sulsona, Ian Deonise, Any Maschue, Anissa, Avery Graber, Cheryl Berrington, Cindy Richards, Eric Hanshew, Erin McGarrahan, Evelyn Laughlin, Jeannine B., Jessica Fields, Karen Stout, Kemel Duncan, Kerry Milinazzo, Laura Newitt, Lisa Hoberg, Lori Robertson, Mary Membrila, Melissa Francis, Peyton Schiltz, Ravi M, Sonali Pathre, Kristen Monson, Susie Fisher, Theresa Pitts, Tiffany Kinney, Tracy Caruso

Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order by President, Sarah Banks at 6:36pm

Secretary Report

The standing rules were read for the first meeting of the 2020-2021 school year. The minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the May minutes, seconded and passed unanimously. Copy of the minutes and agendas can be found at paradisevalleypto.org.

Principal Report/Q&A

Thank you to the PTO for helping during the 4th quarter of last year and over the summer with pick up and drop off of computers, yearbooks, diplomas, senior breakfast and more.

During the first three days of online learning 95% of students have logged on. Teachers said it went pretty smoothly. The school is continuing to address technology issues by handing out laptops, hotspots and reduced rates through Cox for internet. 1500 Chromebooks have been handed out to students, there are still 500 available for pick up. Students can pick up computers Monday – Friday 7:30am to 3:00pm in the media center. Students will need to have a Chromebook when they return to campus, because they will take it from class to class with them. Cases are on backorder and will be handed out to students when they return to campus.

More text books need to be returned before textbooks can be handed out to students. 50% have been returned. Textbooks can be dropped off in the bookstore Monday – Friday 7:30am to 3:00pm. Most classes have online textbook access for students to use as well.

Fall sports started in phase 1 with small group practices, no shared equipment, and extra cleaning. Coaches took Covid 19 training to prepare. Reach out to the athletic director or coach for information regarding a specific sport.

26 students from Paradise Valley are doing the PV online program the rest are doing PV connect.

Social Emotional learning is being addressed by the addition of a full time social emotional learning specialist, Collette Jones, to work along side our school social worker. There are ways that a teacher, student, parent or friend can refer someone to the care and concern team if they feel they need support. More information will be coming out through the counseling department.

Arrangements can be made for booster clubs to come on campus to get supplies or organize supplies. This can be arranged by contacting Mr. Deonise or Mr. Havlovic.

Mr. Deonise will send information to students regarding clubs that are meeting virtually while we are doing distance learning. Students were introduced to many clubs at the virtual walk through that was put together by Stugo.

Treasurers Report

May need to make adjustment to budget due to changes in concessions. There will be booster club training before the next meeting on September 14th at 5:30pm. Booster clubs please notify the treasurer of your new booster board members as soon as possible. The cheer booster club may dissolve, if that happens the cheer funds can be transferred to the cheer student account.

Fundraising Report

The PTO will be selling PV high face masks as a fundraiser. Masks were purchased for teachers and they really liked them. Cindy Interdonato showed some of the options available and discussed price differences. There is a minimum order of 100.

Looking into a Chipotle fundraiser. Some restaurants are not in the financial position to do fundraisers at this time.

Other current fundraising opportunities include Tuft and Needle and Amazon Smiles and donations through the PTO website.

Exploring other ideas including a virtual cooking or art class, shoe donations paid by the pound, and will probably hold the auction in the spring.

Hospitality Report

Due to Covid we can not have gatherings or pot lucks for the teachers right now. Can still do goody bags for the teachers. Could do boxed lunches, suggested looking into Chick fil A as they have supported schools in the past. Will ask staff for input regarding staff appreciation ideas. It is estimated that about 70% of staff are currently working on campus.

Scholarship Report

5 scholarships in the amount of \$500 were awarded to 2020 seniors in the areas of academics, athletics, pride, fine arts and come back. 45 students applied.

Communications Report

Send information to Cindy Interdonato that you would like included in the Monday PTO news.

Teacher Representative Report

Christine Brandell Melendez thanked PTO for helping with yearbook distribution.

Teachers reported that students seemed to be engaged during online learning so far.

The rep will remind teachers about teacher requests for funds from PTO.

Parents were asked to submit ideas on how to do yearbook portraits for students and other ideas for the yearbook during distance learning.

Booster Reports

Reminder that student groups can request funds from the PTO by doing a presentation at a meeting.

Robotics is working to recruit parents to help the only board member, Karen Grant.

Football is hoping to recruit more parents, but it is difficult due to small group practices since there are less opportunities to meet parents.

Volleyball board is going through transition since the students of some involved parents will not be playing this year. Bryan Casebolt, volleyball treasurer, volunteered to help web broadcast games if people are not allowed to attend in the stands.

Band had online band camp this summer which went well. State competitions have been cancelled. Purchased sabers for the color guard. Check out the video of the band playing the fight song virtually.

Crest is working on filling board positions at the August meeting since they were not able to do so in the spring due to Covid.

UPC report

The UPC rep for PV high school is Lisa Hoberg. UPC is similar to PTO but on a district level. Meetings will be held virtually at a new time 4:00pm for business meeting and 4:30pm for programming while students are doing online learning. For info on meetings check the united parent council website www.pvupc.org or the UPC facebook page. UPC is work on providing fundraising information for PTO's to help with fundraising ideas during Covid.

An update was given on which candidates are running for state legistature in the districts that are in the PV schools boundaries. There is more information regarding elections and legislature on the community legislative network page of the UPC website www.pvupc.org/legislative-cln.html

Announcements

Looking into surveying parents to see how much interest there would be in purchasing PV high face masks.

Next meeting is September 14th at 6:30pm with the booster club training at 5:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Ingebretson, Secretrary.