

LPA PTO April 7, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:03am

In attendance: Kim D., Pam W., Michelle S., Erika W., Diana S., Erin G., Erin A., Christy B., Rebekah H., Pamela F., Cathy R., Carolyn H., Denise H., Janine B., Heather L., Holly P. and Judith T.

March meeting minutes – Denise H. motioned to approve and motion was seconded by Erika W. Vote passed unanimously.

Carolyn H. presented Sunshine Award nominations. Our April winners are:

Teacher: Ms. Latshaw, Volunteer: Erin Archer

Student K-4: Tatum Pocol and Student 5-8: Grace Harper

Mrs. Thayer shared great news about our school nurse, Amy Lynch, winning the recognition of St. Johns County School Employee of the Year.

We have launched SCHOOL PAY where families can now pay online for various things like DC Trip, yearbooks, school trips, fees, etc. There is a nominal fee but no lost checks and payment is accepted ASAP. A limited number of yearbooks are now available on a first come first serve basis for those who missed the order deadline. High Schools use School Pay as well, just add each student individually with the school they attend and use the list to add items to cart & pay as you wish.

Good Will Bag it Up Drive is underway. Thursday and Friday, April 9 & 10, are the collection days. As of this week we have 1,396 Students! If we have 60% participation LPA will get \$1,000 and a computer station.

Planning for 2015/2016 News - We will be adding a Middle Grades Lang Arts and Social Studies teacher. We will have nine sections of 5th grade (we have seven this year). Two 5th Grade Teachers are retiring - Thompson and Knox. Parrett, Myers, Heffernan and Carter will be moving up to 5th Grade. Raiford will move to Middle School Math and Science. 4th & 5th grade will remain in Dens as well as some of 3rd, and no new Dens are planned. No Zoning changes in near future.

AVID training is moving forward – approximately 12 people are attending this summer. Organization and writing will be a focus, executive function skills. We are starting with 4th, 5th and 6th grade.

LPA Drama was chosen to participate in a Musical-in-Our-School Insta-Gram Campaign. April 29th there will be live streaming of our Little Mermaid Jr. Musical.

Shade for Lunch Patio – there have been a couple measurement errors on part of installation crew so construction has been pushed back to early May. Shade is coming! Keep sending in BoxTops!

Creekline: Please submit information to Diana Sarama by 12th of the month:
dssarama@aol.com

VP Fundraising: Kim D. for Melissa K.: New Partners still being added: Fly Drive Rent and Creeks.

Nominating Committee: General Meeting on Friday, April 10, at 9am. Open Positions will be presented at the meeting. Where we are as of now - Pres: Erin G., VP: Erin A., VP Membership: Brook A., Treas: Melissa K., Sec: Robyn C., B-Day Run: Rebekah H., Box Top: Kathy B., Campbell Soup/Tyson: Dawn G., Nicole E., & Christina C., Coupon Book: Melissa, Gala: Cynthia D. and Amber B., Hospitality: Heather L. and Pam W., Staff Appreciation: Christy B., **Inside Marketing/PR: open**, Leveled Book Room/Media: Erika W.? & Vicky L.?, **GatorBowl-open**, **Meet The Artist-Open**, **Mini Grant: Maybe open**, **Outside PR/Creekline: open**, Parliamentarian: Cathy R., Scholarship: Lori M., Sunshine: Carolyn H, Book Fair: Cathy R., **School Supplies: open**, Spiritwear: Erin A., **Visual Marketing/Cups/Bulletin Boards: open**, Wizards: Lori M. & Michelle C.

VP Membership – SignUps are being sent soon for Staff Appreciation. A suggestion was made to have a Business Partner sponsor the new SignUp fees for next school year. Their name could be included in the SignUp. Discussion was had about Community Leader’s Day – May 22nd, Friday – volunteer needs/details are to be determined.

Treasurer – Pam spoke about status of bank with balance around \$55K. By the end of the year we are projecting approximately \$39K to provide LPA. We are assembling a preliminary list of needs with Ms. Thayer.

LPA Scholarship is \$500, we only received applications from Bartram. Applications are being reviewed. The winner is not announced until the actual award is presented to the student in May.

Spiritwear planning for 2015/2016 is underway. Fire sale was successful and we have sold all old inventory. NEW designs are being considered and meetings are scheduled with the printer. We are planning for shirt sales prior to end of school year.

Secretary – DRAFT notes from PTO meetings are being placed on PTO page and any changes or updates can be emailed to LPAPTOWEB@GMAIL.COM

Hospitality is planning for Staff Appreciation in May. Christy B. shared “Ob-SUESS-ed with LPA” is the theme. Pictures are currently being taken of teachers and information has been emailed to Room Parents. The “teacher note” has been placed on the PTO page and emailed to Room Mom’s as well. Everything is going to be great – the teachers and staff have something wonderful to look forward to each day. We are trying to have Business Sponsors for various events: Coffee Bar, Dessert Bar, Custodial Dinner, etc. Maple Street is sponsoring Friday Breakfast/Coffee.

Coffee with the Principal – Heather L. - April 10th at 9am – Topic: Open Question and Answer Session.

Book Fair – Cathy R. - New dates are May 18th-22nd – Set up is on Friday, 15th. Night of the Arts is also moved to Tuesday, May 19th. Not too much is going on yet –but flyers are being assembled and stapled now by student helpers.

Media – Erika W. shared that books in honor of Kathleen Haag have been ordered and received. Kathleen’s son chose a book about Dinosaurs and her daughter chose a book about horses. Dedications will be placed inside and the books will be available soon in the media center.

School Supply kit sales are underway – 43 sold so far – information has gone home this week. Last day to order is June 30th. Link will be placed on the PTO site.

No Old Business

New Business:

Family Night? – SJGCC has offered a Family Night fundraiser – Wednesday, May13th – Italian Night – 20% goes back to LPA - \$15.95 for adults, \$6.95 for kids, 5pm-8pm.

Carolyn H. suggested some High School student helpers for LPA to help in front office prior to school opening. There are so many deliveries, calls, and activities going on; the front office staff is running in circles and might benefit from assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am

Next meeting is 10am, Tuesday, May 5th at LPA.