

Palm Bay Academy Title 1 Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 1, 2022 (English)

Nina Orellana gave the Title 1 Power Point Presentation and stopped to explain many points included therein, including past programs, proposed events and programs for this school year, and the great desire for parent input on what goes on in school and what would be helpful for them in assisting their children at home. Nina talked about the school's need for a SAC and encouraged parents to join. She explained that the Parent Panther Meetings (starting next Thursday) will be the starting point for creating this leadership team.

Ms. McKoy spoke about the importance of parent involvement and about her disappointment that more parents were not present this evening. "Teamwork makes the dream work!"

Ms. Harris said that she loved Ms. Noonan communicating frequently through Class Dojo and would love if Ms. Reyes did the same. Ms. Orellana will speak to Ms. Reyes about getting Class Dojo set up for her class.

Ms. Maldonado expressed interest in being on the SAC and being as involved in PBA as possible. Ms. Orellana encouraged her to attend the Parent Panther Leader meeting next week to begin.

Ms. Orellana talked about volunteering for field trips and in the classroom and the importance of getting fingerprinting done, sooner rather than later, at the district. Ms. Maldonado asked about what that would cost, and Ms. McKoy shared that thanks to Covid funding, the cost for parents to get fingerprints done at the district will be waived this year.

The middle school parents are interested in laptops, resources to help at home, vocabulary cards to help with English and other languages, and smaller classes. They would like Spanish and music classes to be offered at the middle school, and more girls' sports teams. They would like to see students participating in social committees and projects related to marketing, medicine, and science. They are interested in support with the transition from middle school to high school, and they would also like students to have the opportunity to visit community organizations.

Ms. Vilsaint also expressed that she would love English and/or Spanish classes for parents as well! She asked Ms. Orellana if she could provide English vocabulary flashcards for 8th graders, as well as vocabulary flash cards in Spanish for those who would like to learn Spanish.

Ms. McKoy would like a sharing of good educational websites that can help students who are using tablets at home, and Ms. Orellana said that she will work on getting a list of suggestions onto the PBA website.

Ms. Orellana talked about PBA's Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) and how parents can support their children's progress toward these goals at home. Ms. Orellana described the school WIG boards, asked the families which math flashcards and books they would like to practice with their children, and then distributed the materials to each family.

There was a good turnout of Creole families, and two Spanish speaking families showed up for the event, but when Ms. Orellana told them that tonight's presentation would be repeated in Spanish next Friday, September 9th, they said that would wait to attend that session. The families that speak only Spanish have expressed great interest in being involved with Palm Bay Academy.

Ms. Maldonado expressed that she is really enjoying the PBA Facebook page. She asked if giveaways at family events could include learning games to make studying fun at home.

Ms. Groover thanked Ms. Orellana for the summary of the 7 Habits and asked for LIM books 4 and 5 so they could work on those Habits.

Parents expressed that weeknight meetings and events beginning between 5:00-7:00 PM would be best.

To Do List for PBA, per families at Title 1 Annual Meeting:

1. Good, engaging educational website links listed on PBA website for parents to access at home.
2. Directions for parents for getting Brevard library cards and how to access to online materials from the Brevard Public Library system.
3. Lots of teacher-parent communication!!!
4. 1st and 8th grade vocabulary flash cards for next event
5. Laptops and books for middle schoolers to take home and do homework
6. Small classes for students with special needs
7. More sports teams, Spanish and art classes for middle school
8. Continued focus on student safety