



PTO General Meeting  
9/19/2017 - Minutes

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 8:49am

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 5/02/17 were reviewed. Lori Yi motioned to approve and Brenda Keal seconded. Vote was taken and minutes were approved.

Principals Update (Dr. Shetzer):

- Many Pershing families homes flooded during Hurricane Harvey, please let us know how we can help you. We have resources available to the children through our social worker Ms. Belfonte
- We currently have 1,696 students and expect to have 1,700 by the time snapshot comes around. This will mean more funding for our school.
- Please note that all early dismissal days have been canceled to make up instruction time lost. No holidays will be effected and no days will be added to the end of the year.
- A letter was sent home this week highlighting school policies. Parents are not to drop off their children before 7:25 am. There is no one here to supervise your children. Child Protective Services will be called on parents who drop off early. Some children are arriving at 6am!!!! Please contact the YMCA they have a before school program.
- Our Pershing library had air quality issues due to having no AC for 10 plus days. The carpet has been taken out and will be replaced when HISD has time. The library will reopen next week.
- Stella Link Library is closed due to damage. Many children participate in the Houston Public Library after school program. Pershing is working on letting those children stay in the Pershing Library after school until they can be picked up. More news to follow.
- Ropes Elective: Course that been inspected and is good to go for student use.
- All children should have been assigned a locker by their homeroom teacher. No backpacks to be carried around the school, this will be enforced.
- Open House is Tuesday Sept. 26 from 6p-8p for grades 6,7,8. Please bring any gently used uniforms for children in need. We will collect by the office.
- Please check GradeSpeed. There are only 4 weeks in this marking period and no progress reports will be given out. Schedule changes are still being done this week, but keep in mind many electives are full, especially in 8th grade.
- There will be no 7th grade science sleep away field trip this winter.
- 8th Grade Field day will not be on campus this spring but will be at Typhoon Texas in Katy!
- The Panda Post and the PTO website has a donate/Paypal option to contribute funds specifically for Pershing kids effected by flooding for school supplies and uniforms.

VP of Membership: Michelle Fassell ([cleomich@yahoo.com](mailto:cleomich@yahoo.com))

- PTO Membership going along well. New option this year is to join for \$5. Please sign up on the PTO website or fill out a form and drop payment in the red PTO box outside the main office. Free Dress Day will be on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.

VP of Recruiting : Wayne Knupp for Jennifer Krupp ([jenknupp@gmail.com](mailto:jenknupp@gmail.com))

- Updating the Pershing brochure; looking for current quotes from parents. Please submit to Jennifer Knupp.
- Looking for a Longfellow parent to pass along Pershing information to the Longfellow community.
- First Look (for prospective fifth graders and their families) is set for October 26.
- Spaghetti Supper is November 9th in the evening, more information to follow.

VP of Fundraising: Linda Barcot ([linbarcot@gmail.com](mailto:linbarcot@gmail.com))

- Do you know of any business that would benefit from advertising with Pershing? Please pass along their name and I will reach out to them.
- Goal is to raise \$20K

Internal Audit Committee

- Internal audit was completed over the summer and no outstanding checks were discovered.

VP of Outreach: Ilse Rassin ([ilserassin@gmail.com](mailto:ilserassin@gmail.com))

- This is a new position for 2017-2018 and the aim is to organize community service events for the Pershing community. The opportunities will be posted in the Panda Post and Ms. Bennett and Ms. Harrison will organize the events.

Panda Power Hours: Rahilla Shatto ([rahilla.shatto@gmail.com](mailto:rahilla.shatto@gmail.com))

- Panda Power Hours will be starting soon, any volunteers please contact Rahilla Shatto. There will be free space; quiet areas to do homework and there will be activity space for workshops.

President: Beth Lane ([bethland91@gmail.com](mailto:bethland91@gmail.com))

- Please sign up for the Panda Post on PTO website.
- PTO General Meetings alternate from morning to evening every month. Our next meeting is October 3, 2017 at 6:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28am.