

LPA PTO MEETING

March 8th 10:00am

Meeting called to order at 9:58am.

Mrs. Thayer, Erin Gulden, Melissa Woody, Erin Archer, Robyn Cebulko, Rachael Bunnell, Erin Archer, Cathy Richter, Jeanine Bawker, Candace Minnick

Motion to approve minutes from the December 6th meeting by Erin Archer
Motion seconded by Melissa Woody.

Sunshine Chair, Melinda Howell, absent – thought for the day, “Just be nice.”

Principal’s Report- Judith Thayer

Florida legislature always has things we have to do. Student must now take and pass technology certificates. Tech is our future, kids need to know how to use excel, etc. Starting next year, every year kids must earn coding, multi media, etc. must take technology course. This is an actual law, not just LPA saying you must take tech classes. We don’t offer tech 6th, 7th and 8th. Some can take in 7th, others have to take in 8th. Tech has always been elective, now required. You are not allowed to take as a virtual course, it’s not an option because the exam must be proctored. Must be earned once during middle school career.

I would like to mention something that comes up a lot this time of year. Many people think they need to take HOPE now so they don’t have to sweat in high school. HOPE is not a weighted class. You have to take 3 non weighted classes anyway, so you’re not getting anything out of the way by taking it early. You’ll just be substituting another nonweighted class in 9th grade. HOPE talks about many advanced subjects such as date rape, sexual assault, binge drinking, venereal diseases, alternative life style choices. Have had parents ask if their 6th graders can take it? I usually ask them, do you think your 11 year old needs to hear about this? It’s not as

good of an idea to get 'out of the way' as many think.

Q- Is state going to give us newer, better faster computers due to new tech requirement? No. We've added one lab with 48 computers in it in anticipation. You know this is coming so you have to plan for it. Next year, also 3rd grade, paper/pencil will go away for testing.

Q- We need to submit our name and address for 6th grade and 9th grade, proof of residency. Also, 7th graders must have tdap shot. No schedules will be given out without the proof residency and shot documentation. This is coming straight from District. Also, if you're starting kindergarten, must have shot before you can start 1st day of school. This will be implemented without exception.

President- Erin Gulden

Reminder about public record logs. Everything you email to Mrs. Thayer, teachers, any PTO member can be subject to public record. Go back to thought for the day, just be nice. 😊

1st Vice President- Erin Archer

Yankee candle fundraiser ended yesterday, but got some random orders today. Top 4 students will get prizes, K, 6th, 1st, and 3rd. Teachers, Mrs. Bell 1st, Mrs. West 1st, Mrs. O'Shell will receive prizes for top 3 teachers. We have a 60/40 split with Yankee. We have to pay sales tax. Take total subtract taxes then 60-40 split. We sold roughly \$8,400 in candles. Will probably net around \$3,000. Need to remember in future that kids like the junky things. Sales would have been better if we have the little junky prizes.

2nd Vice President- Brooke Abitabilo - absent

Melissa Woody – Spring Carnival update

Business sponsors are at \$3,850 total. \$1,600 of that collected and turned in. Two additional sponsors emailed yesterday. Allstate and St. Johns Pediatric Dentistry. Waiting to hear back from them. Two of the \$500 sponsors will be setting up tables at carnival. KB Homes & Weaver & Stratton.

Wristband/Ticket Sales – almost \$900 turned in during the first 2 days after the order form went out.

Volunteers – emailed BTHS NHS President and sponsored, as well as both

JV and Varsity baseball teams. Will also rely on LPA parents volunteering.

All vendor/facility paperwork turned in as of this morning to Charlene.

Concession food decided – still no lead person, but we will handle purchasing, etc. Carolyn Haines agreed to take care of hot dogs. Calling Papa Johns today to see if owner will agree to donate 25 large pizzas. Then just popcorn, cotton candy, sodas and sater.

Bake sale – under control – Christy Bebee and Erin Gulden

Games –we currently have 35 games

First Aid tent – may want to consider this

Flyer banner – one additional flyer for Tuesday folders going ou 03/21/17 will sponsor logos. Ordered banner for fence, have not received it yet. Can we put up once in gets here? Yes.

Last planning meeting: March 23rd, planning meeting in cafeteria at 9:00am, email sent to all parents already. Will send reminder after spring break.

Candice and Kelly are doing entertainment, Face painting, dance team will do a dance

Treasurer- Melissa Kramer

Healthy balance, paid off the book fair. New money coming in from carnival and Yankee Candle.

Committee Reports

Old Business - new nomination for president, Melissa Kramer. Hospitality, new chair but will dole out individual events. (Name might end in Bebee...) Anna Neal wants to do Teacher Appreciation

Planning committee – need three people. Erin Gulden, Melissa Kramer and possibly Candace Minnick or Rachael Bunnell for the third.

Papa Murphys – all day long fund raiser, we will receive 18% of sales. Met with them and they wanted to know what will you do to make this successful? We can put this on FB, PTO page, hand out stickers as kids are leaving. Wednesday, April 12th. Put on the next door app?

New Business - Math counts, nationally competed, UNF 58 schools, larger team and smaller team of 4. Going to state on March 24th. 4 students. Team got 5th, Zach Greenwald got 4th!

Adjournment-11:05 Next Meeting, February 7th