

La Pietra PFA Meeting
December 6th, 2018
7:50 am- 9:04am
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: “Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis.”
“Times change and we change with it.”
 - Welcome & Update –
 - Dr. Josh Watson introduced La Pietra’s new executive assistant, Dawn Ijiri. He gave the college update on behalf of Dr. Dolan and was happy to announce that although early, 10 girls have been accepted into 16 colleges with several being offered full rides. A parent added that his daughter received an acceptance letter on Sunday bringing the college total to 17.
 - Dr. Watson talked about a letter he will be sending out to La Pietra parents regarding vaping and its seriousness. He added he has already spoken to the students regarding the issues of vaping and is encouraging us to talk with our children at home.
 - Lastly, he talked about a new parent educational series the La Pietra counselors have put together regarding screentime among the youth that will be presented to parents. He asked when and how we would like to view it? During a meeting? After school? Dr. Watson suggested one of the counselors come to our next meeting to give an overview of what they would like to present. Parents then broke off into a discussion regarding their own views on middle schoolers having their phones during school hours.
- Admissions Update – Megan Meyer
- Administration Report / College Update – Dr. Angie Dolan
- Advancement Update –
 - Liza Lee thanked everyone who contributed to the Plant a Seed campaign. To date, school wide participation is at 53%. She spoke again of Hoopla being March 15 and that the Hoopla committee will be requesting volunteers in the near future.
- Dean of Students – Gay Chinen
- Athletic Update –
 - Ross Kinsler: In middle school P.E. archery is finishing up with flag football following. He did discuss briefly that there will be an archery team in the spring. Varsity basketball had a fun, team building time in Lanai for a tournament Nov 29-31. Sixth grade volleyball is doing well. And four swimmers qualified for the stated meet during their 1st swim meet.

- Business / Information Technology Information – INS/Anne Nakakura
- Staff Update –
 - Jeanette Hall and Jack Wade showed a slideshow showing examples of several teacher’s class projects and passed around samples.
- Treasurer Report
- Old Business
 - Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for an incredible open house showing!
 - PFA Family Night – postponed (too many scheduling conflicts), but the effort was not wasted!
- New Business
 - Upcoming events
 - Lunch by Moms & Dads – Tomorrow – Pasta Bake
 - NHS Spelling Bee – Tomorrow
 - La Pietra Holiday Program – Tuesday December 11th @ 6pm (Gym)
 - PFA Afternoon Tea – Thurs December 13th
 - Exam Breakfast – December 17th & 18th
 1. Volunteers needed for both days! Start time = 6am
 - a. Fried Rice
 - b. Prep/Cook/Serve
 2. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2PhZBqo>
 - Wine & Cheese event
 1. Tentative Date: January 18. Working with sponsors – may need to delay by a week...
 2. If anyone would like to help with the planning/concept, please contact Dan Hartenstein (258-0506)
 - Special Guest Day – February 15th
 1. Over 40 volunteers will be needed
 2. ...even if you can just come later in the day to help with breakdown, all hands are appreciated!
 3. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2FZ5BVB> [need to add clean-up crew to SuG: 3-4 people]
 - A special thank you to Barry Brice for the kitchen tool donations! Chopping onions has never been easier...
 - Steve Nakagawa shared his upset with intermittent wifi at the school and how it interfered with a recent online test his daughter was taking for her online class. Dr. Watson reassured everyone that despite a few instances of “bad luck” La Pietra’s system has been upgraded throughout the past year and is significantly better than last year.

Next meeting January 10th, 2018 @ 7:45 in the Conference Room