

Lakeshore Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting “Minutes”

September 12, 2023 6:30pm

Attendance: President Robin Miller, Vice President Nika Schwartz, Treasurer Tiff Butterfield, Secretary Beth Griffith, Partnership Care Coordinator Dani Dedman, Communications Jake Lau, Principal Kish, Ben and Steph Meyer, Nicole Cook, Justine Johnson, Amanda Hilson, Andrea Shambourek, Jackie Arnold, Jen Davis, Betty-Chang Moua, Stacy Wagner, Erin Janke, Krystin Mehlberg, and Aiden Ball.

Meeting called to order by Robin Miller. Review of August minutes, followed by a motion to approve the Minutes by Amanda Hilson and seconded by Jake Lau.

Upcoming PTO events:

Ice Cream Social 9/28 from 6-7:30 Robin informed us that Kwik Trip has made a generous donation of \$100 worth of gift cards to use towards our social. She stressed the need for many parent volunteers and ideally someone to chair this event. She noted a few parents have expressed interest already and that Jake will be making a sign-up looking to secure additional volunteers.

Halloween Carnival 10/27 from 5:30-7: Nika to chair event. Last year the PTO reached out to the Memorial High School Key Club and gained many helpers this way. Again, this year the PTO will try to secure help through them or a similar group in addition to parent volunteers. Budget for event is \$500 with most of the spending being on candy. Tiff will start to price candy as we are planning for 375 individual sized bags of candy. Jake will make a volunteer sign up closer to date of event.

Culver’s Night upcoming on 9/18

Future of Read and Feed: After discussion it was decided that at this time the Read and Feed event is one we are no longer supporting due to many considerations e.g. lack of a chairperson and the mess it has caused for the janitors. We would like to transition into another form of charitable giving. Dani brought to the PTO’s attention that one of our own Lakeshore families is going through some challenging times due to a new medical diagnosis of their youngest child. As a PTO, we are looking at ways we can pull together and help them financially. An idea presented is a donation bucket at the Ice Cream Social for cash, checks, and a Paypal link too. Dani is looking at ways to collect additional donations at school over a week or two time period.

PCC report: Dani has received a request from staff to help deep clean essentially the staffs second breakroom located near the gym. Jake to make sign up for help with this. PTO is sponsoring the kindergarten field trip to Ferguson’s this Friday. The fee this year is \$8 per student with 54 kids going and 6-8 staff members who are free to enter. Busing will be provided for \$200. The PTO’s biggest fundraiser through Clubs Choice will begin September 18. The goal is to raise \$12000. A reward of a Culver’s trip to be provided for 25 or more items sold and items will be ready for pick up on November 2nd. Dani also informed us that if our school would like to continue to have a Class Directory this will have to be done through the PTO alone. The staff members cannot help with this, so it we be solely on the PTO to manage and update the directory from year to year. The PTO will need to discuss this more before making any decisions.

Principals Report: Ms. Kish noted that the year was off to a strong start. Good feedback was received from Welcome Back Day. This year students will have weekly “Wave Time”. Time spent working on

social emotional skills amongst there class. STAR assessments to begin week of Sept 18-29. Staff has received new training on Standard Response training. Ms. Kish stressed the importance of good attendance, making sure meds are updated with school, and if parents are looking to volunteer at the school on a regular basis to reach out to Dani to complete necessary paperwork. Betty Chang-Moua discussed PBIS some and noted September assembly would be focused on kindness. They have started discussing “title events” for this year with the focus being building community. PTO informed them that we have budgeted \$1000 and will help in ways we are able to.

Mini Grant Request: Ms. Granse-Paral has asked for the PTO to purchase a book to help her music students. The book Make a Motion is \$45. Nika made a motion to pass and it was seconded by Beth. Tiff will order the book.

Wrap up: All non board members in attendance were entered in a drawing. Betty Chang-Moua won \$25 Kwik Trip gift card.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

Minutes compiled by Beth Griffith, Secretary