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PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2021 at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order: 6:38pm

Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Stacy Brookman, President

Guest Speakers: Kristin Reagan, School Counselor; Jasmin Ramirez, District Psychologist; Jordan Hernandez, Teacher

- All counselors are striving to normalize mental health conversations and remove 'toxic positivity.' Counselors are working with the We Dine Together club and implementing Restoring Culture as a mental health initiative.
- A team of school health counselors is available for any student needing assistance with coping mechanisms, relationships, stress management, behavior and learning difficulties. Students may set up counseling sessions or ask for outside school resources.
- Identifying students in need requires a village: teachers, coaches, families, friends and other students must remain vigilant and engaged.
- Social media has been a very successful tool in reaching the students.
- The guest speakers offered tips on helping teens' mental health as well as identifying signs of more serious mental health illness.
- A link to their Powerpoint presentation may be found here: [📄 Mental Health in Schools](#)

I. Business Meeting:

- A. Fall Update: Stacy Brookman, President
 - 1. Prospective student school tours will resume in January 2022. PTSA Corresponding Secretary Kim Cronin will continue to conduct the tours.
- B. Reading and Approval of Minutes: Elsa Schack, Recording Secretary
 - 1. Minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting are approved as written.
- C. Financial Update: Mercy Carrillo, Treasurer
 - 1. Balance as of October 31st, 2021: \$109,043.41.
- D. Awards Update: Cassandra Whitten, Vice President (Report given by Stacy Brookman)
 - 1. 100% faculty membership has been reached! Award is certain.

II. Reports of Standing Committees:

- A. Auction/Fundraising: Robyn Silver
 - 1. This year's Diamond Sponsor is Blis Market.
 - 2. A 'Save the Date' postcard has been mailed out.
 - 3. A kickoff meeting will be held on November 17th, 2021 at Living Greens Cafe from 6:00-7:30pm.
 - 4. Currently looking for donations, sponsors and underwriting.
 - 5. Clubs and teams will receive 80% of the Auction sale price from their donated and auctioned items.
- B. College and Career Fair: Margit Parkinson & Lauriel Martin
 - 1. College and Career Fair in October was very successful.
- C. Drive Safely: Amy Lee (Report given by Lizette Martinez)
 - 1. Several organizations have been contacted for the event: AAA, AT&T, and Driving Coalition organization.
 - 2. Working on securing a guest speaker (Dori Saves Lives organization may be a possibility.)
- D. Grant Committee: Kara Rice and Graça Nicolou
 - 1. Mr. Michaels' grant request has been denied since it has already been budgeted for 2021-2022.
 - 2. Grant review is pending for Mr. Benskin's request for a 3D printer air filter.
 - 3. The first grant window has a deadline for submissions on November 19th, 2021.
- E. Homecoming/Graduation Closet: Leala Dickenson, no new report.
- F. Hospitality: Marni Donnelly
 - 1. Snacks and water are available after the meeting in the theater lobby.
- G. Membership: Jodi Shegota & Lizette Martinez
 - 1. Total PTSA member count to date: 1,191 (554 Adults, 403 Students, 234 Faculty).
- H. Newsletter: Nikki Alvarez (Report given by Stacy Brookman)
 - 1. Nikki is assuming the role of Newsletter Chair.
 - 2. Sunday's Newsletter has a new format and a new morning blast time.
 - 3. The Newsletter will have four main school sections as follows:
 - a) On Campus Academics with seniors prioritized.
 - b) Off Campus activities that impact our students.
 - c) News from clubs and teams.
 - d) Dr. King's Principal's Corner
 - 4. Community events will remain in the newsletter but will follow the four main school sections.
- I. Reflections: Patty Mack
 - 1. Eight entries have been submitted: Art category-6, Literature/Poems category-2.
 - 2. The deadline to submit to the PTA Palm Beach County Council is December 22nd, 2021.
- J. SAC Liaison: Carol Khouri - no new report.
- K. Social Media Chair: Carrie O'Day
 - 1. Email her any information that you want to post on social media.
- L. Spirit Wear: Hanna Khouri (Report given by Carol Khouri)
 - 1. Previous orders are 80% distributed. Still need to coordinate pickup of the remaining orders.
 - 2. Due to the difficulty in order pickups, direct shipping on future orders will be required.

3. The current store will close around Thanksgiving time.
- M. Student Involvement: Rene Goodridge
 1. Community outreach committee is struggling to find places due to Covid precautions.
- N. Teacher Appreciation: Diana Castro
 1. Holiday Breakfast for Teachers will be held on December 16th, 2021.
 - a) Signup Genius for food and supplies requests is ready to be sent out.
- O. VIPS: Kari Soltys
 1. The next event will be the Holiday Breakfast on December 16, 2021.
 2. Pizza Sales for Project Graduation will take place the week of December 20, 2021.
- P. Website: Nikki Alvarez
 1. Changes have been made to the PTSA website's home page as well as other areas.

III. New Business/Announcements

- A. Next Board Meeting November 30th, 2021.
- B. Next General Meeting January 11th, 2022 in the Media Center.
 1. Guest speaker will be Chris Eremia, former PTSA President, to discuss the PTSA's available college preparatory spreadsheet.

IV. Adjourn 7:42pm



Elsa Schack
Boca High PTSA Recording Secretary
Approved: 2.15.2022