

LPA PTO MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2013

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Cathy Richter began the LPA PTO monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m on January 8, 2013 in the multipurpose room at Liberty Pines Academy.

a. Attendance

Mrs. Thayer, Cathy Richter, Kim Delaney, Janine Bowker, Pamela Ruskin, Stephanie Bradford, Carolyn Haines, Erika Williams, Diana Sarama, Erin Archer, and Debra Donlan

2. Approval of Minutes from December Meeting

Minutes from the December 4th meeting were presented by Erin Gulden. A motion was made by Stephanie Bradford to approve the minutes; a second motion was made by Kim Delaney. The minutes passes unanimously.

3. Principal and Officer's Reports

a. Principal- Mrs. Thayer addressed changes to school safety and security following the events at Sandy Hook Elementary. Teachers will keep doors locked at all times. The extended day process will be streamlined requiring parents to be admitted to pick up their children. The perimeter of the school has been walked and inspected and Mrs. Thayer is fielding quotes for fencing in the back of the school in areas where it is still open. The school is looking into fencing with panic bars that would require a swipe card to access. They would be able to be pushed open from the inside in case of an emergency. Another option the school is looking into is cameras, primarily one for the front entrance. Currently, there is a panic button in the front office. Mrs. Thayer's first priority is securing the perimeter. She would like to commit \$20,000 to security for this year. The school is practicing lock down drills. For the next 56 days, there will be a police officer at the school in the mornings. This is not paid for by the school, but rather is coordinated with the St. John's Police Department.

b. President- Cathy Richter

i. Deadline for submissions to The CreekLine is January 15th.

ii. Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is January 25th.

iii. The launch date for Boosterthon is April 29th. The run will be on May 8th. This year's theme is Highway U.S.A.

iv. Next month, there will be a planning meeting for the 2013-2014 school year. The meeting will be discussing fundraisers and events.

c. 1st Vice President (Fundraising)- Erin Archer

No new business.

d. 2nd Vice President (Membership & Volunteers)- Kim Delaney

No new business.

e. Treasurer- Janine Bowker

i. State of the Bank Account- The current checking account balance as of January 7, 2013 is \$44,387.26. Please see a copy of the State of the Account in the minutes binder for a more detailed report.

f. Secretary- Erin Gulden

i. nothing to report

4. Committee Chair Reports

a. Parent's Night Out- Parent's Night Out will be held on February 8, 2013. The event will be from 6:00 to 9:00 and will include a movie for the kids, with pizza and a craft before the movie. The charge will be \$5 per child for pizza and a drink, and \$1 for concessions. The committee is looking for students and adults to help.

5. Old Business- none

6. New Business- none

7. August PTO Meeting- February 5, 10:00 am at Liberty Pines Academy.

8. Adjourn- Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.