



# Gator PTO General Meeting



## WELLINGTON LANDINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meeting Date/Time: September 5, 2017, at 9:45 AM

Meeting Location: WLMS Cafeteria

### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:51 a.m. by Michelle De Armas.

### 2. Principal's Report (Blake Bennett)

- Hello, welcome, and thank you for being an important part of the school.
- Initially suggested that the next meeting should be held in room 602, but changed to Media Center because of Volunteer Orientation Breakfast. Presumably, meetings after that should be in room 602.
- Reiterate the postponing of the September 8<sup>th</sup> dance.
- Due to renovations on campus projected to occur summer 2018, the school may not be able to host summer camp as it has in the past. This could mean lost revenue of around \$35k. The school is hoping to look to PTO to help supplement this loss of income.
- District provided 19 high-speed computers for the TV production class, but school still needs additional funds for special supplies for this and other new programs.

### 3. President's Report (Michelle De Armas)

- Working hard to market PTO events utilizing TV Production and morning announcements, as well as re-usable posters throughout campus.
- New PTO website is up and running. Provides information about PTO events, calendar, volunteer opportunities, school information, etc...
- Hoping to incorporate business partners into website and raise additional awareness about our partners as well as money for our school.
- New volunteer group on campus – Watch Dogs. Dad group to provide a variety of volunteer services – very present on campus. Kick off meeting on October 3rd.
- Introduction of all current committees and committee chairs.
  - Volunteer coordinator spoke briefly about Five Minute Pledge and how to opt in or out of texts to receive volunteer information quickly.

### 4. Treasurer's Report (Camila Feiertag)

- Opening balance this school year \$25,259.39; Current balance \$17,421.15.
- Purchased items for TV Production, radios for administration, and agendas so far this year.

- Last school year, PTO brought in approximately \$70k and spent approximately \$76k – see Treasurer for itemized details.

## 5. New Business

- Lots of volunteer opportunities in varying levels of obligation/participation.
- Primary fundraiser Walk-a-Thon, held in January. Need volunteers to prepare, organize and execute the event. Also need donations for prizes and post walk snacks.
- Many other smaller fundraisers planned throughout the year.
- Kari Taylor welcomed everyone and introduced herself as the new Vice President.
- Next PTO General Meeting (October 3<sup>rd</sup>) will also include Volunteer Orientation Breakfast.

## 6. Ideas From Volunteers

- Care Packages pre-purchased by parents for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Idea presented by Jennifer Rabin and Sonya Gossard. Still in planning stage, working out the details. If successful, hope to expand to other grades later in the school year.

## 7. Announcements

- Due to the possible bad weather from Hurricane Irma, the September 8<sup>th</sup> Back to School Dance will be postponed. Date undetermined as of now, possibly December-March.

## 8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

## 9. Follow-Ups and Commitments agreed upon

- Follow-Up on *Volunteer Orientation in Media Center* and what is needed.
- Follow-Up on *Determining a new date for the Back to School Dance from December - March.*
- Follow-Up on **Fundraisers** to supplement potential loss in funds by renovations, TV Production and other new programs.
- Follow-up on getting a **5-Hour Pledge** being made into a hard copy.
- Follow-up on **recruiting volunteers for Walk-A-Thon, sponsorships, business partnerships and prizes.**
- Follow-up on **Care Packages** for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and potential 8<sup>th</sup> at the end of the year dance.

**Recorded By: Joanne Kapsos**

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