

# Collins PTA

## General Meeting Minutes

### May 16, 2019

- Call to order- meeting was called to order at 6:34pm
- Welcome & Introduction- board members introduced themselves. Board members in attendance were: Michelle Speiss, Elise Sietz, Amy Miller, Lori Themar, Melissa Tyson, Melissa Seigny, and Valerie Cunha. See attached attendance sheet for other attendees.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2019 General Meeting – Motion by Lori Themar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Valerie Cunha
- Presentation about Cohesion (Netflix of Education) – Jim Szweck- Collins will be a pilot program for the app. It will be available starting in early June through the end of next school year. The app provides 120 live videos for all concepts taught in grades K-5 and are designed to help parents understand the concepts being taught to their children. Each video is 7 minutes long and there will be office hours with teachers in the program to answer questions. Each family will be given a coupon code for an annual subscription for the next school year. The website [Cohesioned.com](http://Cohesioned.com)
- Treasurer's Report – see attached budget report
  - Budget Update- Panther Run raised \$27,000. All projectors needed have been purchased. Excess fundraising money will be utilized to purchase and install water bottle fillers on water fountains as well as stencils and paint for the court and small kid's playground area.
- Fundraising Update
  - ALL projectors have been purchased- they should all be installed by the end of summer.
- Upcoming Events
  - 5/23 – Volunteer Tea Party- The school is hosting this appreciation event for all volunteers. RSVPs are required by 5/21.
  - 5/27 – No School, Memorial Day
  - 5/31 – Last Day of School- it will be early release at 11:25.
  - Kone Ice- 5/17
- School of Excellence- surveys have been sent out.
- Parent & Teacher Survey- Michelle S. will be sending out for feedback from teachers and parents about PTA events throughout the year.
- Ways & Means Report
  - Panther Run Success- PTA is considering utilizing an outside fundraising company to take over the execution of Panther Run. A meeting was held with Boosterthon and other companies will be considered over the summer. A parent expressed concern with the companies taking a percentage of the amount raised instead of 100% of funds going to the school as it currently has. It was further discussed that there is a small group of parents that currently coordinate the Panther Run and that it is a lot of time and energy and there are not enough volunteers to run it adequately. Other schools with similar school size as Collins have also been consulted and they report that even with the company taking their share of the funds raised, they have been raising the same or more money by utilizing companies to run their fun runs.
- Box Tops
  - Current Leaders – Lemmen (790), Fulton (604) and Scott (552)- contest is over tomorrow

- Changes to Box Tops next school year- there is a change in the program for next year. The program is moving towards scanning products and receipts instead of having Box Tops present on products.
- Yearbook
  - Delivered to the classrooms today
  - We have a few extras available in the office, \$25
- Voting in the new 2019/2020 PTA Board
  - President – Michelle Spiess- motion: Melissa Sevigny, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Amy Miller
  - Treasurer – Cory Stevenson – motion: Lori Themar, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Valerie Cunha
  - Secretary – Melissa Sevigny- motion: Lori Themar, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Valerie
  - Ways and Means – Shemica Hand motion: Amy Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lori Themar
  - VP – Programs – Elizabeth McFadyen- motion: Melissa Sevigny, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lori Themar
  - VP – Advocacy – Lori Themar- motion: Valerie Cunha, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Amy Miller
  - VP – Volunteers – Amy Miller- motion: Valerie Cunha, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Diane Cooper
  - Membership – Yvette Somera motion: Lori Themar, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valerie Cunha
- 2019/2020 Chair Positions
  - Communication: Digital – Valerie Cunha, Sign – Nina Powell, Hospitality – Michelle Torres & Laura Moore, Room Parent – Amanda Hill, Fundraising – Lindsay Hernandez, Fall Festival – Sheila Franck, Lunch Bunch – Susan Devine, Teacher Liaisons – The Conklins , Box Tops – Melissa Tyson, Spirit Nights - Adrienne Abiodun, Events Chair (Panther Run & TAW) – Crystal Matheu
- Questions- It was asked why there are not Clubs planned, as they have been in the past, Mrs. Sargable reported that during the fall, there is no early release on Mondays during the second quarter due to student having the whole week off for Thanksgiving and they have to have a certain number of hours of instruction before exams can happen before Winter Break. Another factor is that schools, according to Florida law, are not allowed to start school before August 10<sup>th</sup> and since August 10<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday this year, this time also is being recouped by not having early release during the second quarter. Clubs are not happening during the Spring because students have several Mondays off which would interrupt clubs.
- Adjournment- meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.