

LPA PTO MEETING

January 17, 2017 10:00am

Meeting called to order at 9:58am.

In attendance were Mrs. Thayer, Melissa Woody, Melissa Kramer, Erin Gulden, Carolyn Haines, Christy Bebee, Melinda Howell, Kelly Hite, Nisa Roberts, Brooke Abitabilo, Rachael Bunell and Robyn Cebulko.

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 6th meeting by Melissa Woody. Motion was seconded by Robyn Cebulko.

Sunshine Chair, Melinda Howell is absent but she sent in a quote she wanted read - "A rising tide lifts all ships".

Principal's Report- Judith Thayer

8th grade just returned from their trip, I was able to stay on my feet this year. We saw some senators at the capitol building, all in all it was an uneventful but delightful trip. We recently hung our celebration mosaic in the hallway, The Sun Always Shines at LPA. It was a year in the making and celebrates the fact that we are now a generation old. It was touched by every child at LPA – the thumbprints around the edges are from the Kindergarteners, other rolled clay, painted, etc. We now have a large 50 inch tv screen outside the library which will feature announcements, etc. As we usually do this time of year, we have two feet in this year and one in next year. We have two new portables for next year which will be put in this summer. Our enrollment is at 1,49, I think we'll top 1,500 soon. 8th grade parents recently got an invite to hear about transition to Bartram for next year. (Not mandatory.) We're already thinking about Kindergarten registration for next year, the first one is on Feb 15th. Next month we'll start FSA testing - FSA writes will be the 27th, 27th-29th for reading. Controlled open enrollment, blackboard connect, doesn't really affect LPA, really for individuals that want to seek another school and that school has to be at 80% capacity. Policy put into place to ensure that people who live in that district get to go to that

school before people who hop districts. 1,046 is our capacity. Parents were concerned about this but rest assured, there will always be room for your child if you live here. Rules are different for high school – you can get in through academy. Yearbook info has come out – this year will be an interactive yearbook. The cost is \$40. You might want to consider getting them, they are adorable. Order directly through Leonards, school pay is later only if there are some left. School ends on a Wednesday. Check out will only be for 8th graders. If they need to leave early, then don't bring them. 8th grade awards will be Wednesday morning.

President- Erin Gulden

We meet again in 3 weeks. Superbowl Friday is the 3rd, sign up for soups.

1st Vice President- Erin Archer – subbing, absent

2nd Vice President- Brooke Abitabilo, absent

Treasurer- Melissa Kramer

Holiday vendor night– brought in \$784, very little expenses

Box tops – \$1,900

\$28,752 sitting in the account

Question - How did we make money at Holiday Vendor Night? A little bit from vendors, most from the raffle for the gift card tree. We made about \$700 from raffle.

Committee Reports

Happy campers book fairs – Tuesday, Feb 7th, Feb 9th book fair, trying to extend an hour for each 9th. Mon-Friday

Communication – Jen Bachman

Announcements, anyway we can resolve the fact that we aren't getting the info from our kids that come out in the morning. Long discussion on communication and how to better get it out there. More parents need to be on Remind 101.

Spring Carnival- Melissa Woody

Moving along. Scrap bounce house after talk with risk management and no dunk tanks. Slide ok. Mrs. Thayer, it's not me! No food trucks or snow cone trucks. Bake sale ok. Has something to do with explosion. May add 2nd rock wall and something else to toddler section. We're going to rent generator. We have to do background checks on all people that are coming out. Can we ask previous LPA students to volunteer? Some rides have to have certain volunteers, but can we have others? Mrs. Thayer would like 1st preference to go to prior LPA students. Need someone to coordinate bake sale. Would Christy Bebee do that? I think that's the only committee we have left that we need someone to head up. Mrs. Thayer's suggestions – let them know, this is what you're committing to. Is 1:00 – 5:00 too long? Rides are 3 hours. All inclusive for 3 hours, will have to pay more if we do longer. 1:00 – 4:00 or 2:00 – 5:00? Everyone votes 1:00 – 4:00. Better for people setting up and breaking down. Need to start doing sponsorships and donations.

By the way, cups need to be taken somewhere. Bugs and spiders are harvesting in them. Should we just scratch the cups and go with banners. County rule – you cannot advertise on a main road, that's why we use cups. School events ok. Cups gone. Two banners, one on one side, one on the other saying LPA carnival. Flyers ok for K-5.

Will start meeting with the sub committees. I think with all the games we will have plenty to do.

Let's do a banner for the carnival. Don't do date, so we can re-use.

No old business.

New Business – 5th grade Mrs. Lucas moved to Maryland, Mrs Mandarano will replace her.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am. Next Meeting, February 7th.