

Academie Da Vinci

PTSA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 9th, 2018

Introduction & Welcome

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- 6:35pm Erica welcomed everyone.
- Introduction of PTSA and special welcome to the board.
- Membership: Reminder that you must sign up and join PTSA every year. Can sign up on website but must still fill out a form and pay by cash/check.

Membership Report

Jessico Tiso, PTSA Membership Chair

- Jessica Tiso-Solicited to join PTSA and become a member. \$7/member and may round up to \$10. The extra money goes back into the PTSA.
- PTSA drive until end of year (2018). Classes with 100% participation get a pizza party. Class with the most family members at PTSA meeting also get a pizza party.
- Business Directory is live on PTSA website.

PTSA Logo Contest

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- This Year's Theme (2018-2019): "Better Together". It is better with the inclusion of the student body.
- 10/12: PTSA Logo contest starts.
- Contest to design the logo: Grades 4-8 design the logo, PTSA board will choose finalists, K-3 vote on final logo to have all students involved.

Balloween

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- Saturday, October 27th, 4-7pm. Countryside Rec Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater, FL 33761. Will be a costume contest.
- Need a lot of help & volunteers. Katie Marcussen, Volunteer Chair has a whole list of volunteer positions (DJ, games, booths, set-up, clean-up)

Reflections Art Contest

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- Receive glow in the dark bracelet as a pledge to enter the contest. Deadline November 2nd. See Art teachers to sign the pledge sheet and receive your bracelet.

All Pro Dads

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- October 26th, 7:30-8:10am. ADV North Building Cafeteria. Rob McClintock will be spearheading. Typically last Friday of every month. More information to follow.

Fall Fundraiser Prizes

Carrie Sammel, PTSA Vice President

- Limo Ride: November 28th. Need chaperones. We will be doing 2 limos this year and potentially split up the littles and older students. Parents can go and meet at the location and take pictures.
- Glow Party: TBD.

Uniform Swap

Heather Tinling, PTSA Newsletter Chair

- Will be a drop box to donate or drop off items and we will distribute to families in need. Dance clothes items included.

Announcement from Students

Hailey Switzer, PTSA Student Body Member

- Dress down day was a big hit! Students loved it. Cynthia Dick, Dean of Students advised we raised \$204.55.

School Jackets

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- This year all solid colors are allowed. Next year only colors allowed will be red and navy blue. No hoods will be allowed.

- PTSA would like to design jackets with school colors w/school logos, bulk buy them and sell them back to the school. Will be navy blue, red and school colors.
- Issues/parent concerns will the allowance of dance team jackets being allowed next year. It makes other students feel left out and its promoting Dreamers Dance and not ADV. Erica Switzer, PTSA President advised we will send out a survey to see where we are at.
- Kris Brown volunteered to research our options (sent contact info via email.)

Principal's Report

Karen Swain, PTSA Teacher Liason in Michele Morgan, Principal's absence

- Lisa Overman-new teacher staff (5th grade teacher.)
- Safety Programs: ADV Approach: Educate. Coach Patrick Aument & Officer Des assisting in programs: Cyber Bullying, Technology Addiction & Safety in your community.
- Working on Family Nights. Suggestions were literacy/math night or science night.
- Spread the word. We are a School of Excellence (thank you Carrie Sammel, PTSA Vice President!) We only have 7th & 8th grade seats open.

Treasurer's Report

Monica Rust, PTSA Treasurer

- Raised \$15,244 from Fall Fundraiser. Only \$200 shy from last year.
- Budget Summary.
- We are spending money for kid care. Solicited volunteers to help with kid care. Shannon Evans (sent contact info via email) advised Tae Kwon Do Co willing to do it. They also gave 3 free months for a give away and want to come to meetings and entertain the children.
- Solicited for sponsors for meetings for food. Companies can sponsor for \$200 and get free advertising and speak about their company.

PTSA President Announcements

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- Teachers please send in your Teacher Proposals. We have only received 1 proposal and we want to help and give you money.
- Chipotle Spirit Night. We raised \$155 at our 1st Spirit Night. Realized we need to create more awareness for Spirit Nights. Ideas were: White Board utilization at car line. Shannon Evans (727.430.5612, 7screations@gmail.com) volunteered to email and print flyers. Morgan DiGiorgio suggested utilizing an app to text alerts. **Look into app called "Remind"**.
- Reminder to ensure PTSA has all of your contact information.

- Next Spirit Night will be Chic Fil A or Sweet Tomatoes.
- For every (1) fundraiser we have to fund 3 programs (give backs.)
- Shannon Evans (sent contact info via email) volunteered to be the hospitality chair.

Programs

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- Shout out to Carrie Sammel, PTSA Vice President for all of her hard work on us now being a "School of Excellence."
- Mentorship Program. Josh Black needs a co-chair. Partnering old parents with new to allow a direct contact and keep them in the know and welcoming them into the school. Providing access to information directly.
- Student Newsletter/Yearbook Committee.
- Bullying/Cyber Bullying Education.
- Solicited for programs parents/students would like: Program to educate parents on social media exposure (reference book "Wire Child." "A Look in the Mirror" book about puberty. A parent suggested a kid friendly version so children could obtain the same information and be apprised as to what their parents are trying to incorporate. Hailey Switzer suggested bringing back Smath night. Students loved it.
- Center for Cyber Safety education and a resource for parents and children suggested. Bullying in general also.
- Mentorship program with older/younger students. Older kids read to younger kids. Student council can do mentorship with younger children.
- Drama Club, Spanish Club, Sign Language Club. Parent run parent education program.
- Will send out a survey for suggestions from parents, teachers and students.
- Shannon Evans is new hospitality chair (volunteered at meeting. Emailed contact info.)
- Volunteer opportunities: Mrs. Cox 4th-8th grade music needs Level 2 drivers. Andie Rice-Tanner needs to step down from Communications Chair position for a few months. Kris Brown stepped up to fill role (emailed contact info.)
- Next PTSA Meeting November 27th.

Final Notes

Erica Switzer, PTSA President

- Announcement from Gina Bill Hampton, Yearbook Editor. This month Tree Ring is offering 10% off. Makes cost \$22.50. You can create custom pages (2) and can pay for more.

- Picture day retake day upcoming.
- Picked winner of trick or treat bag.

Meeting Adjourned 7:37pm

President Approval

Date

Secretary Approval

Date