

La Pietra PFA Meeting
October 11, 2018
7:45am- 8:58am
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: Alis volat propriis: ‘She flies on her own wings’
 - Welcome & Update – Dr. Josh Watson
 - Dr. Josh Watson - Head of School talked about Stephanie Nomura’s departure from La Pietra, the return of 6th grade English teacher Mrs. Weeks from maternity leave as well as the departure of the current 6th grade Math/Science teacher. Her replacement started today.

 - Gay Chinen – Dean of Students
 - Dr. Angie Dolan – Academic Dean & College Counselor
 - Megan Meyer – Director of Admissions
 - Anne Nakakura – Business Manager
 - 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 praised all the La Pietra girls that volunteered for the Hawai’i Association of Independent Schools’ annual fair at the Hawaii Convention Center on September 22, 2018. She was very impressed with their representation of the school. Megan also thanked all the parents who participated in the Crane Parent Focus Group and reminded parents of the school’s open house on November 15, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

- Administration Report / College Update – Dr. Angie Dolan said seniors are busy finalizing essays. To date, 45 colleges have visited La Pietra. There are 31 schools left. On October 10, 2018, 9-11 graders took the PSAT. Results will be available in January. Grades 6-8 took the ERB exam. Those results will be available in a few weeks. Dr. Dolan also reminded parents of the 2018 Fall National College Fair at the Hawaii Convention Center Thursday, October 25, 2018 (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

- Advancement Update – Liza Lee talked about the annual appeal that is currently on going for faculty/ staff. The Plant a Seed campaign will start soon for current La Pietra families and alumna. She stressed that importance of participation rather than dollar amount. Also, Hoopla 2019, La Pietra’s signature fundraiser, will be on campus this year in March.
- Athletic Update – Ross Kinsler spoke of fall sport wrapping up. Sixth grade volleyball started on Wednesday, and the rest of winter sports will start the end of October. The bulletin has all the winter sports information. Lastly, spirit wear will be available soon for all the sports.
- Information Technology Information – INS/Anne Nakakura
- Staff Update - Dr. Hall gave a nice presentation of what a few of the teachers are doing with their students.
- Treasurer Report- Claire Link briefly went over what events the PFA covers. Our first Lunch by Moms and Dads, taco salad, profited \$185. Very good!
- Old Business
 - PFA Family Night – tentative date: 12-7-18.
- New Business
 - Upcoming events
 - Lunch by Moms & Dads – TOMORROW! Baked Potatoes (scrubbing later today)
 - PFA Afternoon Tea – Thurs October 18th
 - Father / Daughter event – Fri October 19th (update)
 - Hawaii Assn for College Admission Counselling Fair – Thurs October 25th (Convention Center)
 - Wahine Forum – Thurs October 25th (HHV)
 - Special Speakers – suggestions welcome (all subject to admin approval)
 1. List of suggested topics – any feedback?
 - a. College Funding
 - b. Internet Safety / Sex Trafficking
 - c. Patsy Mink Center for Business & Leadership
 - d. Women in Filmmaking
 2. How/to whom to make a suggestion
 3. Aiming for December’s PFA meeting

Next meeting November 1st, 2018 @ 7:45 in the Conference Room