

## **PRIDE/PTSA General Meeting Minutes**

January 16, 2013

Meeting called to order @ 8:30 AM

Welcome and introduction of Bonnie Murrow, interim Asst. Principal. Bonnie is newly retired as of July, as the Principal of Palms Middle School for the past 7 years. Bonnie is here to support the administration, teachers, students, and parents.

Principal's Report (Ms. Somosa) – Supervision of after school buses and overall traffic safety concerns must be addressed. Parents please “FOLLOW THE RULES!” An Eblast concerning security and policies will be sent out. We have a closed campus and enforcement is necessary. West gate is locked and secured until 2:30 pm on Mon., Wed. & Fri., and until 1:30 pm on Tues. & Thurs. Parents are not allowed to park on campus for pick-up at the above times. Signs on the gate, clearly state that cars are not allowed at those times.

We have policies and procedures in effect, and they must be followed. In order to have a “safe environment”, anyone visiting campus must sign in at the main office and obtain a yellow pass. This yellow pass only entitles a person to access our offices, not our classrooms. Anyone disrupting school will be removed by the LAPD. Teachers and students have been informed and will participate in a “lockdown” drill, so that we may be prepared in an emergency.

### **PTSA**

Reflections – 100+ participated this year. The Optimist Club helped review all entries over Winter Break.

Literary Anthology – To take place on April 18th. Illustration contest currently taking place until Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, students must submit their work to their English teacher.

Northern Trust Golf Tournament – Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>. Traffic and safety issues will be addressed. No PE that week, alternative programming will be provided. Fri., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> is a half day. Go Green video contest to be shown.

Holiday Luncheon – Thank you to Golnar for coordinating the luncheon and to Meredith for providing Scrip for the teachers. Thank you to Faye for collecting donations to provide meals to students over the Winter Break; \$1,100 was collected. Suggestion to check with local markets that have programs to feed students (\$20/week), so that we can provide food to students who were unable to have breakfast.

### **PRIDE**

President (Jill) – Volunteers needed for next year, please speak to Jill if you're interested.

Important Dates:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation will take place on Thurs., June 6<sup>th</sup> at Pali High.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade picnic will be held on Tues., June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cap & Gown photos will be taken on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers needed).

Pali High Registration meetings on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> (AM) at Revere and Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> (PM) at Pali High.

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Mr. Koretz – Bully Box in main office. Ms. Ernest reviews each submission, then they go to Mr. Koretz for follow up; situation is handled immediately once it has been identified. Stand for the Silent Club also reviews and discusses.

Treasurer (Cindy) - \$8,000 in scrip certificates; double from last year. \$2,000/qtr. from Ralphs; 116 households participated.

Fundraising (Meryl) – 2% ahead of last year in Annual Giving. Silent Auction will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>; our theme this year is “Portraits of Excellence” and we hope to get alumni involved.

Communication (Teresa) – Revere Rider; next edition to be “Did You Know/What You Should Know” concept.