

Academie Da Vinci

PTA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 11th, 2018

Introduction & Welcome

Carrie Sammel, PTA Vice President in the absence of Erica Switzer, PTA President

- 6:25pm Carrie welcomed everyone.
- Sponsorship-This meeting was sponsored by the PTA. Businesses and others may sponsor the meeting for the cost of \$200 and have the opportunity to advertise their business. Proposed as a great marketing tool.

Membership Report

Jessico Tiso, PTA Membership Chair

- Jessica Tiso-Solicited to join PTA and become a member. 37 people/4 businesses signed up as of now and we are recruiting Individual & Business sign ups.
- Contest this month-Class that has the most parents at the PTA meeting wins a pizza party.

Housekeeping

Carrie Sammel, PTA Vice President

- This Year's Theme (2018-2019): "Better Together"
- 1st Year as a PTSA-middle school students welcome at meetings, Student Council President has a seat on the board to serve as a voice for the students.
- Contest to design the logo: Grades 4-8 design the logo (Wendy Staziano students), PTA board will choose finalists, K-3 vote on final logo to have all students involved.
- Introduced PTSA Executive Board-See slide.
- Vote Monique Rust in as Treasurer. Jenn Spence Motioned. Accepted.
- Solicited Hospitality Chair and explained role.

Budget

Monique Rust, PTA Treasurer

- Last year budget \$27,998/brought in \$28,970, Over \$10,000 left over from last year of which some funds have already been allocated.
- Looking to do 9 give backs. Need ways to raise funds for the school.
- Combining Spring Fling and Run for the Arts.
- Will have to pay for the venue for Ballween this year when last year it was donated.
- Increase PTA Convention/Training amount.
- Increase Teacher Education.
- Reflections Art Contest remain.
- Meet & Greet-Volunteer Appreciation-remain.
- Increase Teacher Supplies & Teacher Proposals.
- Morgan DiGiorgio Motioned to Approve Budget. Accepted. Budget Approved.

Box Tops

Kristy Pardee, (727) 225-9945, kpardee3@gmail.com

- Ask family members for box tops. Can scan receipts with an app and they will credit the school, however, you don't get as much credit this way. The best way is to clip and turn them in to get the most credit.
- Carrie Sammel, PTA Vice President advised we will do a prize party for the class with the most box tops.

Reflections

Cicely Rathmell in absence of Jesse Relkin

- Receive glow in the dark bracelet as a pledge to enter the contest. Deadline November 2nd. Suggested to choose one of the lesser known categories to further advancement. See Art teachers to sign the pledge sheet and receive your bracelet. Visual Arts is the most popular category.

Wendy Staziano, Art Teacher

- Last year we got to state. Do need to write an artist statement, but adults can help the kids with it. Adults can write out what the younger kids verbalize to them. Wendy has some key questions that will help with writing the artist statement. 40pts scored on rubric and other half on artist statement. Contact Jesse Relkin with questions at jesserelkin@gmail.com or email Wendy Staziano.

Balloween

Andie Rice-Tanner, Communications Chair

- Saturday, October 27th, 4-7pm. Countryside Rec Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater, FL 33761.
- Need a lot of help & volunteers. Need a chair. Katie Marcussen, Volunteer Chair has a whole list of volunteer positons (DJ, games, booths, set-up, clean-up).

Holiday Parade

Jennifer Talkington, Teacher Liason

- Important to be a part of the Dunedin community and the holiday parade is a great way to do so.

Needed a \$200 donation, a PTA member Dalene Gallagher donated on the spot.

Principals Report

Michele Morgan, School Principal

- Welcome new teachers (see slide).
- New Safety Protocols: Same-drills/New-frequency & monitoring. Will now have drills every month due to state law.
- New SSO: Desmond Albergottie, Officer “Des”-Former NYPD.
- Safety Plans ADV & Officer Des are working on together to educate people. He is a team member of ADV and assisting in ADV’s vision.
- “No Bullying” Program to include Cyber Bullying.
- Will call drills “Crisis Drill” as opposed to “Active Assailant Drill”.
- Adv Approach to team work is implementing the student voice-now PTSA: Adult/Student mediation. Peer Mediation through safety team. Student council. Community outreach programs.
- Getting involved in the community by taking donations at the door of events for food pantry donations for shelters, etc.
- Got mirrors in the NEW dance room and they have already been installed.
- Seats open in 6th, 7th & 8th grades. We are an 8 rated school, PTA School of Excellence. We have standard, advanced & intensive (smaller & concentrated) track classes. Placement is contingent upon FFT scores. 6th grade-only advanced seats. 8th grade-only standard seats.
- Traingle of Team Work: Parents, Students, Teachers.

Odyssey of the Mind

Marci Deuell, Kindergarten Teacher

- Get children involved in this problem-solving based program. Helps assist in their futures and enhances scholarship opportunities. Gives them opportunities to compete and enrich their education and problem solving abilities.

Final Notes

Carrie Sammel, PTA Vice President

- Room Moms please see Krista Jensen prior to leaving.
- Tree Ring orders placed this month receive a 15% discount.
- Fundraiser-preliminary numbers reflect \$10,000 raised. Top Class-Miss Curry, 2nd-Miss Bramblee, 3rd place-Miss Talkington.

Meeting Adjourned 7:57pm

President Approval

Date

Secretary Approval

Date