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Date: Feb 1st 2022

Time: 6:00 -7:20 pm

## PALS OC Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting ID: 315 336 0668**

**Passcode: PALSOC**

I. Call to order: Sara and Nneka (start meeting)

II. Roll call: X = Present

Operating Committee members-at-large		Officers		
Kerri Fitzgerald	X	President	Sara Jentz & Nneka London-Browne	X X
Patsy (Eberhart) Williams		Vice President	George Starr	X
Treasure Samuel	X	Treasurer	Paige Adriance	X
Allison Caldwell	X	Secretary	Carol Lucero	X
Lisa Dolar	X	Liaisons		
Michelle Campbell	X	Robin Hall Rep	Erin Morgan	X
Ninel S.	X	Markell Hall Rep	Sara Jentz	
Celine Bressler	X	Parent Rep to the Board	Mychel Cortese	X
Danielle Tandon				
Amanda Younger	X			



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Also present: Gretchen Bucsko, Laura Cabrera, Joanna Wiebe, Demir S, Lesley Shum, Adam Van Ness, Nicole Cooley, Cornelia Jacoby, Bree Anne-Grunhuud, Tanya Black, Erin Morgan, Chris McDonell, Zach Zenovic, John Mulhern, Sarah Witte, Barbara Misday

### III. Welcome to everyone in attendance

IV. Minutes: Recap meeting will be sent to all OC members once ready and any parents that request it

V. Treasurer report: Paige gives brief overview of finances to date. See Attachment for financials.

### VI. New Business/ Updates

- a) Lunches change Pizza - This seems to be more popular option. Have received over \$32,000 income from lunches with approx.. \$18,000 left over after expenses.
- b) Christmas promotion with Launching Success - We made roughly \$120 from this promotion
- c) Ice skating event - this was successful event for PALS, good turnout by families. Raised approx. \$1,000 with this event. Low upfront cost.
- d) Family Movie event - TBD due to high Covid numbers. We will look to holding this at another date once numbers go down (hopefully between March-May)
- e) Family Night out- This is back! Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2022. We're partnering with MOD pizza, all purchases either online, via their app or in person, PALS will receive 20% of proceeds. Big thanks to Nicole Cooley (Kindergarten parent) for helping to get this set up. Family Night Out is typically "family dinner out" at local eatery for friendship as well as to help earn money for PALS.
  - (a) Teacher Appreciation week dates (week of June 6); moved so it won't clash Mother's Day activities in May
  - (b) Small gift to teacher and staff from PALS



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- (c) Typically, classes gift teachers with something small each day-homemade card, flower from their garden, a coffee, etc. Ideas welcome! (No money exchange on campus, between parents for this or future holidays)
- f) Families not meeting 15/30 Hr commitments. Please reach out to PALS if you are having difficulty signing up because opportunities get filled too quickly. Remember to sign in any hours accrued in binders which are located at the front entrance for both buildings. Middle schoolers should also sign in their hours if they volunteer any time. Please contact Casey Brocato ([cbrocato@thefranklin.academy](mailto:cbrocato@thefranklin.academy)) if you are available for volunteering after hours or weekends for facilities projects (typically easy projects).
- g) New additional hours for the Uniform Store (5-6pm)
  - (a) This is in addition to the regular hours on Tuesdays
  - (b) Aim is to help/accommodate working parents who can't be at the school during regular school/working hours.
  - (c) Will need 1 maybe 2 parent volunteers to run this
  - (d) Vote held: Can PALs pay \$1200 toward purchase of new dark blue PE shirts? - passed OC members tonight
- h) Future thinking:
  - (1) Something in lieu of Family Fun night (weather permitting, something outdoors). Yes, we would like to think of something to do in lieu of Family Fun night. This is traditionally a time for families to get together, there used to be an auction as fundraiser for PALS with carnival like games for the children/ students.
  - (2) We're asking OC members to start thinking about next year—can you serve again? Try and make a decision by Spring Break, it would be good to have OC in place before end of school year.
  - (3) Officers-Start thinking about if you'd like to serve in the same role? Try and make a decision by Spring Break, it would be good to have election well before school gets out for earlier preparation for next year. Also good to have Upper school and Lower school Liaisons/room parents in place.



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- (4) Jog/Walk a thon - (can this be held at a park) versus school grounds. Need to plan for a date in May; this is another good fundraiser for PALS. We need parent volunteers for this.
  - (5) Field day - last day of school ( June 16<sup>th</sup>). Typically half a day.
  - (6) End of school picnic (if possible) - Maybe coincide with Family Fun Day? Weekend school closes? This will be a good opportunity to again pitch need for parent involvement with PALS.
  - (7) 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are looking for parent volunteers to help them with getting ready for testing in Feb. Teachers to let PALS know if they need volunteers and to set up Sign Up Genius for volunteers for specific days/times to volunteer.
  - (8) Teachers reminded PALS to be sure and notify teachers of any PALS events planned.
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- i) Updates from School Admin (Gretchen/ Melanie/ Natalie/ Teacher reps ( Ms Yorks / MS Misday). Re-enrollment is beginning Fri, February 4th for current students. Currently, there are not in-person tours due to pandemic, but are being held via Zoom.
  - j) Updates from Parent Rep to School Board) - Mychel. Enrollment is at an all time high with 332 students. There have been a few new students enrolled since January 2022. TFA continues to work on new website for the school. The board recently provided gifts to teachers and staff for their work during this pandemic. The Annual Auction has been postponed and will be held March 26, 2022 at Bellwether Hotel. We can still use more donations and underwriting if you are able.
  - k) Any questions /comments from attendees.
    - i) Erin Morgan: suggestion that parents order from Lands End ASAP as it is taking Lands End up to 4 months to fulfill orders due to supply chain issues.
    - ii) Michell Campbell: Requested clarification that PALS will ensure that for teacher appreciation, each teacher is 'covered so that each class does not need to provide gifts for all teachers.



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- iii) Zach Zenovic: Where can we place our kids if we are volunteering for drop off?  
Answer = morning care (for free!).
- iv) Joanna Wiebe: Requested that PALS clearly define what different events are on flyers and in communications for new families (e.g. What IS Family Fun Night? What IS Family Fun Day?, etc...)
- v) Kerri Fitzgerald: Recommends we start organizing now for Family Fun Night and Jog-A-Thon

**VII. End meeting** : Nneka/Sara end meeting. Will send meeting recap/minutes etc.

**VIII. Next Meeting**: May 2022