

**La Pietra PFA Meeting**  
**September 6, 2018**  
**7:50 am- 9:00 am**  
**Conference Room**  
**Agenda**

- Welcome – Dan Hartenstein / Claire Link, Co-Presidents
  - PFA Introduction (Tanya Safi, Claire Link, Dan Hartenstein)
  - Self-Introductions – Parents
  - Latin Saying of the Month: “Nulla tenaci in via est via.”  
“Nothing stands in the way of a tenacious person”
  - Welcome & Update – Dr. Josh Watson
    - Dr. Josh Watson - Head of School encouraged everyone to attend back to school night and explained the process.
    - Gay Chinen – Dean of Students talked about the success of Middle School camp which is an annual bonding event for grades 6-8. She also spoke of the success of this year’s all school Hawea Heiau in Maunaloa/All-School Service Project. They received press on KITV Island News and also were treated to ice cream from a local resident.
    - Dr. Angie Dolan – Academic Dean & College Counselor
    - Megan Meyer –Anne Nakakura – Business Manager had nothing to report.
    - Liza Lee, Director of Advancement & Alumnae Relations
    - Ross Kinsler – Athletic Director
    - Stephanie Nomura – Executive Coordinator
    - Elaine Batacan – Registrar
    - Cathy Camacho – Administrative Assistant
- Admissions Update – Megan Meyer talked about gearing up for next year’s applicants and the fall open house November 15, 2018 @ 4:30 pm.
- Administration Report / College Update – Dr. Angie Dolan talked about it being midterms already and how parents will be receiving midterm reports in the mail this week. She explained how the reports are just a snapshot of student’s grades and that they are not used as a factor in final term grades. Dr. Dolan was excited to share that college visits are picking up and that all Jr.’s and Sr.’s will be going to UH for lunch next week to experience campus life. She shared that October 3, 2018 is FASFA financial aid night, a free service for those interested in the FASFA process and who have tax related questions. October 10, 2018 is an early release day. Middle school will be taking the ERB. 9-11th grade will be taking the PSAT and 12th grade will be attending a college interview and essay workshop.

- Advancement Update – Liza Lee thanked those who have signed up to volunteer for Sunset Jazz this coming Sunday, September 9, 2018.
- Athletic Update – Ross Kinsler reminded everyone that fall and winter signups are still ongoing for 9 different sports. He also said Tuesday, September 4, 2018 was club sign up day. The girls were able to join two clubs.
- Information Technology Information – INS/Anne Nakakura
- Staff Update – {format changes coming}
- Treasurer Report
- Old Business
  - Online access to syllabus & grading scale – update?  
Syllabus will be given tonight at open house. It will not be uploaded this year to mybackpack.com.
  - PFA Family Night – Reschedule still being discussed since it's cancellation due to Hurricane Lane. An end of the year family event may be in the works as an alternative. We will keep everyone posted.
- New Business
  - Volunteers welcomed for all our school events.
  - We would like to bring in special guest speaker this year. The sky's the limit as far as topics.
  - A parent discussed her concern over food/candy sales on campus. She feels there are several alternatives to what can be sold for fundraising. Dr. Watson reassured her that the issue has been on the table for some time now and that a solution is in the works.
  - Megan Meyer gave everyone a heads up regarding a marketing research focus group that will take place this month. An email will go out asking for parents to participate.
  - Dr. Watson asked if the La Pietra email, text and voicemail notification system was efficient during the hurricane. Parents shared their opinions.
  - Upcoming events
    - Back-to-School Open House – TONIGHT
    - Lunch by Moms & Dads – September 14<sup>th</sup> (monthly event)
    - La Pietra Chalk Festival – September 28<sup>th</sup> (Friday)
    - PFA Afternoon Tea – October 18<sup>th</sup> (quarterly event)
    - Father / Daughter event – October 19<sup>th</sup> (planners needed)
    - Sunset Jazz – Volunteers needed
    - Special Speakers – suggestions welcome (all subject to admin approval)

Next meeting October 11, 2018 @ 7:45 in the Conference Room