



Dress Down passes will be given to families who attend the meeting.

PTO Meeting Minutes for Feb 11, 2025 6:30

Welcome done by the President of PTO – Julia Place. Meeting called to order. Explained that volunteer hours are earned for attending the PTO meetings and instructed attendees to record their time in the book under your family name.

Minutes: Co-secretaries —Tanesha Wilson and Trish Symister. Minutes are kept in the office, uploaded to the webpage, and a copy is sent with the newsletter.

Treasurers Report: Cristina Wright reported a PTO balance of \$6,023.66 as of 2/4/25. Still have \$262.69 pending deposits from Art to Remember and yearbook checks. PTO board looking for co-treasurer to join Cristina; however, no one showed an interest at this time. Co-treasurer nominations opened.

Vice President's report - Alicia Savela

- Clubs: Parents and families were asked to consider chairing an after-school club for students. It was mentioned that the Recorder Club would be starting next week/week of 2/17/25. Which is now closed. Chess club was proposed, and would be on Wednesdays after school. Students can sign up if they are interested. Clubs are a nice way to share your talent and offer a way for students to engage in new interests.
- Yearbook sales: Visit buytheyearbook.com to place your order. Last month to save \$! Our school ID is 1161397. \$25 until March 14th then \$30 after the presale date. We are looking for photos to go into the yearbook. If you have taken pictures on field trips or spirit day please share with Mrs. Eileen.
- Jog-a-Thon: Feb 21 Jog-a-Thon Pledge/Donation forms will be going home Friday the 14th. First time using 99pledges.com. The event will start 1st thing in morning and will happen on the field and kids will run laps, 15 laps is equivalent to 1 mile. This is a fun event for the kids and our biggest fundraiser for the school year. There is a sign-up genius for volunteers in the newsletter where you can sign up to volunteer for different tasks, such as counting money, making posters, setting up for the day of. We also need volunteers for the day of the event. To volunteer the day of you must be a registered volunteer. We are using 99 Pledges.com, where each child will have their own page so that you can send to

anyone and they can donate towards the school. Kids will be in by the 1st name when searching the site.

- Feb 17th teacher lunch will be provided by room 7 and on 21st teacher lunch will be provided by room 4
- Spring Fling- we will be changing venue this year- more details coming soon. Looking into bowling. Open to suggestions. Hoping that the venue we decide to choose will give the school a kickback for having the event there.
- Morning mile does not start until 8am. Just a friendly reminder please do not drop kids off earlier than that. The kids are not allowed to be unsupervised.

Additional Business: suggestions for campus improvements or projects that PTO can support with the help of jog-a-thon donations. Looking at what we would like to spend our donations on this year. Looking for ideas from PTO. Last year we did the bridge, the year before we did the announcement board. If Parent/families have anything to contribute please share with PTO.

Principal's report: Paul Galloway

- Review of recent school events (campus clean-up, literacy week). Thanks to all the volunteers – Barnes and Noble night as well.
- Upcoming Field Trips- 6th graders going to Kennedy Center and 4th graders going to Lagoon in March
- Tardy drop-off and pick-up- Please be timely for pick -ups. Teachers need to leave on time and have a lot of after school activities
- Hurricane Make-up days Feb 17th (full school day) and April 18th will be an early release school day)
- Special Olympics Florida event March 7th at Chick-fil-a Palm Bay Rd- \$500 goal People donate to get Principal Galloway out of jail. School families are being asked to come on out and support this event.
- 3rd grade state testing requirements. Students must score a level 2 or above to be able to promoted. If students are not successful, they can submit a portfolio or attend a Summer Bootcamp which parents have to pay for. Third grade is used as a benchmark to future success for the students. Questions were raised as to why parents were just finding out now the third grade being a retention year. School leadership and Ms. Carlson explained that this information is usually given at this time of the year after PM2. PM2 grades are required and used to know who needs to be talked to. Parents would like heads up ahead of this time to curb the anxiety of the students. Moving forward, there would be more communication earlier in the school year. Principal Galloway assured that the feedback is appreciated to grow as a school community. The most important goal is for students to do their best and not feeling anxiety about the issue. Parents

wanted to know what are some tools and resources we can provide students. Principal Galloway assured that the teachers will go over in-depth tests and they will send out practice tests. Students are being prepared for the test adequately. There is also after school tutoring. Parents wanted to know if there are more grades that are promotion grades in the higher grades. Principal Galloway advised that there weren't.

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Rhodes

Kindergarteners: Learning about kindness, Europe, subtraction, writing complete sentence, short vowels, sounding out words, Lunar New Year, and artist Piet Mondrian

Grade 1&2: Studying the Presidents, focusing on comprehension skills, cause and effect problems, addition and subtraction word problems and in Science organs and graphing.

ELA: 1st Grade is working on sequence, adverbs, compound words, and commas in a series. 2nd Grade is finding themes, similes, contractions, and r-controlled syllables.

3rd Grade: Preparing for District writing test. Currently having student/teacher writing and reading conferences to give feedback. Working on Central Idea/supporting details; comparing two text with a similar theme to see how they are connected, using text evidence effectively.

4th Grade: Working on multiplying fractions by whole numbers, learning about historical fiction, in science they are covering the sun, earth, moon, and the stars. In Social Studies going over the Civil War and Reconstruction.

5th and 6th Grade: For Math 5th grade starting PEMPA and 6th grade started working on percentages. In Science 5th grade learning about climate and 6th going to KSC. 5th Grade also working on settlement of America and 6th Graders learning about Ancient China.

Concerns and Comments:

Next PTO will be Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:30