

**iPrep PTSA Meeting
February 13, 2018
Minutes**

-The meeting was called to order by PTSA President Christine Gay at 5:36 p.m.

-Quorum established per sign-up sheets

-Administrative Update by Ms. Diaz:

-Testing calendar

-SAT parent night (K-2 grades) February 27 at 4:30 p.m.

-FSA parent night (3-5 grades) on March 1 at 4:30 p.m.

-The meetings will address the testing dates, the test format, sample items, expectations of what the test looks like in reading and math and what kids expected to see.

-District involved in giving info about Bright Line train. There will be flyers going home regarding safety awareness. It is a high-speed train. Flyers going home within the next couple of weeks.

-Do not drop off kids prior to 7:30 a.m. It's dangerous. The barricades are not up prior to 7:30 a.m.

-Progress reports will go out next week Friday. Make sure you are checking the grades and if necessary request teacher conference. If fall below grade requirement, student placed in warning, then probation, and then may be subject to academic dismissal. Be sure to request conference if improvement needed.

-The previous PTSA meeting minutes were ratified.

-PTSA Budget Update

-Pizza Fridays going really well.

-Square Art did really well and so did Elf on the Shelf.

-Jean Fridays going well.

-\$600 went to holiday show decorations.

-Money donated to UN trip.

-Ms. Barge was nominated for teacher of the year and we hosted breakfast.

-We bought industrial microwaves for 2nd floor cafeteria.

-The budget was approved.

-We have asked teachers to give us proposals in writing and to come to the meeting, if possible, to let us know what they need money for.

-We are revamping closed off garden. Turning it into butterfly garden. Putting down turf, plants, benches. Maintenance will be required and we will ask parents to volunteer. We are working on a sketch for the garden. We are looking into the plants that will be used so as to avoid attracting bees.

-We are going to paint the entire wall that is on the playground side. Ms. Diaz approved putting that out for bid to local artists/muralists. We will buy paint and supplies for artist. Particulars about the wall will be provided by Ms. Diaz.

-Announcements

-Coach (P.E. teacher): Sports Academy, one block away from the school. There are two turf fields and an air conditioned lounge area if weather becomes an issue. Program created to fit all kids. It will have soccer, baseball, Frisbee, dodgeball, etc. It's a program that promotes sports. It is a multi-sport academy. Flyers were distributed. Special price for iPrep students (20% off). Transportation not provided yet, but working on it. Once they have 10 kids needing transportation, they will be able to set up transportation. Hours: between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The program is for all ages. The program started on February 1, 2018.

-Class proposals:

-From Ms. Hernandez, activities director, there are a lot of expenses for the seniors, grad bash, senior lunch, senior prom, There are 43 graduating seniors right now. Requesting assistance for all three major events. Some students may not go to grad bash or prom because they don't have the money.

-For 8th graders, pinning ceremony at Rusty Pelican.

-From Ms. Gilbert, UN, requesting assistance for model UN.

-Ms. Mueller wants to recognize seniors who are graduating and are members of National Honor Society, asking for \$250.

-Ms. Keller: vocabulary enrichment program.

-9th grade teachers: give 9th graders end of year trip.

-Coding for girls club would like to have end of year celebration. Want money to get shirts and end of year celebration.

-Middle school team: NASA trip that PTA helped with was a big success. Requesting on behalf of 7th and 8th, take 8th grade class to Planetarium (Frost), 7th graders to the zoo;

-For 6th graders go to Super Wheels, roller skating rink, they have classes that are STEM related; motion and rink design, full hour workshop, two hours to skate, one of the options includes pizza, 53 students in total, in May (around \$1,000)

-Robotics club has been opened to 7th and 8th graders. Need help with dues, they need around \$275.

-Elementary teachers will also have an opportunity to submit requests.

-Box Tops update from Deb: The committee has 30 members. Raised over \$5000 since started. Trying to get new parents involved. It's a lot of work. We got an extra check for \$600. The money goes toward the PTSA. Collection goes from Pre-K to 5th. Second deadline is coming up. Every quarter there is a competition. Winning classes have gotten pizza parties, party favors, etc. Next deadline is February 23. Last deadline is May 18.

-Upcoming Events

-Parent's Night Out: Christine Cohen will be taking over. Saturday, April 7, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Pelican Harbor Marina, off 79th street causeway. Working on catering and liquor sponsors. Has secured items already for silent auction. Want more attention. Pushing for more silent auction items. Support needed for event. Has secured vendors/designers for the event.

-Spring Picnic – Saturday, March 17, 2018, flyer will be going out soon. We need volunteers to grill. PTA buying main food and all paper products. Chips, drinks, side dishes have been assigned per grade.

-Teacher Appreciation Week. We need a committee chair. May 7 through May 11.

-Pizza Fridays – Volunteers Needed! We are also selling pizza upstairs. It sells in about 8 minutes. Always looking for people to volunteer.

-Election Nominating Committee: Xiomara Napolean, Anat Galor, and Amber Reinhart-Perez. Help needed with the forms. We have a new box to drop off nominations. PTSA positions are open to everyone.

-Election Nominating Committee elected. They meet in private and they will present nominees at last meeting in May.

-Reminders

-Volunteer Hours (10 hours/year)

-Yearbooks – deadline extended to April 2, 2018

Questions/Comments: Bill going around to decertify unions. Go show love for public education. Support needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Adopted by the Executive Committee of the iPrep PTSA on the _____, 2018, with ratification by the membership at its next regular meeting.

/s/ Marinelly Maldonado

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