



**Palmetto Football Parent Meeting
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 28th, 2010
School Cafeteria**

Welcome/Introduction: John Kowallis

John welcomed everyone to the Panther Touchdown Parent meeting. He started by thanking everyone on the board from last year for their hard work and dedication. Chris Myers and Carol Bayer were the co-Presidents and did a phenomenal job in fund raising. John introduced the new board members Lynn Showers, Pam Regula, John Kowallis, Eric Weiss, Mike Cullen, Diana Montenegro and Javier Palevechino.

Coach Coffey

Coach Coffey thanked everyone for being at the meeting. Coach Coffey mentioned the varsity team for next year will be a very new team due to the large graduating class. They have been complying with off-season rules. Spring is the time we improve the ability of our kids from weight room to the field.

We have been invited to participate in a three-way program including Ferguson and Killian on May 22, at Ferguson high school field. Ferguson High School is located at 15900 SW 56th Street. The game time is 11:00 a.m. The team spring practice commences May 3, 2010. Coach Gonzalez will be working with Coach Latimere with the Junior Varsity JV players. There are a couple of coaching changes including hiring a new coach for varsity which will be announced at a later time due to some other changes including a coach retiring. All changes will be posted on the web site for parents to read. The rest of the staff will be the same.

We have just finished a fund raiser with the players consisting of discount books. Each player was given a discount book to bring home and sell. The books are sold at \$20 and the team receives half of the value \$10 for each book sold. We want to use the proceeds to pay for the players to participate in different 7vs.7 tournaments. All fund raising defrays the costs to the students and parents. He plans on a blitz in May for selling the rest of the books.

Two separate organizations have been presented different fund raising opportunities. Coach would like for the parents to decide on the fundraising opportunities for this year.

Coach complimented the booster club for their commitment. He complimented Ms. Bayer for her outstanding efforts last year. He recognized that other high schools do not have the same level of commitment from the parents and he is very proud of the Panther Touchdown Booster Club.

Coach provided the parents with a brief review of graduating senior players that have been signed for different university programs with scholarships. Coach stressed to the parents that grades and test scores are critical. He explained that if the players don't have the starting base with their

grades it becomes more difficult to place the players in university programs. Scholarship offers and placements are based on a combination of athletic ability and course work.

Keeping Athletes Safe: Michelle Benz

Michelle could not join us this evening because she was traveling with another team function for the high school. She did provide an important fact sheet regarding athlete participation in the Panther football team. John reviewed the fact sheet with the parents. The information is also posted on the web site in the Trainers section.

Review of Team Budget and Team Projected Expenses: Eric Weiss

Eric Weiss discussed the PTC finances. At the present time the PTC budget is very good due to the fundraising efforts of the previous board and parents. We have \$11,000 in the budget our target is to get to \$20,000. We have decided as a board to not assess any fees this year for the players instead we are asking the parents to please support the program advertising.

We will be using the same printer. The goal is to get the program out the first game of the season. The program takes 10 days to print. We will need all the advertising by August 1, 2010. There will be one program and there will be consideration for new advertising if available from sponsors as the season progresses. Diana Montenegro will be the contact person for any advertising requests. All ads should be emailed to her at montenegrohrc consulting@gmail.com

We are setting up 501-3C for tax deduction for parents to donate to the program with meal sponsorship or any other contributions. The designation will allow the NFL Association to match any donations made to the team by NFL players. If any of the parents have any possible player contacts that would be willing to donate to the PTC they are encouraged to follow up.

Panther Pre-Game Meals: Lynne Roberts-Showers

Lynne spoke about the pre-game meals. She encouraged the parents to bring desserts and offered her residence as a drop off in the morning of the games and she will gladly deliver.

The Perry Family has volunteered to bring the oranges and bananas to all the pre-game meals. Lynne thanked Sir Pizza for delivering pizzas to the meals. Sir Pizza's Owner would like to get with us to have a Panther Touch-Down Night at the restaurant and 10% of the proceeds will go to the club.

We will need volunteers for the pre-game meals. Parent asked if there was a preference for the meals. We have over 80 individuals to feed for each pre-game meal. Sir Pizza and State Farm will sponsor the first pre-game meal.

Lynne mentioned that the students really appreciate the parent support.

Open Question & Answer

Sir Pizza offered the PTC the opportunity to tail gate before any season game or after the game. Sir Pizza will provide 10% if the evening proceeds from all purchases made by team players and family if the PTC provides a roster of the team players.

Meeting adjourned – 8:15 PM