

Lakeshore Elementary PTO

General January Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 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, Tiffany Butterfield, Emily Sternfeld-Dunn, Abbie Oleson, Nora Tepsa and Nika Schwarz. There were 10 members in attendance: No guests in attendance.

***Introductions:**

***Principal's Report:** Colleen Miner let members know that there have been numerous quarantines this past week. Lakeshore has been lucky that it has been able to fill positions with substitute teachers. She also indicated that parents have been very supportive and understanding during this time.

***Treasurer's Report:** The report was prepared by Tiffany Butterfield and was made available via email for the meeting. (See attached Treasurer Report). Currently the checking account balance is approximately \$13,423.73. Tiffany has spent around \$1,000.00 on "Wish Fish" items and will continue to purchase items as teachers submit new requests. There will also be a tax fee coming up from our accountant, Chip. As of now, we have completed forms for the IRS and are waiting on a letter from them. Chip will have a few items to finish up and then the PTO should be completed with this process.

***Ornament Follow Up:** Students were happy to make the ornaments for Meals on Wheels and for residents at Heatherwood Assisted Living. Lakeshore received a thank you note from Heatherwood, expressing their gratitude. Deb Lewis read the letter to the group, and it was very heartwarming.

***Bingo Night Planning (How to proceed with the increase in Omicron cases):** Bingo Night is scheduled for Friday, February 11. Due to the increase in Omicron cases, PTO has decided to hold the Bingo Event as an in-class event. Students will enjoy playing rounds of bingo in their classroom with pizza. Small prizes will be given out for winners and each student will have their name put in a drawing for a basket. Nika Schwarz will organize the baskets for the event, along with the small prizes and order the pizza. The bingo event will take place at the end of the day and potentially be streamed live on the smart boards. Teachers present at the meeting just asked that we be mindful to not interrupt MAPEL activities since students enjoy participating in these classes.

***Read and Feed:** The next Read and Feed will be Friday, January 21 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 has been created by Dani Dedman. Contributions from the Read and Feed will be donated to the Stanley School District, which suffered from a tornado in December.

***Walkie Talkies:** Emily Sternfeld-Dunn suggested to the PTO that we purchase walkie talkies for staff to use during pick up procedures. This would provide dedicated communications for staff to use, rather than using cell phones. If there is a substitute teacher, it is difficult to communicate with one another, since they may not know each other's phone numbers. Emily has volunteered to investigate some walkie talkie options with multiple channels.

***Book Fair:** Scholastic Books has discontinued their online book fairs. Robin Miller asked the PTO if we would like to participate in a book fair and with the current increase in Omicron cases, the PTO has decided not to participate at this time. The PTO will post pone in person book fairs until the spring, perhaps in April or May. With warmer weather, this would offer the opportunity for an outside bookfair.

***Conference food for staff:** It was suggested that PTO have a meal catered from Manicos. PTO would potentially provide food for both lunch and dinner. Members will continue to discuss this plan.

***Club's Choice Reward:** Colleen Miner and Deb Lewis will provide information regarding what the reward will be and when it will take place. Due to the increase in the Omicron variant, the PTO thinks it would be best to post pone for the time being. It was suggested that we wait until spring, when students could be outside and possibly walk to the skate park to eat and celebrate.

***Other:** Emily Sternfeld-Dunn inquired about Accelerated Reader (AR) a reading program that is used in schools. She was wondering if this was something that Lakeshore would consider in the future. Colleen Miner indicated that this is something that the school district would have to determine, since it would require technical support. Colleen Miner would be the person that would need to investigate this program or one like it.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Minutes compiled by Nika Schwarz, Secretary