

PTSO Meeting Notes

MINUTE NOTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

8:30 AM

MEETING CALLED BY	Beth Rogers, President
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
ATTENDEES	Matt Roberson, Jessica Chapman, Beth Rogers, Jodi Wilkof, Jean DeBarbieris, Lisa Orcutt, Rosa Cefalu, Heather Thomas, William Adams, Melanie Motiska
MATERIALS	PTSO meeting agenda, draft minutes, financial statement
PRESIDENT	Beth thanked everyone for attending.

Agenda topics

PRINCIPAL & ASST. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

MATT AND JESSICA

DISCUSSION	<p>Matt noted that Literacy Week went very well: the guest speakers were great and 8 teachers were involved or presenting and class involvement increased this year as a result. Classes attended sessions with Mary and Bill Wharton, who discussed how the documentary Jimmy Carter – Rock and Roll President was created.</p> <p>The First Friday celebration (Jazz Café – a celebration of African-American History Month and contributions to our musical heritage) was a success and a good time was had by all. PTSO provided the drinks, snacks and prizes. It's great to have these events, especially this year.</p> <p>Matt thanked Jodi for organizing the teacher luncheon. Teacher Appreciation Week will be coming up in May. We need suggestions and volunteers.</p> <p>SAIL is in the middle of the spring school recruitment period (2021-2022). Matt, Jessica and Justin have been meeting with all the LCS middle schools. They have scheduled Zoom calls in the 8th grade homerooms – interested 8th graders will be able to take a virtual tour of the SAIL campus and into a typical classroom. SAIL is holding a virtual showcase on February 18 at 5:30 pm. A flyer will be distributed via Listserve. In the showcase, students will have a virtual campus tour, teachers will be live to discuss their classes and musical shows will feature current SAIL students. Would PTSO like to participate? The county school choice window closes on March 1, but SAIL will continue to accept applications through June.</p> <p>SAIL is working with the Junior League to provide food to families needing assistance over Spring Break.</p> <p>Testing is scheduled for this week: FSA for current 11th graders (actual 10th grade ELA portions from last year). Jessica noted that grading will be utilizing research-based practices, such as switching to online homework submission. This change is occurring as a result of the pandemic and not every student is flourishing. SAIL CONNECT on Wednesdays provides connectivity to Digital Academy students.</p> <p>Matt and Jessica have been exploring additional educational student opportunities, such as an aquaponic setup. This would be a wonderful addition to SAIL's current gardening club. They are working with Michelle Madison, who represents a nonprofit group working with neighborhood schools on aquaponics, to obtain the fish for the project. The aquaponic area will also introduce scientific concepts on aquaculture as well as being a peaceful and welcoming spot for students and teachers alike.</p> <p>Another goal for SAIL is the introduction of CTE programs such as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) accreditation, Safe Server Food Certification in the Culinary Arts Program, and others.</p>
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Factors influencing these goals are capital outlay fund availability, physical classroom space for expansion and infrastructure, staffing and student interest. Career and accreditation track programs are an important part of the educational environment for students who are not pursuing a college degree after high school graduation. Jean expressed appreciation for this goal and asked how she could be involved. Matt and Jessica will be visiting other schools to see their programs and have already spoken with the Lively CTE director on upcoming trends for employment. For a CNA accreditation track, SAIL would likely need 20 interested students. Jodi was so excited to hear that SAIL is exploring this track. Leon County introduced Leon Works on available fulfilling career paths with good salaries and steady employment.

Jessica noted that SAIL is working with LCS to integrate with the school choice process and streamlining the school application process. The automated process is located in Parent Portal and will make the application submission easier for incoming students. Jodi mentioned that she has been speaking with Roseanne Wood on making a 30-second video for students and families, which would then be released on the school's social media platforms. Initial feedback has been very positive. Heather encouraged parent testimonials for school choice targeted to mothers (known to be very influential in school choice decisions), giving the SAIL perspective, expand beyond community perceptions of an "alternative school". Jessica mentioned that, compared to other schools, SAIL had fewer numbers of students needing assistance to reach graduation. This can be attributed to smaller class sizes and more individualized attention.

Matt said that SAIL is working with Justin on a marketing rollout on Facebook and Instagram to target rising 10th graders and conduct outreach meetings.

Adam asked if there was a parent input survey – Jessica discussed last fall's Parent Night weekly Zoom meetings. Topics included what's working, what's not and what needs improvement? The response rate was approximately 50 %.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Faculty luncheon	Jodi	Feb 12

TREASURER'S REPORT

BETH

DISCUSSION	<p>Beginning Acct Balance - \$6,788.49 Deposits To Date – \$311.80 Withdrawals To Date: \$819.23 Ending Balance (1/31/2021): \$6,281.06</p> <p>Reviewed the checks and deposits along with the January bank statement. Outstanding checks include \$100 teacher gift cards, \$300 for a SAIL family (optometrist visit and new glasses, Publix gift card), \$266.34 1st Friday Jazz Fest supplies.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

BOARD REPORTS

VARIOUS PRESENTERS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT	<p>William Adams discussed SGA activities, including Valentine's Day treats, mural decoration on Thursday (beautification project – landscaping plants) Caitlyn is working on a virtual student prom "A Night To Shine", may be a drive-thru activity.</p>
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TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE	Rosa thanked PTSO for the monthly luncheons as dual teaching (Brick & Mortar plus Digital Academy) has been very stressful for them. The sidewalk chalk event was yesterday – students recreated famous art works in chalk. Great photos were taken of the artwork! Upcoming activities include the Lemoyne artshow, incorporating African American history into classroom discussions and projects, and continuing emphasis on student online clubs and SAIL CONNECT.
BUSINESS PARTNER COORDINATOR	No report

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	Don't forget to enter your volunteer hours on Track-It-Forward. Our goal is 1 hour per each student at SAIL (400 hrs). https://www.trackitforward.com/site/sail-high-school-ptso
SAC/DAC REPRESENTATIVES	Matt K was unable to attend.
SAIL FOUNDATION	SAIL Foundation is now set up on Amazon Smile for charity donations, so please remember to select it when you shop on Amazon.

PAST EVENTS WRAP-UP SUMMARY

VARIOUS PRESENTERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS PLANNING

VARIOUS PRESENTERS

TEACHER STAFF LUNCHEONS	Matt and Jessica
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OTHER BUSINESS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEM TOPIC
Next meeting: March 9, 2021 8:30 am
PTSO members
PTSO President Beth Rogers
PTSO Vice President Jean De Barbieris
PTSO Treasurer Adam Tanenbaum
PTSO Secretary Beth Rogers
PTSO Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Orcutt
PTSO Business Partner TBD