

## PFA Board Meeting Notes

3/09/2021  
Zoom Call | 6:30 pm



1. Call to Order
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Approval of minutes from 1/12
  - c. Secretary Report - No report
2. Guest Reports:
  - a. Administration: Dr. Anthony Scarcella
    - i. Board to approve 2021-2022 school calendar - sneak peak:
      - a. August 23rd teachers start, August 25th students start.
      - b. Late start Wednesdays to resume
      - c. Thanksgiving week: November 23rd- November 24th.  
No school the whole week. Parent teacher conferences - will have choice of Zoom or in person conferences.
      - d. Winter Break: December 22nd - January 4th; aligned to D230 break
      - e. Spring Break 2022: March 21st - March 25th
      - f. Graduation: June 2nd
      - g. Last Day of School: June 8th
    2. 2021 Spring Break: Adaptive pause March 29th - April 1st  
remote learning after spring break. Friday, April 2nd is non-attendance day
    3. South Graduation: June 16th - just received guidance. Still figuring out what they can do. Meeting this week to discuss.
    4. Thanks to families for being good partners, Some switching between remote and in person learners. All went smoothly.
    5. School times for next year - may go back to full days. Rates going well, parents good partners, staff getting vaccinated.
  - b. School Board
    - i. Pam Paris:
      1. Board meeting next week. April 6th is the board election.
  - c. Principals
    - i. Jennifer Peloquin – Palos West
      1. Thanks to the PFA for the cardinals - everyone loved it and the students were proud. Read-A-Thon - school looks great. PFA has gone above and beyond. Random updates: SEL tool - info coming home in communications. Students give

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feedback on themselves with an emoji system. Kids are excited about it. Testing this year, I hope to move forward with it next year. Picture retakes rescheduled for April 8th. Principals read aloud being posted tomorrow. Getting creative to recognize students. Remote student recognition. 5th grade talks from Robert Crown virtual presentation. Very educational & productive. Thank you to families for donations they had over 4000 donations!

ii. Robert Szklanecki– Palos East

1. First year that elementary school joined see something/say something. Thanks to Social workers and teachers. Was geared to younger kids - tattling vs. telling. Kids enjoyed it. Wellness council worked on heart healthy activities. March is nutrition month. Prizes for snack choices, making healthy choices. Student council - spirit weeks. Thanks to PFA for the Charlie Cardinals. Scholl donated Smencils to all kids. PBIS is empathy this month. Thanks to remote & in-person families for flexibility. Reminders: weather is turing, which means transportation changes. Make sure to communicate with the teachers and school so kids go home the right way. Sending reminders home as well. Picture retake day April 8th. Remote & In-Person.

iii. Stuart Wrzesinski – Palos South

1. Read-A-Thon is happening. Prizes look great. Good excitement in the school. Yearbooks are on sale through March. Asking parents to share learning spaces from home to add to the yearbook. Remote learners can show off. April 19th 8th grade graduation pictures. Looking at what we did last year, celebrations - all in the works. Virtual step-up day for 5th graders. OPen school to 5th graders before school starts. See something say something week just wrapped - was a success. Find a trusted adult when something is not right. Looking forward to end of RAT. Good news coverage. Good cause, good message.

d. MPA -

- i. Mr. Hansen is trying to do videos for the end of the year. Organizer was canceled. Only one person coming back to the board. May take a pause next year.

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- e. Foundation -
  - i. No report
- 3. President's Report - Christy Wright
  - a. Vote on bylaw changes
    - i. Voted to approve
  - b. New PFA logo
    - i. Coming out for next school year
  - c. PFA's role in upcoming board election
    - i. PFA is not political. As a person you can do whatever you'd like. You can not use membership of PFA to endorse anyone. No mentions of PFA page or group.
- 4. Board Positions - Stacy Schuble
  - a. Usually put a call out for new positions. If anyone is interested, reach out to Stacy to post a slate for voting at May meeting.
- 5. Treasurer's Report, Ivona Gal
  - a. Treasurer Update: PFA 118 Treasurer Report  
The bank balance as of 02/26/21 is \$127,271.58 - bank account reconciled through 02/26/21. All reimbursements paid up through 03/08/21.
- 6. Membership - Geri Cechowski
  - a. Membership Toolkit Usage - currently 386 families registered
  - b. Monthly raffle winners -  
January - The Original Island Shrimp House: Lisa Banik & Janet McCarthy  
February - Cornerstone Jewelry & Engraving: Trina Prostka & Marina Gallovitch  
March - Emmerson's Toys, Gifts & Hobbies: Aimee Jeffers & Samantha Niemiera
  - c. Staff favorites forms
- 7. Recognition/Past Info
  - a. Photo Contest - Sharon Courtney/Jennifer Schroeder
    - i. Has been successful. Upped to three winners per school. Responses are great. Nice to have something to do. Would like to continue for the rest of the year. Will see how it goes.
  - b. Stuff & Fluff - Katie Mendoza
    - i. Great success. Fun event - should bring back next year.
- 8. Coming Up:
  - a. Read-a-thon - Sharon/Nicole

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- i. Raised \$19,135 to now. Read 146,199 minutes read. Exceeded expectations given the year we've had. Wrapping up tomorrow. Tickets to go out and baskets distributed before Spring Break. Remote learners will get links to vote for baskets.
- b. Katie Mendoza - Programming
  - i. PFA donation of 8 \$25 Amazon gift cards for the Sandy Hook Say Something week at Palos South participation raffle prizes
  - ii. 4th and 5th grade Among Us paint night, April 9th, 6:30 pm. Live on zoom and recorded. All supplies provided by PFA
  - iii. Michelle Icard Author visit, March 18th, 7 pm. All books have been distributed to schools to be sent home or are in vestibules of the schools for remote parents.
  - iv. 5th grade step up day details TBD
  - v. 6th-8th grade Virtual Escape Room Programming Coming soon
- c. Eat & Earns - Karen, Kristen and Liz
  - i. March- Emmersons Toys 3/18 and 3/19 Square Celt 3/30 and 3/31
  - ii. April- Pita Pita 4/12 and 4/13 and House to Home 4/15 and 4/16
  - iii. May- Mucha Salsa date TBD and working on a potential Shop & Earn
  - iv. June- Final Eat & Earn with Charlie Cardinal at Andy's Frozen Custard 6/7
  - v. Yearlong ISland Shrimp House - we get 10% of all earnings mentioning Palos 118. Good place to eat on Fridays for Lent
- d. Teacher Appreciation - Geri
  - i. Chalk-the-Walk - dates TBD
  - ii. Providing a Taco truck to each school
- e. Virtual Cardinal Chase - Esther Grosse
  - i. Virtual 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk planned for May 10th-23rd.
  - ii. Participants can complete the run/walk at any time during these dates individually or with family and friends following social distancing protocols. We will provide maps of 5K & 1 Mile routes but the run/walk can be completed anywhere.
  - iii. Currently seeking business sponsors. Looking for 4 sponsors.
  - iv. We are also putting together a fun option for classrooms to sponsor the event - more details coming soon.
- f. Graduation - Teachers - Reimbursement & questionnaire

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- i. Schedule for the 16th. Might look the same as last year. Trying to plan some sort of event. Outdoors, masks on, no dance floor, no sharing, no touching the same things. 6 feet apart if eating.
  - 1. Color Wars? White t-shirts/color run, in stages.
- 9. New Business - Time to share new ideas, goals, etc.
- 10. Adjournment