



General Membership Meeting
Tuesday September 8th, 9:15am Online Zoom

Welcome & Introduction – Kristen Morris

- Call to order 9:18am
- Good morning, we have a good number of attendees thank you for joining us.
- Both parents and community business partners are on this call today. Thanks to our partners, we appreciate you supporting the Academic Foundation.
- Middle school drop off has changed to 9:15, so we are considering moving our meeting time to 9:30, so that it will be easier for parents of multiple children to attend Academic Foundation meetings.
- Panther Press went out on Sunday, and we asked parents to submit questions for Mr Bush in a survey monkey. Please listen to see if your question is addressed
- The reason plant is so great is the faculty and staff, and we have foundation PTSA and athletic foundation all working to make it successful.
- We are a fundraising organization, all of the money we raise goes right back in to the school

PTSA - Clara Gough

- Welcome back everybody. Our meeting is 6:30 next Tuesday night on zoom
- Please join the PTSA, at www.plantptsa.com, and keep an eye out for the Panther Press

Michelle Hill - Athletic Foundation

- Update on us. We raise money to support the coaches and all of our school sports, you can go to our website to support athletics. <https://phsathletic.wixsite.com/hbpaf>
- There are new electronic procedures for tickets to attend sporting events, please check the website for details

Membership - Dana Kanfer

- Thank you to all of you who have joined and donated as of last night we have 90 families and a total of \$23,066 raised.
- Our goal is to fulfill requests from our faculty and staff, and all of our dollars raised go towards this goal.
- We will post an easy link for you to join the foundation. Any amount is appreciated, and please remind your friends to join as well. <https://www.phsacademicfoundation.com/>

Business Partnership Update - Weatherly Bentley

- Over half of our monies raised come from our business sponsors
- A big thank you to all of our sponsors, you are vital to our mission and we are so grateful. Your donations go directly into our classrooms.
- Parents, please show them your appreciation by patronizing them and let them know you're part of Academic Foundation
- If you are a business owner or know a business who might be interested in joining us. Please go to our website and join us. Contact me with any questions or comments.

Thank you to our sponsors -

Suma Cum Laude level - Armstrong Tutoring, Burnett Law, Disciplined Minds Tutoring, Huntington Learning Center, Mathnasium, Unique Wealth

Magna Cum Laude level - Carlin Construction Inc., The James and Amy Shimberg Foundation, Steven Kanfer, MD, PA

Cum Laude level - Bank of Tampa, Goodnight Otrhodontics, Pamela Muma Women's Health Center

Treasurers Report - Alison Meyer

- Shared screen is shown with the budget which was approved at the board meeting last week
- Over the summer there was an audit of Academic Foundation books, and all checked out well
- There are not a lot of changes other than PayPal fees which we anticipate going up as people make donations electronically instead of with paper checks
- If you have any questions please feel free to reach out, my email is on the Academic Foundation website

- The process for teachers to apply for a grant - teachers fill out a form, the office reviews it, Mr Bush approves and then it is presented to Academic Foundation

Plant 101 - Johnny Bush

- Grants approved. Last week in the Academic Foundation board meeting 12 grants were approved for a total of \$10,386.73
- \$3,000 was for laptops - since teachers are floating in the building, portable laptops are needed. Webcams with microphone have also been requested to help our e-learning students, Science teacher - DNA kits, AP Bio - animal care supplies. Academic Foundation was able to approve all of the request.
- 54 cameras have been purchased by AF, and I'm using one of them today
- 1,845 students in brick and mortar , present today e-learners 646 at attendance. We have had some families changing back and forth already, we are working to accommodate them, and thank you for your patience while we work out schedules.
- Things are changing daily - this is new to us as well - thank you for your patience while we figure this out
- We are chasing COVID, we are having reports that there are positive tests in the home and we are asking students and staff to stay out while test results are being waited on. Please do not send your students until results come back as negative.
- We still have vacancies in staffing and we are working to fill that.
- Parking passes are out 1st period today. Sorry for the delay, the set up didn't work the first time.
- In person meetings of student organizations are being kept small
- Q - Do students need to carry their own cleaning supplies? A - No the school has cleaning supplies, but we do suggest that our students carry their own sanitation pack if they want to wipe down every surface they touch.
- Q - Are there going to be sports? A - Yes Football and Volleyball are starting next week
- Q - How are tardies being handled? A - We are asking teachers to be flexible while we figure it out, but finding that kids are not taking as long since chatter in the halls is reduced by our traffic patterns. Discipline is not happening until this is all worked out.
- For e-learning families please reach out and communicate as much as necessary

