

September 1st, 2015 PTO Meeting

Meeting begins 10:01am

July minutes - Erin Archer motioned to approve the minutes for July. The motion was seconded by Brooke Abitabilo and vote passed unanimously.

Brooke Abitabilo - To date, we have 114 members with a total of \$4,780.

Mrs. Thayer - We have 1,409 students, however, we expect to register more after Labor Day. Three of our Kindergarten classes are at max capacity of 27 children with an associate assisting the teacher. We've run out of rooms any more kids, we'll have to hire additional staff.

Coffee with principal will be held on September 11th at 9:00am and will include reps from district to talk about ½ cent sales tax and things that are facing St. John's County. If the sales tax passes, there will be a \$5 million expansion for LPA.

We have run out of room and basically have 3 choices: 1. Rezone 2. More portables or 3. Expansion. If we add more portables, we will have no room for fields. If we are rezoned, the furthest neighborhood away would be rezoned, which would be St. John's Golf. Our best option is expansion, which will be possible if tax increase passes. If passed, would start collecting money in January, would probably start in construction mid year 2017. Other new schools would be 2017-2018 . If not passed, they will have to review because there is no plan B.

Q: Do you think there will be a lot of opposition? Probably not, problem is getting people out there to vote because it is not a presidential election year.

There used to be a need 1 new school a year, that's changed, now over the next 10 years we need to build 2 schools a year.

Kathy Brantly - we need to not tell people how to vote, but pass info along on Facebook to get the word out

Another problem is we have so many new families, October 5th deadline to register to vote, a lot of new families aren't registered some people are probably thinking no big deal because it's not a presidential year.

Curriculum chats went great. Smoothest start to school since we opened, took us 7 years but we finally got it down 😊

Erin Gulden -Thanks to everyone who came out to help at Wolf Greetings and Curriculum Chats.

We will have a general meeting on September 11th during the Coffee With the Pricipal.

William Li - \$18,364.24 in our bank account, doesn't include big envelope of money he just received. Looks like we're doing well.

Robyn Cebulko – Read various thank you notes from staff thanking us for back to school luncheon and gifts.

Kathy Brantly – Box Tops – we have \$1,600 left over from last year. Our goal for this year is 35,000 box tops which will equal \$3,500. Our cutting team will consist of Carolyn Haines, Monica Willis, Rebecca House and Carol Holmes. We met last Friday to discuss what we wanted to fund with this money. We decided to start a fruit grove, will start with one satsuma orange tree, see if it makes it through winter. If so, will plant more next year. We would like to get the field sprayed to get rid of fire ants

Jeanine Bawker - App sale was a bit of a dud, thinks that maybe it was confusing for parents. We sold 520 for a profit of \$6,426.53. Last year's profit off books was approximately \$16,000. Maybe Great American will listen to feedback and it will be better next year? One thing that made it hard was that this was the 1st year that Great American offered this product.

Mini grants - All info is out to team leads, only 4th grade and drama have submitted their lists. We need to light a fire under them, they have a September 30th deadline.

HL - On the 23rd we're going to do a breakfast cart and give them a gentle reminder that they are due on the 30th, please let us know who was responded by then.

Erin Archer – Spirit wear is doing well, also bought pads and magnets. We've made approximately \$7,000. Just submitted an order to Jaime for about 180 items, will be filled next week. Will submit one last order on the 14th, will probably get in October.

Business partners - Traci Callaway is not here, but lots of checks have been submitted

Cynthia Dodson – Gala - DJ lined up, food lined up, still working on vendors. Still need donations, Jags tickets, beach house for auctions, memorabilia that's collecting dust, etc. really need raffle items.

Q: Christy Bebee – has gotten lots of calls about whether it is mandatory dress up, thinks that some people aren't buying tickets because they don't think their husbands will dress up.

This will be addressed on next flyer. Will have photo session with sashes and crowns to take their pics as prom queen and king. Someone suggested Kelly Hite may have props. Still need volunteers to help set up and tear down and for checking out with raffle. Also still need Mrs. Thayer's prom picture.

Heather Lister - Gator bowl – Taxslayer bowl. Is played here at Everbank field, give schools opportunity to fundraise, problem is they sell tickets before you know who is going to play. In years past, \$30 now \$25 – \$10 goes to LPA. We cut one check for all tickets sold. One adult ticket receives complimentary ticket for any honor roll student A/B, or all S's for 3rd and under. Just send in copy of report card with ticket order. So family of 4 can go to game for 50 and 20 will go to LPA. Parking passes will be sold for \$25 – no \$\$ for LPA, but allows us to all park near each other. They are working on graphics so Heather Lister can do flyer, wants to send out in October with \$\$ due by Thanksgiving. Biggest challenge is informing and explaining. Heather to write blurb to put on LPA website. There will be one SEC team, and either a Big 10 team, ACC or Notre Dame. Heather wants Penn State! Game will be January 2nd, Saturday – kids have Monday and Tuesday off

Heather Lister - Hospitality – We go lots of people to sign up at the curriculum chats to participate in hospitality. Lots of donations of breakfast items on Friday for Room Parent Meeting. Front office Friday one Friday a month. Edible arrangement basket this past Friday. We need ideas and creativity for these days. Erin has coordinated 2 family dinners at the clubhouse.

Sept 9th 6:00pm - 8:00pm grill room – come meet the LPA PTO social. Put on Facebook.

SJGCC wants to support LPA with two dinner nights

1. September 23rd dinner – pumpkin decorating, 1st day of autumn little pumpkins
 2. Day before Thanksgiving maybe? People don't want to; cook because it's the day before thanksgiving
- Decorating ornaments for the Xmas tree November 25th. Menu not decided

Old business

Jeanine Bowker - PTO is now going to help out with Blessings in a Backpack. Have \$600 - \$700 left over from last year. May also have local preschool to help. Organization that identifies children at area schools that need help, Fridays send home 25 packed bags with breakfast and lunch items for weekend. Funded for 20-25 backpacks. Budgeted for \$3,500, too much but thank you. Completely anonymous. Anonymous gift to start it a couple of years ago, Jim Furyk and wife came and delivered Thanksgiving dinner to kids in need.

New Business

Erin Archer – Chick-Fil-A wants us to have Chick-Fil-A nights – proceeds would go back to school should we move forward with it. Maybe wait until spring – don't need to do anything right now.

Cathy Richter - Room parents - We have room parents for every class K – 5th grade class. Room Parent Meeting Friday from 9:00am – 10:00am and we have lots of food thanks to hospitality.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55am. Next meeting is 9:00am General Meeting on Sept 11th Coffee with Principal.