



General Membership Meeting
Tuesday October 13th, 9:30 AM Online Zoom

Welcome & Introduction – Kristen Morris

- Call to order at 9:31 AM.
- Good morning. There are currently ~98 attendees on Zoom, made up of parents and community business partners. We appreciate you all supporting the Academic Foundation.
- The meeting is being recorded. We expect to post the recording on our website, (minus any part(s) that may contain personal/individual information).

Membership – Janet Knust

- Thank you to all of you who have joined the Foundation thus far! As of last night, Membership has raised a total of \$28,706, which is a \$5,000 increase over last month. We are so grateful to all of our members for their generosity.
- If you believe you made a donation but your name does not appear on our membership list, please contact me or Dana Kanfer. Our email addresses are on the Foundation website.
- If you are not yet a member, please consider joining the Foundation by making a donation in any amount at www.phsacademicfoundation.com/membership.

Business Partnership Update - Weatherly Bentley

- Over half of the Foundation's monies come from our business partners.
- Parents, please show our business partners your appreciation by patronizing them and letting them know you're part of the PHS Academic Foundation.
- If you are a business owner or know a business that might be interested in joining us, please contact me or see our website at www.phsacademicfoundation.com/business-partners.
- Each of our Summa Cum Laude tutoring business partners made a short presentation:

- Armstrong Tutoring – Jim Haughey
- Disciplined Minds – Jessica Stollenmaier
- Huntington Learning Center – Sarah
- Mathnasium – Shawna Stokes

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Summa Cum Laude level - Armstrong Tutoring; Brightwater Advisory; Burnett Law, P.A.; Disciplined Minds Tutoring; Huntington Learning Center; Mathnasium; and Unique Wealth

Magna Cum Laude level - Carlin Construction Inc.; The James & Amy Shimberg Foundation; Steven Kanfer, MD, PA; Weekley, Schulte, Valdes, Murman & Tonelli

Cum Laude level - Bank of Tampa; Goodnight Otrhodontics; Remedy Television; and Bell Henderson Team with Keller Williams Realty

Treasurers Report - Alison Meyer

- Shared screen is shown with the budget. Amount received to date is \$46,319, and there is \$24,480 to spend on faculty grants.
- If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. My email is on the Academic Foundation website.

PTSA - Clara Gough

- The PTSA is hosting an informal Freshman Parents Virtual Coffee Talk on Wednesday, October 14th at 9:30 AM on Zoom, during which freshman parents will be able to ask questions of “upperclassman” parents. Please check the last Panther Press for the Zoom link.
- If you signed up for Panther Press but do not seem to be receiving it, please be sure to check your spam/junk folder. If you do not see it there, please reach out to the PTSA Board for assistance.
- The PTSA is trying to find creative ways to show our appreciation to the Plant teachers and staff. Please keep an eye out, as we will be communicating some ways you can help with these efforts.
- Please join the PTSA at www.plantptsa.com.
- The PTSA’s next general membership meeting is Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

Faculty Grant Summary – Kristen Morris

- This month's approved faculty grants include:
 - ROTC supplies
 - Graphing calculators for students in need
 - Laptops and software for teachers

Summary of Principal's Update - Johnny Bush

- Many thanks to the Foundation and all Plant parents for all that you do to help make Plant such an amazing school.
- Please remember that teachers and staff are parents and people too, who have the same concerns and stresses as you.
- Plant currently has 1885 students attending in-person/brick and mortar, plus 595 e-learners, for a total of 2480 students thus far this fall.
- Teachers are responsible for in-person learning, e-learning, and now also quarantine learning, so they have a lot on their plates.
- In person students are doing a good job of following the CDC guidelines as much as they can, given our close quarters.
- We cannot control what students do when they are not at school.
- When a student tests positive, anywhere from 4-8 students that sit near him/her in each of his/her classes must be quarantined for 14 days (per district policy). It is not punitive – these students are marked as being on “school business,” and they cannot come back in less than 14 days, even with a negative test result.
- Plant, Newsome, Steinbrenner and Sickles are experiencing the most positive cases. As of today, Plant has had 19 students and three adults report that they tested positive.
- Please support quarantining efforts and do not shame anyone who reports testing positive.
- Students and their families need to work with teachers directly to formulate quarantine learning plans. If there are any issues, involve counselors and administrators.
- Any student who cannot take the October 14th PSAT because they are quarantined will be allowed to take it in late January 2021. Proof of quarantine will be required and will be provided by administration.
- Online you can go to www.doineedacovid19test.com to find free Covid testing sites.

- The administration is working with the PTSA to develop a student video that will promote health and safety and following CDC guidelines in and out of school.
- With the upcoming election, we are trying to keep politics out of the classrooms.

Adjournment - 10:30

Presentation by Mrs. Moseley, Plant's College and Career Counselor

Attendance - 98

Next Academic Foundation General Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th at 9:30 AM on Zoom