- Q - Accountability for e-learners to be present online? A - There should be a uniform expectation on number of Zoom minutes per the district, if teachers aren't doing it or you have questions reach out to the teacher and the administration. Union says we can not mandate how the teacher reaches their minutes, but if we need to support a teacher we can/will help.
- Q - Senior skip days? A - We do not support these days, and we will address them via parent communication when we hear about them.
- Q - Lack of instruction for e-learning? A - We are working to address this and make it better with e-learning being just as robust as brick and mortar.
- Q - Today you have the 10 minute home room for emergency cards, how do e-learners send in their card? A - We will be seeing out communication to all e-learners via parent link to get updates.
- Q - One of my students teachers is not wearing his mask, how do we deal with this? A - e-mail me and I will follow up with the teacher, everyone should be wearing masks at all times.
- Q - Is Canvas parent portal having issues? I'm having issues logging in. A - This is the first I've heard, let me look into it. Per parents on the call, there's been a tweet and it sounds like the district is aware of an issue and is working on it.
- Q - How will freshmen get involved if clubs are restricted to board members only meeting? A - there will be advertisements to students and we are working on how they can Zoom in the evenings, communication will be coming out soon.
- Q - Is there access to bathrooms for washing hands more often? A - All of this information should be posted in each classroom, we are checking to make sure supplies are always stocked in bathrooms, and we've gone over it in homeroom.
- Do you have an e-learner? Tell me how it's going. Parent - We are not liking it very much it seems far to self directed so far. We are trying to be patient, but don't feel connected to the teachers. A - Per the district teachers are supposed to be at 100 minutes a week on zoom time to be face to face with students, please keep reaching out to teachers and let us know if you feel that admin needs to be involved.
- Follow up question - does the 100 minutes count if the teachers are posting lectures on engenuity? A - No, they should be face to face with students 100 minutes
- Q - Where does a child get a parking pass? A - go to Mr Webb and request one, he is in charge of them. They may be sold out.

- Q - Why aren't the teachers just recording as they lecture, and how can we try to connect the students more? A - Simultaneous teaching is not mandated. The union does not allow it, it has to come back to each teachers individually. There are not hard and fast rules and guidelines in place, we are working with the teachers the union and the district to try to address this to the best of our ability.
- Q - If your child does have to quarantine, how will our students be able to keep up? A - Simultaneous learning would be helpful, but basically we are counting it like medical absences and will err on the side of the student to make sure they can make up any missed work. We will try to use our e-learning tools to help kids keep up. Teachers have to be out also if they are exposed.
- There is a lot going on, we are working as hard as we can to make it work and get our children educated.
- Q - Will we be notified if someone in our child's classroom (teacher or student) tests positive for COVID? A - a letter will come from the district with that information, contact tracing will be done and we will be following CDC guidelines. Interview the student, contact trace and share a district letter via email to affected students.
- Q - When do you anticipate after school teacher help starting? A - District is working on the budget and hiring for this, and we will let you know when it is available
- Q - What is edgenuity? A - it is a tool to help map out self paced learning, a virtual course students can use. It is very popular over the summer when kids are making up classes.
- Q - How are you dealing with social distancing during lunch? A - We have three lunch periods, and the kids can eat in media center, cafeteria, patio or the stadium. We are encouraging kids to stay in the same places each day and know who they are around when their masks are off. We feel like the kids are spreading out well.
- We are relying on the kids to do their best to distance, keep masks on, stay aware and be careful and safe. Our students want to be in school, and we thank them for following the guidelines and working to keep school open.
- Q - If a family member tests positive should the student go to school? A - No, reach out and let the school knows you're in quarantine for 14 days, and we will help you keep up academically.
- We are going to err on the side of the student while we navigate this crazy year, please reach out with any issues and know we are being fluid and changing

every day to address anything that comes up. We are working to keep our kids safe mentally and physically, communicate any questions or concerns.

Adjournment - 10:41

Attendance - 107

Next Academic Foundation General Meeting Tuesday October 13th (time will be announced closer to the date)