

## **H.B. Plant PTSA General Membership Meeting**

**August 16, 2016**

**H.B. Plant Media Center**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established. Debbie Brock stated the minutes from May 2016 will be approved at the September General Membership Meeting.

#### **President's Report: Debbie Brock**

- Introduced PTSA Executive Board.
- Provided overview of PTSA mission.
- Asked for involvement in the 30 different PTSA sponsored programs at Plant.
- This year's goal is to obtain 1000 new members with a goal to reach more students and be more visible to students.
- Already in this school year, PTSA was part of FAST Camp, sponsored a Freshman Parent Night at Datz and the newly formed Dad's Club hosted a faculty breakfast.
- Plant was recently recognized at a PTSA local and national level.
  - Outstanding High School Senior Award to Melanie Ekizian.
  - PTSA Student Involvement Award Local Unit Student of the Year Award to Jachai Dejesus.
  - Two Plant parents serve on the Hillsborough County PTSA: Jennifer Wiezorek – Leadership and Mindy Taylor – Advocacy.
  - Mr. Nelson was recognized as High School Principal of the Year by the PTSA.
- Upcoming events to be aware of:
  - Reflections Art Contest
  - College Night – September 27th
  - Conference Night – September 29th
  - Panther Prowl – October 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **VP Membership's Report: John Schifino**

- Goal for this school year is 1000 new members.
- Dad's Club currently has approximately 40 members.
- Dad's Club will assist Mr. Nelson with projects around the campus and have some social events. Encourage Dad's to sign up!

#### **Treasurer's Report: Michelle Schofner**

- Budget presentation
  - Will be adding Dad's Club dues and expenses.
  - Members were provided a 2016-2017 Budget. Michelle Schofner made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- Michelle Schofner communicated that there were excess funds from last year totaling approximately \$6,000. The request by the PTC Treasurer was for \$3,000 to be allocated to improving the student affairs office, \$1,000 for landscaping of school grounds and \$2,000 for technology. A motion was made to approve this allocation of excess funds. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Michelle Schofner communicated that the annual audit of the books was complete with no exceptions. Discussion ensued around the auditing process. A member recommended putting excess funds into a summer contingency. A motion was made to approve the audit. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report: Michele Shapiro**

- PTSA has several social media sites to keep everyone connected.
  - Facebook is updated with fun things that are going on at Plant.
  - Twitter - @PTSA is the handle.
  - Website – PlantPTSA.com.
- If you need anything posted, go to the website, fill out the “PTSA Contact Form” and it will go to Michele Shapiro or Debbie Brock.
- General Membership Meeting minutes will be posted on the PTSA website for review.

### **Other Updates:**

Guest Speakers spoke to the membership about various topics.

Academic Foundation: Mindy Taylor

- Mission is to support students and teachers with classroom training, technology and supplies.
- First Academic Foundation Meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.

Athletic Foundation: Pamela Jackson-Haney

- Supports athletes and academic achievement of athletes.
- The foundations' goal is to raise \$50,000 to support coaches' wish list.
- Next Athletic Foundation Meeting is Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Panther Bowl is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Splittsville.
- The Paw is open this year selling spirit gear.
- Chuck Melendi reviewed membership levels.

Student organizations then spoke to the membership about various topics.

Plant Yearbook: Maggie and Laura

- Yearbooks currently selling for \$75.
- Order online.
- Senior ads and business ads can still be purchased.

Senior Class Fundraiser: Ms. Drumsta

- Fundraiser includes senior t-shirts celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> graduating class and planners/magnets.

- Money goes to the Senior Banquet and also helps fund the Senior Send-off.

Last, Mr. Nelson updated the membership on various topics.

- 2355 enrolled students
- 15 new teachers (this has been the average for the last three years due to promotions/retirement).
- Each teacher teaches about 6 sections which is approximately 150 kids.
- Administered 3500 AP exams last year.
- Goal is for all kids to graduate.
- \$19 million in scholarship dollars last year.
- Plant was 1 of 4 schools in Hillsborough that reached an “A” grade.
- Work hard on the bottom quartile of students. Mentoring program is very important.
- Gender neutral restroom. Plant will have 2.
- Volunteer procedures – must follow new procedures. Must be completed online.
- Change in bell schedule – eliminated homeroom in the daily schedule. Every class is 50 minutes. 7 periods daily with homeroom once per month. Block schedule put on hold based on feedback last year.
- Teacher empowerment is his focus with developing teachers/staff.
- Use etsby as a tool.
- He communicates primarily through Twitter and text. Will use voicemail at times but less frequently.
- Key Dates:
  - Senior College Info Night – August 18<sup>th</sup> in Auditorium
  - College Night – Sept 27<sup>th</sup> (100-150 universities attending)
  - Conference Night – September 29<sup>th</sup>. Held once per semester; no appointment needed. 3-5 pm and 6-9 pm.
  - End of 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks – October 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Panther Prowl – October 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Homecoming Game - October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Homecoming Dance – October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 20 day changes – core class size must be 25 students so he anticipates adding a few sections and thus some schedules may change.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Katie Clark, Recording Secretary

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