

Sarasota Middle School - PTSO Minutes – November 5, 2020

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Summary of Events

1. Zoom meeting began, Colleen Hillerich welcomed all and began meeting at 10am.
2. Principal's report given by Dr. Breslin. Reminded everyone to check social media for information. Student run news is also posted on youtube. There was a pink out last week and prizes were given at lunch. For Veteran's day, advanced band will put on a presentation and students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. SMS is showing additional support to teachers and staff this year. On November 18 (planning day) there will be a Chick-fil-a breakfast. A holiday painting theme day is also planned with Mr. Tracey. A professional photographer will be brought in for free head shots for teachers. Trying to really support teachers and staff this year. For students there is a voice class on using your voice correctly while wearing a mask. Partnering with the Holocaust museum for virtual education this year. Remote learners were at 36% at beginning of the year, currently at 26%. Please contact your student's counselor if want to change learning method. There is now Pawesome tutoring in the cafeteria at 8:30am. \$20K grant for intervention specialist to assist with struggling academic students. A remote Panther Pals began to help remote students that may need assistance. Presales for yearbooks only this year. There will not be any additional yearbooks purchased this year. First volleyball game was November 4, no student section, only open for families to watch. Boys' and girls' basketball will begin in January. Tennis, track, and golf to start in the spring. There are awards and prizes when students participate in college and career lessons. Margie Smith-gifted liaison, reaching out to elementary schools and having virtual sessions. Mrs. Walsh working on how to keep NJHS working this year. Builders club will be coming back this year. There was a student council meeting on November 4. Renaissance will continue with digital reward coupons and staff will pass out rewards at lunch. Remote students will get their award in the mail.
3. Approved minutes from October 1, 2020 zoom meeting
4. Take attendance for November 5, 2020 zoom meeting. JHays, MPiazza, TMcVay, MCollier, JKummer DMoretta, MLipton, AJWenzel(Mandy), SShkorupa, LGray, LOwsianka, CHillerich, EFrench, KCrowley
5. Treasurer's report given by Laura. \$4400 deposited from business partners, donation drive \$500, microphone expense was less than \$200.
6. Colleen talked about selling sweatshirts in the morning and afternoon. Donation drive: a Tervis tumbler will be given to anyone donating \$50 or more, talked about how to raise additional PTSO funds.
7. Business Partner report given by Mary; a lot of BPs have renewed this year; she is also taking care of signs on fence.

8. Upcoming spirit nights-Meredith Piazza, Dec 7 will be a Chic-fil-a spirit night at the Pelican Plaza location, 10% given back to SMS.
9. Principal's wish list-Colleen working with Dr Breslin and Mrs Tinkis on what is needed for school. Possible sunscreens outside of cafeteria and PE, and possible water bottle fillers.
10. Renaissance-Melanie/Liz - November 19, 2020. Farmhouse donut vouchers, Culvers Ice Cream, and Grasshopper coupons will be given. Skittles will be passed out by staff for in house students.
11. Holiday Giving-Dana Moretta- Holiday gift giving flyer made and will have live link to sign up genius. PTSO will reimburse any shoppers, \$75 limit, \$55 for 8th graders because PTSO pays for yearbook. There is an Angel tree in office for siblings.
12. Box tops is changing to an online format. Reminder, there is an app that can be downloaded, and anyone can take a picture of their receipt and submit. –Box Tops coordinator- Tina McVay thanked everyone for the clippings that were sent in October 30. Receipts can be scanned or send receipts to Tina.
13. Send email to ptsopanthers@gmail.com to get emails, send an email or visit website to send comments or suggestions on anything PTSO is not addressing or what we are doing right.
14. There is usually not a December PTSO meeting, but a luncheon, but may not have anything due to Covid restrictions.
15. Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

1. Next PTSO meeting will be January 7, 2020 - 10am via zoom

Get information added to upcoming meeting agenda by contacting Colleen Hillerich at ptsopanthers@gmail.com