

Fans of the Everglades Restoration Magnet Inc.
1300 Paladin Way Plantation, FL 33317

FERM Meeting Minutes.
August 21, 2024

Meeting held in the Magnet Amp.

Attendance: Martha Villegas, Amy Fisher, Mandy DaCosta, Julie Robbins, Andreea Stefaneseu Christine Souilliard, Jason Souilliard, La Wanda Green, Heather Vallee, Lisette Rogers, Melissa Smiley, Charline Beaubien, Rosemary Luna, Alicia Vilarchao, Pamela VanKoevering, Shenellica Tremellen, Carla Webb, Stefanie Smith, Crystal Hanson, Haya Darwish, Michelle Avelson, Bria Horner, Ostazne Camille, Getidy Portela, Jennifer Falcher, Jenifer Rivera, Jamie Higgins, Nick Duarte, Amy Duarte, Charmaine Chen-Adrien, Arlene's Mendoza, Andrea Williams, Cynthia Blanton, Karina Moreno, Angel Ricardo, Pierre Exantus, Michelle Hall, Marlon McKie, Heidi Schoenfeld, Andrew Schoenfeld, Mameen Long, Mary Beth Polinski, Jennifer Shipley, Oscar Rodriguez, Jonny Lyons, Vicky Vasilael, Alinivska Medina, Helia Lobbon, Yerilee Rodriguez Ferrel, Gi Gi Jules, Robbi Auerbach, Roxane Herrera, Meko Williams, Yubiri Brito, Leandro Rueda Cruz, Betirine Jeune, Alina Borrero, Guillen Philippe, Mggie Sverak, Janet Quara, Alisse Herbert, Matthew Zealy, Mr. Forbes, Alison Gold, Amanda Castilla, Michelle Axelson

Meeting called to order at 6:08

Alisse - Welcomed everyone and encouraged everyone to get involved and take part in FERM. Introduced FERM and the board members.

Allison approved minutes from May 20, 2024 meeting. 2nd by Mr. Durate.

Zealy- Introduced himself and introduced Mr. Forbes.

Sept - Fall Meet and Greet is an opportunity to meet with the magnet teachers and learn more about the Magnet program.

Parent link - Ms. Miller sent out parent link to entire school by mistake, however all parents/ students are welcome to join FERM. This year the entire staff is being invited to join FERM.

Treasure Report (Micelle Axelson) : Account Balance: \$35,123.50

Alisse - Money is spent on many of the events throughout the year, field trips, teacher appreciation events and scholarships

Fundraising - Ali — Fall festival / community event — include clubs, selling plants, feeding animals, car and pet washes, face painting, etc. This event will require a lot of planning and she requested lots of parent involvement. Provided a Sign up sheet and encouraged volunteers.

Discussed other fundraising events which FERM has done in the past: Family nights/ restaurants , Movie nights, Pura Vida bracelets

Looking for more ideas

Membership - Robbi - 160-170 members of FERM

Alisse - self funded. Non-funded by the school. Which is why we do a lot of fundraisers and why it's important to get membership dues.

Volunteer Coordinator - Heather - Explained her role to get volunteers and chaperons from field trips. Informed the group that sign up emails will be sent via SignUpGenius as field trips are scheduled. First come / First served. Informed everyone that they must be an “approved volunteer” in order to chaperone or volunteer on campus. QR code was provided on the screen which takes them to the volunteer application.

Alisse - passed out parent volunteer hour sheets and explained how the school gets recognized for parent volunteer hours. Asked parents if they have a company which may be interested in being a partner with FERM

Events:

August 27 - Open House (school event) — need volunteers for selling FERM swag

Sept 4 - (9th and 10th grades) FAST PM 1

Sept 16 & 17 (9th and 12th grade) - YEA! Weedology program— learn about invasive plants, plant in the gardens,

Sept 18 - Magnet Fall Meet and Greet (all magnet parents)

Zealy - several websites. SouthPlantationMagnet.org — Main one he will be updating with all meeting information provided and upcoming events, fundraisers, field trips, etc.

Food Forest (seniors) \$3000 grant for fruit trees

Coach Kincade - will be setting up the swim assessment field trip near Ft. Lauderdale. Goal is to get all magnet students comfortable around water. Either the week of Oct 21 or Oct 28

Mr. Forbes - Welcomed and talked about the goal to become an A school. Talked about the importance of downloading the FOCUS app. Talked about the changes that have taken place this year (metal detectors, etc.) Parent involvement is KEY.

Alisse - Asked for feedback. Informed that meetings will sometimes take place at restaurants, in addition to meetings at the school.

Ali- encouraged everyone to get involved.

Questions:

Q: How do we sign up for FERM. A: Zealy- \$75 that was paid at time of registration is the 4 year membership fee

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm