



**Palencia Elementary PTO Meeting**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

**Event Updates**

- *Daddy / Daughter* – Saturday, January 24th 6:00 – 9:00pm
  - Denim & Diamonds
  - Brooke Paarlberg & Amy Franks – over 400 tickets sold
  - Exploring venue options for next year- **Renaissance is switching to a Marriott and the break even number is not feasible.**

**Upcoming Events**

- *Family Bingo Night* – Wednesday, March 4th - 6:00-7:30pm
  - Carol Strickler / Merissa Maimo
  - Pizza, cookies and water to be served first from 6-6:30 (while supplies last)
- *Online Auction* – April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12th
  - Brooke Paarlberg, and Allison Tucker, Merissa Maimo
  - Always looking for items / donations for the auction
  - Live Auction Gala – Saturday, April 11th @ the Palencia Club 6:00-9:30pm
    - Casino Royal theme - \$60 per person
    - Flyers go home today
    - Ticket sales open today and close on 4/3
    - Looking for volunteers to help the night of the event
    - Update from Allison and Brooke
  - Looking for donations of items- ask at places where you go daily/weekly- nail salons etc. The company gets advertising
  - The live auction portion is coming back this year- will happen 4/11 6-9:30, Casino Royale theme, \$60 per person to attend. Ticket sales open today 3/3 and will close on 4/3.
  - Casino Games- **NOT MONETARY** Gambling- buy in \$ and cash out for tickets, it can be traded for tickets that can be used for wine and bourbon pull, heads or tails necklaces, basket tickets.
  - The heads and tails game, wine and bourbon pull.
  - **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY-** night of event-
  - Sponsor opportunity- Casino games, heads and tails game, appetizer sponsor, \$600 a piece for sponsors - This level sponsor is able to enter an hour early and start casino games.
  - Table sponsor \$100
  - Big ticket items needed- Vacation House etc.
  - Ticket price includes dinner and cash bar

**Update from Mrs. Goodrich**

- *District Budget Cuts* – Power point presentation from District meeting
- **\$23 Million Budget Shortfall-** powerpoint that was presented at the school board meeting.
  - \$8 Million is because the student population growth was less than projected as of April 2025
  - 26-27 School year is a \$15 Million shortfall due to state vouchers and underfunded state mandates.
- 26-27 needs- Marketing Funds, FOCUS Add'l staff, OT and PTS, Possible increases for staff, FOCUS implementation, Clearing House (unfunded state mandate, re-finger printing and background checks),

Add back in Travel, Masters Supplement due to a law change), Differentiated Pay and Advanced Degree, Contingencies- \$10,400.00  
FRS Increase, Textbook Adoption, Medical Insurance board por, 25-26 SY, QQ &RR Admin and Nurse- \$18,400.00

- Powerpoint is available on the district website.
- Staff went through this powerpoint
- How did we get here?
- What are we going to do? Where are the cuts?
- Plan: remove relocatables(portables) and leases (WGV property- and disperse the 80+ employees to open school building space) , SJTHS to become part of SAHS, Gaines will be moved to a virtual program, Cut additional district office positions- Dr. Asplen is “looking to cut positions and not people’
- DIRECT EFFECTS- Middle School and HS minimum is 30+, Summer School reduced to 5 locations and only for 3rd grade, Students with disabilities extended school year down to one North and one South location, Review all IEP and needs for one to one student/teacher ratio, with zero base budgeting for current one to one needs for ASA (PES doesn’t currently have anyone funded under ASA), reduce Tech support/job sharing
- School Counselors will push SJ Virtual option over Florida Virtual- The district retains money for SJVS not FLVS.
- SJVS operate on a 12 month calendar
- Charging a fee for homeschool students to attend an elective class.
- New Class sizes 1:20 k-3 1:24 3-5th Grade- increase class size by 2
- Each school owes the district office \$30,000 regardless of school size
- Early Retirement incentive- if anyone is on the cusp of retiring- if you want to go now lump sum \$10,000
- Week of March 4 Administrative/Managerial positions will start to be notified of position illuminations
- SJCS D is still the best school district in the state- we will work through and come out stronger.
- All Financials can be found on the school district websites.

#### MEETING ATTENDEES CONCERNS

- Step Up Scholarships for students doesn’t have a regulatory agency overseeing the use of money.
- Mrs. Goodrich- mentioned we do not earn 2 PE Coaches- Our School pays for one, and it is not sustainable.
- The Church that rented the Cafeteria on Thursday no longer rents our space.
- Mrs. Goodrich is in talks with Extended Day to see if there would be a possibility for specialty camps.

#### PTO Updates

- Pirate’s Bounty update – Spring Break bags for 55 students
  - Donations due to the front office by Monday, March 9th
- Spirit Wear Fridays (students may wear booster shirt, any spirit wear, or school colors)
  - New winter styles and “Always be Nice” shirts were released
- Looking for volunteers to help with PTO next year

#### PTO Finances

- Update provided from our Treasurer – Anne Raha
- PTO Grant Fund – ideas from teachers / budget
- Digital Marquee – currently in process of comparing 3 vendor quotes

#### Save the Dates

- April 14 – PTO Meeting
- May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation

#### Questions?

- Presidents email: pes.ptopresident@gmail.com