

LPA PTO MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2014

1. Call to Order- Cathy Richter called the meeting to order at 10:00am on April 1.

Attendance: Cathy Richter, Kim Delaney, Pam Ruskin, Erin Gulden, Erin Archer, Jennifer Stevenson, Melissa Woody, Pam Watt, Heather Lister, Carolyn Haines, Denise Higgs, Erika Williams, Janine Bowker, Christy Beebe, Mrs. Thayer.

2. Approval of Minutes- Denise Higgs made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Jen Stevenson and the minutes passed unanimously.

3. Sunshine/Of the Month- The nominations for Teacher of the Month were: Mrs. Langowski, Mrs. Herrin, Ms. Fredrick, Coach Eisenhuth, Mrs. Richardson, and Mrs. Latshaw. The winner was Coach Eisenhuth. The nomination and winner for volunteer of the month was Heather Lister. The nominations for student of the month K-4 were: Isabelle Higgs and Olivia Bozman (joint nomination) and Alyx Divine. The winners were Isabelle Higgs and Olivia Bozman. There were no nominations for student of the month 5-8.

4. Principal and Officer's Reports-

- a. Principal- The district has implemented District Formative Assessments or DFAs. Mrs. Thayer recently met with Dr. Joyner and LPA's students are doing superior in almost every category. LPA's students are outperforming all other schools by quite a bit. Mrs. Thayer gave much praise to the teachers and students for all of their hard work. Next year every course will have to administer end of quarter exams. This will include the resource classes. The district is working with our teachers in order to come up with these exams. These end of year exams will eventually replace the FCAT. This year, only Civics, Geometry, and Algebra will be giving end of year exams, and they will count as 30% of the student's grade. Next year, LPA will be participating in online assessment pilot projects for PE in grades 1-5. Next year art, PE, and music will be full time positions.

- b. President, Cathy Richter- Submissions for the Creepline are due on 4/10. Please cc Cathy on all submissions. There will be a general meeting on May 6th at 9:00am. Elections of officers will take place at that meeting. The monthly PTO meeting will be held directly after at 10:00.

- c. Vice President, Erin Archer- None

- d. Vice President, Denise Higgs- Community Leaders Day will be held on May 2. A sign up genius will be coming out for volunteers. PTO will be assisting SAC in food donations and volunteers.

- e. Treasurer, Jen Stevenson- The current checking account balance as of March 31, 2014 is \$74,354.39.
- f. Secretary, Erin Gulden- None

5. Committee Reports-

- a. Scholarship- Seven applications for the scholarship have been submitted from students at Bartram High School and one has been submitted from Creekside High School.
- b. Cambell's Soup Labels- Our labels for education have been collecting points since 2009. To date, we have 31,418 points. A discussion was had about what to spend those points on and it was decided we would purchase recess supplies for each grade level. Box top money will roll over to next year. We are trying to raise enough to purchase shade for the patio.
- c. Nominating Committee- The PTO currently has a lot of positions to fill. We need to fill the positions of treasurer, VP of fundraising, spiritwear chair, Meet the Artist chair, Family Fun Night chair, and Gator Bowl chair. PTO will also start charging membership fees next year as we will not be having a golf tournament/gala type fundraiser. Red Ribbon Week will not be hosted by the PTO next year. Evening Events coordinator will now be Events PR. Homeroom Coordinator will be a bigger job next year. We will also need a committee chair for the Birthday Run. This will be a new position.
- d. Staff Appreciation- The room parent meeting was held, and it was very successful. All information about the events of the week was passed out to the room parents. Packets were given to every room parent with instructions and supplies for the week. Teachers without room parents need to be taken care of. Every door will be decorated. The committee has received over 60 donations for the drawing. There will be a popcorn snack bar after school, a dessert bar, a luncheon, a spa day, breakfast, and goodie bags. Invitations are going out to the teachers letting them know of the events.
- e. Book Fair- Book Fair will be held May 12th-16th. The Book Fair will be open the evening of the 13th from 5-7:00pm. Set up will be held on May 9th. We need volunteers to work the Book Fair. Hours are 8:30am-2:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8:30am-2:00pm on Wednesday, and 8:30am-1:00pm on Friday.
- f. Night of the Arts- Night of the Arts will be held on May 13, at 6:00pm. E-mails have gone out to the business partners.

- g. Coffee with the Principal- Coffee with the Principal will be next Friday at 10:00am.
 - h. School Supplies- The flyers went out to let parents know that the school supply kits are available for order online. This year, each supply kit will come with labels of the children's names. The e-campaign has begun.
6. Old Business- None
7. New Business- PDQ does a fundraiser that we may want to look into for next year. It is a gift card sale and the max the school can make is \$3000. There is also a basketball fundraiser that we are looking in to.
8. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm. There will be a general meeting on May 6th at 9:00am, and the monthly PTO meeting will follow at 10:00am.