Thursday, May 14th, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 5:48pm

Attendees: Mr. Hathaway, Liz Krugliak, Staci Altman, Chantel Koker, Amy-Lynn Pelaez, Carly Geddes, Yashmin Gebbidon, Katie Quintero, Stacy Ann Cornell, Cristen Hooper, Jeff Hooper, Laura Webster, Beth White, Camille Gorden, Kendra McClintic, Kristen Boudreaux, Kat Eaton (Brandi Mark Statefarm), Brandi Ryder, Aysheh Kainrath

Approval of last meeting's minutes: Staci motioned, Stacy Ann seconded.

Approval items: none

Principal Hathaway's Report:

1. Incredible momentum!! Sad to be finished for the year, but proud to have had a great 1st year!
2. Congrats to PTO for "getting it right" this first year!
3. Service projects:
    - Movers for Moms
    - Contacted by Sheila Lawshe from Early Childhood Services asking if we'd consider being a "sister school" to a VPK-age school in St. Augustine. We'll discuss as a Board and we'll get back to them. Good opportunity for us to help and sponsor those less fortunate.
    - Money for shades has been deposited and we're waiting for an install date.
    - Portables (aka: "The Villas") will be installed soon. 3rd grade will be housed there.

Executive items:

1. **President's Report**
    1. Big thank you for everyone's hard work!
    2. Since last meeting: Donuts with Dudes, Mother/Son, Teacher Appreciation week, Bingo and Silent Auction. Everything was a success!
    3. Last ask of year: benches are still not assembled. Some people are coming next week to help assemble and are looking for extra hands. Plaques are ordered.
    4. Coming up:
        1. Middle School celebration sponsored by us: obstacle course, dunk tank, and treats on the 27th. Teachers are also putting together additional activities for them.
    5. Calendar: we've penciled in the major events into a calendar for the next school year.
        1. "Raise Craze" will replace Boosterthon to increase our profit and reduce percentage owed back.
        2. Adding a Middle School Career event headed up by Carly to prepare our middle schoolers for the academy options in high school. Looking at a date possibly in December since the kids sign up for academies in January.
        3. Also adding a popsicle event for Kindergarteners close to the time they attend their screener dates July 14-15, 22-23. We'll look at Friday, the 24th for the popsicle event.
        4. Trunk or Treat will be combined with a Fall Festival.
        5. Family Breakfasts are changing to "VIP & Me" so you can bring whatever parent you want (or both). We are going to charge a nominal fee to lessen the amount of no-shows.
        6. 8th graders are joining us next year, so we'll add activities for them as well.
        7. PTO Meetings will switch to quarterly to combine with SAC. We'll also alternate times between mornings and evenings.
    6. Open chair positions: Trunk or Treat committee, Fall Festival committee, Teacher Appreciation, Mother/Son, Father/Daughter, Spirit Friday, Lost & Found, Goodies with Grands, VIP & Me breakfasts, Middle School committee (6th grade and 8th grade parent needed)
    7. We'll have Spirit Wear onsite next year.
2. **Treasurer's Report**

1. In our account as of 5/14/26: $45,000
2. Actual collected since inception: $160,284
3. Actual expenses since inception: $114,000
4. Adding teacher grants to the budget for next year
5. $58,248 in sponsorships for the year! Fabulous job to Laura Webster!!

3. **Membership/Volunteer Report**
    1. We need help building benches.
    2. We need help with the Middle School event (Mr. Hathaway will send that to just middle school families).
    3. We also need help organizing the PTO closet.
    4. There was an incident at our Mother/Son event where some high school volunteers broke the basketball hoop. We need to make sure we have a talk about respecting property with our volunteers.

Review of events:

1. **Mother/Son Dance**
    1. Committee chairpeople not in attendance, however the games were a hit. Boys got wild (as was expected). We'll do a more physical activity next year for the moms/sons.
    2. Profited about $700
2. **Bingo and Silent Auction/Fundraising**
    1. Aysheh: Bingo went well. Problem: done in May, so participation was lower than we had hoped. $3,971.55 profit! Next year we'll move it to March and have one session. Silent Auction portion collected $3300 and there was no cost due to the donations.
3. **Teacher Appreciation Week**
    1. Decorating was such a hit! Now the decorations live in the nurse's office. Teachers really loved all the food. We'd like to hear feedback from parents about spirit days (dressing up). Got lucky and blessed with great donations!
4. **Sunshine Cart**
    1. Last Sunshine Cart was done today. Theme: luau. There was a decline in donations, so we gained more expenses there. They've asked teachers for suggestions for next year. Costumes were a massive hit! It took a couple of hours to hit up the whole school. It'll save time to prepackage the cart. Stacy and Julie will decorate and get cart ready earlier next year. Leprechaun theme was the favorite! Looking for more donations next year.
5. **PIE**
    1. We did a thank you breakfast for our sponsors. Turnout was low, which was disappointing, but we'll brainstorm for next year. We did advertise for each sponsor on the Sunshine Cart and during Teacher Appreciation week.
    2. We'll update the sponsorship packet. First we'll see what the school needs. Packets will start going out in June. If we know any businesses interested, have them contact Laura. Also looking for ideas on how to support our business partners.
    3. Sponsors shared that we were the only school that hosted an event where they could network with other sponsors.
    4. June 12-14th: we're signed up for a fundraising project running a parking lot in St. Augustine. Looking for volunteers to staff that area. We keep 100% of what we collect.

Upcoming activities and Chairperson reports:

1. **N/A**

Upcoming calendar items:

1. 5/29: Last day of school!

Meeting adjourned: 6:45pm

Signed:

Carly Geddes, HCA PTO Secretary