

PAL PARENT MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2023 - 3rd Quarter

In Attendance: Wendy Nipper, Kachie Vaughan, Vickie Waun, Rachel Barbour, Amanda Yapi, Stephanie Hall – EWA Board Liaison, Anthony Pirrello – Executive Director

Absent: Anna Hinnant, Peedie Edwards

1 – Call to Order 7:00pm

2 – Current PAL News/Announcements = WENDY

1. Change in positions – Anna has stepped down for personal reasons. Wendy Nipper will take over as President for the remainder of the year.
2. Shoe Drive – THANK YOU, Over 150 pairs collected to benefit the Purple Shoe, a thrift store to benefit domestic violence in Zebulon

3 – Financial Report = VICKI

1. Provided Statement of Activity for the period July 2022-June 2023, vs budget
2. Note: the statement of activity is reconciled through January 2023.
3. Income for Dress down and membership dues exceeded our budget, so we were able to provide 7k to EWA to assist with smartboard purchases for K-2 as noted in the expenditure section of the report.
4. Chevy provided PAL with 2k from their Chevy Give Back Program.
5. Amazon Smile is retiring as of February 2023. We do not anticipate any additional revenue from this program.
6. School store and uniform sales are less than expected. We anticipate meeting our school store sales budget by end of fiscal year, but due to lack of uniform donations, we do not anticipate meeting the goal this year.
7. Teacher grants for 2022 were budgeted at 4k but we only paid out 2700 - due to lack of requests. We fulfilled 100% of requests. We highly recommend that all teachers request a grant in early 2023 as we want to help our teachers as much as possible.
8. Our accountant fees are doubled on this report because we paid two years of fees in this fiscal year. It normally is \$200 for the 945 filing.
9. Supplies of close to 5k is mainly replenishment of the school store (hoodies and t-shirts)
10. Square processing fees exceed our budget but that is due to the additional dress down/membership dues.
11. We maintained our budget for the Back 2 School Bash
12. We have close to 10k left in staff appreciation budgeted for the year.
 1. 5k of this is for teacher appreciation week
 2. The rest will be spent on additional staff support items

4 – Committee Reports = WENDY

1. **Dress Down** – Pass 3 purchasing ended on Friday the 3rd. We will open up purchasing for Pass 4 at the end of March for April/May. Amanda is looking for assistance with the Dress Down Committee. If anyone would like to help, please contact PAL
2. **Used Uniform** – We are always looking for donations. Next Used Uniform sale will be April 22nd from 10-Noon. We are looking for donation/volunteer to replace the ramp to our Used Uniform building. It is rotting. We'd also love to have it more organized with better shelving and racks for our needs. If you are able or know someone who is able to donate time or materials towards any of these goals, please let us know. Donations of uniforms for MS/HS age are desperately needed.
3. **Teacher Appreciation** – While Teacher Appreciation week is fairly far off, planning is not. If you have ideas for us or a source for donations for our teachers, please let us know.
4. **Rewards Committee** – Amazon Smile is discontinuing the program on February 20th. If

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you have been using Amazon Smile with PAL as beneficiary, please continue to do so until February 20th. We hope to have more ways for you to support PAL through other organizations soon. Please continue to scan Box Top receipts as that program is ongoing.

- 5. School Store** – Don't forget we have Sweatshirts, Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve shirts available for purchase. Again, if you have a contact or item you'd like us to look into for the school store, please let us know. Parents can order online or through a PAL member if unable to utilize the online methods. Mr. Pirello will include a link to the PAL store periodically in his emails to assist PAL in promoting the School Store.

5 – Upcoming Events = WENDY

- 1. Parents night out.** Deadline for sign up is tomorrow 2/7. There will be lot's for kids to do and we hope parents will take the opportunity to go out for the evening and leave the kids with us on 2/10. PAL Board members and NHS students will be supervising. Movies, Pizza, Dance Party, Games. We hope this Night Out will be the first of many. This first event is open to current EWA students grades K-8 only.
- 2. Teacher Grants** – Teacher grants are OPEN and we will be accepting grant applications from our teachers through March 6th. We will announce winners of our grants in Spring. *Only teachers who are PAL members and did NOT win in the Fall are eligible to apply. Mr. Pirello will assist PAL in promoting PAL grants to teachers.
- 3. Stock the Fridge** – Our next stock the fridge event will be in the spring so be on the lookout for a sign up genius for both donations and volunteers.
- 4. Book Fair** will be back in April so please look out for dates and volunteer needs from Mrs. Barnhill

6 – Upcoming PAL Business - WENDY

- 1. All PAL Board positions are up for election in the coming year.** If you are interested in any position, please fill out the nomination form on the PAL website. Feel free to email us or chat with us after the meeting in regards to any specific positions you'd like information on. You must be a PAL board member to apply for any of the VP, Treasurer or Secretary positions. If you would like to apply for the President role, you must have previously been a PAL Board Officer.

7 – Adjourn 7:25pm

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