

LPA PTO January 6, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am

In attendance: Kim D., Pam W., Heather L., Michelle S., Cathy R., Melissa K., Pamela F, Diana S., Erin A., Erin G., Christy B., Rebekah H., Jonyce B., and Judith T.

December meeting minutes – Melissa K. motioned to approve and motion was seconded by Christy B. Vote passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thayer provided a copy of the 2015-2016 District Calendar. School will start early, August 10th.

Thanksgiving is only Thursday and Friday off school, classes are M-T-W of Thanksgiving week. Christmas break will be a little longer with students returning after break on Wednesday, not Tuesday. February, there will be a four-day weekend with no school on 15th & 16th. School ends Thursday prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Due to the shorter summer this year there will be no shut down week during summer and no moving to Bartram High School. LPA will be open 5 days a week at LPA, no Friday off, hours will be 7:30am-3:30pm.

Discussion was had on class/schedule changes for next year. LPA will be adding one more High School Honors class – an Honors Physical Science class for 8th graders and will only be available to students earning two 5s on L/A and Math FCATs. Discussion was had on AVID. Ms. Thayer announced that all rising 6th graders not taking Intensive Reading will take a new Advanced Reading elective for 2015-2016.

We have registered 31 new students in last two days. There will be changes for safety reasons related to early checkout. Early checkouts average around 65-70 students a day – checkout deadline will now be 1pm on Wednesday or 2pm on normal days, this is the same as High School. End of day transportation changes need to be made by 10am.

Kim Delaney will be our new front office receptionist.

LPA is one of four schools in St Johns County that has been chosen to pilot the new writing test. Our 8th graders will take the pilot test electronically in January. Then our 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th graders will test on paper during Language Arts class in February. The actual writing test will be done in March.

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

Newsletter: Submit content for newsletter to Krista Willim: LPAPTONewsletter@gmail.com

VP Membership – Bulletin Board by bus loop doors has been updated.

Treasurer – Pam spoke about status of bank with balance around \$54K. The only PTO fundraiser remaining is Wizards Basketball.

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

Holiday Vendor Night – Jonyce B. reported on a successful night. Crafts and cookies were a big hit. Younger chorus singers were impressed by band performance. Ms. Thayer added that 4th and 5th grade students will rotate through the band classroom during January and see what opportunities are available. Our next Night of the Arts is May 12th.

SOUPer Bowl – Our annual Soup Teacher Luncheon will be on January 30th, the sign up genius will be sent out January 12th.

Gator Bowl – only four families purchased tickets through PTO. There were a lot more families attending the game than the four who purchased through school. Discussion was had on weather to continue with this sale or not. We talked about better marketing or explanation on what it is and how it works might help.

Wizards Basketball Game– Ticket sales are underway. There are 26 class baskets so far. We were lucky enough to work a deal and get hotel rooms for the team taken care of by Amanda Dunn of SJGCC. We have confirmed the “Broadway” team is coming. Baskets will be sold via Silent Auction with teachers winning half the money raised. General Admission tickets are on sale and can be purchased online or via order form going home this week.

No Old Business

New Business: Nominating Committee needs to be happening now. We need two Executive Board members and additional members – Pam W. and Denise H. as well as Rebekah H., Pamela F., and Cathy R. will assist and they are willing to add anyone who is willing to assist. Nominations need to be presented in March and voted on in April. PTO is looking for more involvement. An updated list of positions, effort needed and location where work can be completed is being compiled and will be sent out soon. A January 27th Thank You and PTO Reception is being planned. Discussion was had on using 8th grade ambassadors to help watch younger siblings.

Kim D. will be starting her receptionist position and discussion was had on her PTO President role and who can run meetings in her place or possibly moving meetings to an earlier time. It was determined that the VPs or someone on Executive Board will step up and run the meeting in her place. All other requirements of her President role can be fulfilled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Next meeting is 10am, Tuesday, February 3rd at LPA.