

Lakeshore Elementary PTO

General February Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, February 08, 2022, held virtually from 6:30 pm-7:30pm.

Meeting called to order by President, Holli Jacobson at 6:30p.m.

Attendance: Colleen Miner, Deb Lewis, Holli Jacobson, Robin Miller, Dani Dedman, Nora Tepsa and Nika Schwarz. There were 7 members in attendance: No guests in attendance.

***Introductions:**

***Principal's Report:** Colleen Miner let members know what the transition would look like when she relocates to be with her family over spring break. Three people will be stepping in for her to complete the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Heather Grant will be looking after day-to-day duties and will make sure everyday tasks run smoothly as they have been.

***Treasurer's Report:** The report was prepared by Tiffany Butterfield and was made available via email for the meeting. (See attached Treasurer Report). The checking account balance as of 1/11/2022 is \$11,673.61 and the saving balance is \$21,356.67. Colleen Miner gave the go ahead for Tiffany Butterfield to purchase the remaining items on the "Wish Fish". Robin Miller suggested making another teacher interest survey to have flexible seating for all classrooms. Robin volunteered to create a survey that would include different seating options and tables for teachers to indicate if they would like items for their classroom. By doing so, it would be more cost effective to purchase these types of items in bulk.

***Bingo School Event:** Bingo Night is scheduled for Friday, February 11. Bingo baskets and small individual prizes have been assembled. 44 large cheese pizzas have been ordered from Little Caesars Pizza on Madison Street and will be delivered to Lakeshore at 1pm. Bingo will be pre-recorded to fit individual classroom activities. Each student will receive a small bingo prize, regardless of if they win, and each student's name will be entered to win a basket at the end.

***Read and Feed:** The next Read and Feed will be Friday, February 18th and PTO is looking for parent volunteers to pop the popcorn. This takes a couple of hours to do and a link to sign up will be created by Dani Dedman. Contributions from the Read and Feed will be donated to Lutheran Social Services, who is assisting Afghan refugees to relocate to our area.

***Walkie Talkies:** Emily Sternfeld-Dunn ordered walkie talkies and they recently arrived at Lakeshore. Staff are going to work on the logistics of where to keep them and make sure everyone will know how to use them.

***Conference food for staff:** The PTO will cater lunch from Mancino's Grinders and Pizza, and food items will be delivered on Thursday at 11:00am. Grinders and salad have been ordered, along with vegetarian and gluten free options. There are extra plates and napkins from the

bingo event, however we will need to purchase bowls and utensils for the soup. Dani Dedman will create a sign up for soups and other sides for the evening meal.

***Bus Driver Appreciation Week:** Deb Lewis has suggested purchasing hot chocolate and organic pecan turtles for our 10 bus drivers and monitors. She also suggested \$10.00 gift cards from Kwik Trip. Deb will be in touch with Tiffany Butterfield to determine how to make this purchase.

*** Pablo Exhibit: “The Bias Inside Us”** topic presented by Robin Miller. This traveling Smithsonian Institute exhibit will open February 26th and run through March 27, 2022. It explores the bias that all humans have, and how being self-aware can help us with our behaviors. Admission is free and Lakeshore would have the opportunity to reserve an evening to attend. A space would be set aside for 4th and 5th graders and their families. The date available will be March 9th at 6:00pm.

***Other:** A parent inquired about Accelerated Reader (AR), a reading program, that is used in schools, and was wondering if this could be a program that Lakeshore would consider using. Colleen Miner inquired about AR and currently the Eau Claire School District supports platforms such as Pebble Go, Sora, and many more. This reading program would not follow the philosophy of literacy in the Eau Claire School District.

March PTO Meeting: It was discussed that it would be nice if this meeting could be held in person, if possible, since it will be Colleen Miners last meeting. Colleen was asked the question, “What would she like to see the PTO do or not do in the future?” Colleen will have a response for the group at this next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Minutes compiled by Nika Schwarz, Secretary