

## **LPA PTO MEETING MINUTES**

November 6, 2012

### **1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Cathy Richter began the LPA PTO monthly meeting at 10:02 on November 6, 2012 at Liberty Pines Academy.

#### **a. Attendance**

Mrs. Thayer, Cathy Richter, Melissa Kramer, Kim Delaney, Jennifer Ferguson, Carolyn Haines, Diana Sarama, Michelle O'Halloran, Michelle Schultz, Kim McCormick, Janine Bowker, Karen Taylor, Marty Kondal, Erin Gulden and Mrs. Donlan.

### **2. Approval of Minutes from October PTO meeting and October general meeting**

The meeting minutes were presented for the October Board Meeting and October General Meeting. A motion was made by Kim McCormick to approve the minutes; a motion to second was given by Michelle O'Halloran. The minutes passed unanimously.

### **3. Sunshine/Of the Month- Carolyn Haines**

**a. Teacher/Staff member of the month-** Nominees for Teacher/Staff Member of the month were: Carla Froehlich, Donna Hale, Joy Reichenberg, Staci Raya, Hailey Floyd, Renee Driscoll, Kristen Cullen, Anthony Quintieri, Jennifer Frank, Amy Lynch, and Natalie Gitto. The winner was Donna Hale.

**b. Volunteer of the Month-** Nominees for Volunteer of the Month were: Dominique Devine, Nikki Mocerri, Laura Martin, and Dana DeRoin. The winner was Nikki Mocerri.

**c. Student K-4 of the Month-** Nominees for Student K-4 of the Month were: Natalie Thomas, Brittany Lehman, Brett Carter, and Nicholas Vega. The winner was Natalie Thomas.

**d. Student 5-8 of the Month-** Nominees for Student 5-8 were: Alexis Carter, Ian Archacki, Tyler Kemp, and Seth Meisterham. The winner was Ian Archacki.

### **4. Principal and Officer's Reports-**

**a. Principal-** LPA has met the SACS accreditation goal for parent responses on our online survey. Selections have been made for LPA Of the Year Awards.

Employee of the Year is Judith Rigsbee. Teacher of the Year is Joy Reichenberg and Rookie Teacher of the Year is Stephen Kirsche. This year LPA is not making Wolfbucks, but instead is implementing a positive behavior support system. Grades 5-8 are using PBS cards where students obtain signatures for rewards and privileges. K-4 grades are using clip charts. Each quarter there is a reward for positive behavior. The middle grades have a PBS cart where they can choose rewards. Mrs. Thayer recently presented LPA's school improvement plan in front of the school board. This plan was developed by the principal and the SAC committee. The plan shows a three year data analysis of the FCAT scores. LPA was the second highest school in our district in terms of FCAT scores. 80% of our lowest quartile made gains in reading, and every student who took the end of course test in Algebra scored a 4 or 5. Students are performing very well across the board. Some of our challenge areas were 65% of our lowest quartile making gains in math. Only 36% of 8th graders made 4 or above in math and 12% of ELL students were proficient in writing. LPA only has 20 ELL students. LPA plans to address these areas of concern with differentiated, small group instruction, writer's workshop, Direct Instruction for ELL students, Focus learning interventions for all K-8 students, blended schedules, and student leadership opportunities.

**b. President- Cathy Ritcher**

- i. Website Update- Cathy and Mrs. Carlson-Bright have agreed, with Mrs. Thayer's approval, that PTO will have a corner on the main page of the LPA website. This will be a place for one or two lines of information, that when clicked on will take the reader to the PTO website.
- ii. The deadline for submissions to The CreekLine is November 15th. Please include Cathy Ritcher on those submissions when they are e-mailed.
- iii. The deadline for submissions for the Newsletter is November 25th.

**c. 1st. Vice President (Fundraising)- Karen Taylor**

- i. Karen discussed the PTO collaboration meeting and said that it went well, and was very insightful. Six other schools from our district were represented. Discussions were held about fundraising and spirit wear. Also discussed were Boxtop rules and contests as well as PTO membership dues, which many schools have done away with.

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

- i. Voting for Volunteers of the Year is complete. The winners are:  
Student of the Year- Karlien Van Hees, Volunteer of the Year-  
Kim Delaney, and Senior Volunteer of the Year- Zella Boulware.

**e. Treasurer-** Janine Bowker

- i. The current checking account balance as of November 5, 2012 is \$46,516.72. To see a complete breakdown, please see attached sheet.

## **5. Committee Chair Reports**

- a. Gator Bowl-** So far, around 50 tickets have been sold for this year's Gator Bowl. More are expected to be purchased after report cards come out. The deadline for purchasing tickets is November 9th. The tickets are \$30 and \$10 of that comes back to the school. Tickets normally go for \$60 so this is a great deal.
- b. Holiday Vendor Night-** There will be a meeting to discuss Holiday Vendor night on November 6th after the PTO meeting.
- c. Spirit Wear-** Hoodie order forms are out now and are due November 7th.
- d. Fall Gala Recap-** Fall Gala raised \$26,320. The expenses were \$8,782 with a net gain of \$17,537.80. There will be a wrap up meeting in the next few weeks and an appreciation event for all those who helped.
- e. Book Fair Recap-** The book fair was very successful and brought in \$13,900, with a net gain of \$3,900 to go to the media center.
- f. Quarterly Coffee-** Coffee with the principal will be on November 16th. Mrs. Thayer will discuss standards based grading.
- g. Business Partners-** The window clings for the business partners are in and they look great.

**6. Old Business-** None

**7. New Business-** None

**8. December PTO Meeting-** December 4th, 10:00 am, at Liberty Pines Academy

**9. Adjourn-** Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am.