PFA Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Palos South 7pm

President- Kori Aldrich/Mary Skweres
Welcome everyone for coming out. Huge shoutout to December to Remember team for doing a fantastic job. We've heard nothing but good things. Thank you to them and everyone that helped volunteer to make it a success. We're gearing up for Havana Nights next. We're excited for this new change. The biggest change is there will not be a silent auction component. focus on social

Secretary – Stacy Schuble
No report

PR/Communications – Hilary Rhodes

- Remember to give me any announcements or news for the weekly E-News.
- If you would like to post on facebook - I am happy to do that for you if you give me the content. I can help make the posts "pretty"
- If you want help with flyers or other PFA marketing pieces, please let me know!

Treasure – Kathy Purtill/Kathie DeBow
See attached report.

Vice President of Ways and Means – Christy Wright

Moms Night Out – Jill Dalton
No report

Small Fundraisers
Eat 'n Earns - still would like to get some on the schedule. For any in the summer, would like to get them planned well in advance to give parents enough notice
Catalogue Sale -

Spirit Wear – Esther Grosse
Typically one in spring paired with Shamrock. Do not think we will have one for Havana Nights. Baseball shirt later in the spring.

White Sox - Kori Aldrich
Date set for May 30. The choir has committed to being there that day. Ticket link is in so we can start posting and selling tickets. Goal is 500. Will need a few parent chaperones to go behind the scenes with the kids.

A December to Remember - Katie Mendoza, Karen Cairo and Katie Gira
A December to Remember turned out to be a magical day for everyone in attendance. Breakfast attendees enjoyed a beautiful performance from Abby Kasch. Santa visited with the children and made sure everyone was on track for the nice list. Buddy the Elf popped in for some snowball fights and candy. The workshop was filled with children shopping for gifts for their families and the art room was filled with little artists creating ornaments and decorations to celebrate the holiday season. We are so grateful for each and every person involved in helping make this event so special for the district children and families. It could not have been possible without the support of district administration and amazing volunteers. We sincerely thank you all!

Read-a-thon – Nicole Leggett
Final dates should be confirmed within the next week or so. Lisa Connors, Karen Johanson, Sharon Courtney are also helping. Theme is Rock n' roll.

Family Events
a. Juliette Fry/Megan Doyle *-*
b. Kate Galbincea/Kim Chovancak/Lauren Kirkner - spring event *-*

Color Wars - games and activities - hopefully confirm date within the next week or so

Cardinal Chase -

<u>Vice President of Membership – Juli Yelnick</u>

Hospitality – Sarah Demos/Heidi Jensen

Adult Event – Pam Lexow
February 29 - Havana Nights - Flyers were distributed to parents last week. Raffle tickets will follow this week. Working on getting all the documents created. Hoping for this Friday for raffle tickets - 3 $500 winners. Registration is open. There will be a few raffle baskets. Cuban inspired food and beverage. Tickets are higher, but drinks are included and there will be less asks for money at the event.

Graduation – Sharon Courtney/Kathy Purtill
There's a lot happening. The dance planning is coming along. There are a lot of committee's working on different aspects.

Vice President of Programs – Katie Mendoza

Art Chat – Jen Schroeder/Bridget Krusinski
Art Chat has four months remaining for this school year (January through April). There are still several classes with no or low volunteers. The PFA did include Art Chat in their email blasts this fall which seemed to help get the word out. We are planning a post on the PFA's Facebook page that we hope will motivate some new volunteers to sign up.

Humanities and Safety – Mary Skweres
We have a lot going on in the next few months at our schools. On January 24, our third graders at East will have a presentation by Big Run Wolf Ranch. In February, West third graders will have a visit from the Creepy Crawly Zoo. Also in February, seventh grade will be attending a Harriet Tubman play at Governors State University and fourth graders at both East and West are having a Forces of Motion science assembly. Thanks to all who support our fundraising events, which allow us to provide these wonderful learning opportunities for our students.

Reading – Katie Gira
Upcoming author visit next month at all 3 schools:

- Lisa Graff http://www.lisagraff.com/
- West; Tuesday Feb 18
- East; Wednesday, Feb 19
- South; Thursday, Feb 20

South Theme Lunch – Traci Zumerchik

Our next Theme lunch is February 7th – Star Wars Theme!

- New scene setter are taped and ready for use. Space scene - all black with stars - can be used for other themes in the future.
- Looking for volunteers to create centerpieces as well as brainstorm added décor for the new theme.

- Created Facebook post to ask any creative/talented parents to help as well as reach out to the community for donations of any Star Wars paraphernalia. Have not received any responses yet.
- We only have 14 volunteers signed up for the lunch – need at least 6 more as this is a new theme.

For anyone else who would like to information regarding the next South Theme Lunch, please email me at tracit233@hotmail.com or sign up on Sign Up Genius.

East and West Spirit Lunch
West- Christine Diliberto and Kim Segovia
We had a fantastic Winter Wonderland spirit lunch. Thankfully, we had around 20 volunteers that helped us. The kids enjoyed themselves!! We look forward to the next lunch. Hoping to have just as many volunteers!!

East – Kimberly Houston
Palos East spirit lunch was a huge success! We had about 10 volunteer parents who decorated the cafeteria into a magical winter wonderland. The kids were Ooooo-ing and Ahhhh-ing as they entered and saw the snowflakes hanging from the ceiling and winter themed decor. We played winter music and had the kids dance their way out to recess. It was a super fun day for the whole school.

Room Parties - Katie Mendoza
Palos East and Palos West students will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th with parties in their classrooms. If you would like to volunteer please visit the PFA SignUpGenius website and add your name and contact information. We ask that parents limit registration to one classroom party per adult volunteer. Please do not plan to split time between two or more classroom parties. Registration will close on Saturday, February 8th and registration lists will be sent to each school on Monday, February 10th. Parent volunteers must be registered and on the final SignUpGenius list to attend classroom parties.

Palos East

AM Kindergarten - 10:30 am - 11:30 am

PM Kindergarten and Grades 1-5 - 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Palos West

AM Pre-K and AM Kindergarten - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

PM Pre-K, Full Day/PM Kindergarten and Grades 1-5 - 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Foundation – Pam Paris
Trivia night coming up Saturday, February 8

MPA - Pam Paris
Solo contest coming up February 8.

New Business
Before March Meeting:
*It's time to form a nominating committee for open board positions next year. Gerri Checowski volunteered to help with nominating committee

*Board needs to set some time to review the budget for 2020-2021 planning.

Administrative Reports

Palos South Principal - Stuart Wrzesinki
Frozen is coming up - on Thursday 5th graders get to come see it. Students are already excited for the upcoming Star Wars theme lunch. Quarterly incentives are coming up. Recently some staff volunteered at RMH. It was a great experience and it was nice to see the group come together outside of the day to day activities.

West - Thank you to the families who made donations for mitten drive. This year was the most they have ever donated.

East - thank you to families for donating to pajama drive (225 sets), Scholastic matched with books - all were donated to Together We Cope. PBIS celebrations are coming up. Valentine's parties are also coming up - thankful for those who help.

Superintendent - Dr. Scarsella
Future Makeup days will most likely not be on scheduled holidays due to poor attendance.

Board has been provided two proposals on start dates for the next school year. Survey was sent out to parents in e-news and data is coming in. Should be finalized in February.

School Board Vice President - Pam Paris
Tuesday, January 21, is the next board meeting
Kindergarten registration starts Jan 21, visitation will be on February 6