

Liberty Pines Academy PTO Minutes

August 14, 2018

1. Welcome/call to order: Erin Gulden (filling in for President Melissa Kramer) called meeting to order at 9:59 am

2. Attendance: Erin Gulden, Melissa Woody, Melinda Howell, Christy Beebe, Marty Kondal, Erin Bragg, Traci Hemingway, Stephanie Cross, Cathy Richter, Jen Bachman, Rachael Bunnell, Laura Webb, Christina Welch, Robyn Cebulko

3. Approval of minutes: Melissa Woody motioned to approve last month's minutes. The motion was seconded by Melinda Howell. All present were in favor of approving the minutes.

4. Sunshine chair: "Celebrate each Day"

a. of the month recognition: Stephanie talked with the board about how "of the month" recognitions will work this year. She has decided to do it every other month starting with October. This will give her time to collect nominations and use the budget to purchase prizes for the winners (gift cards, etc.)

5. Principal and officer's reports

a. Principal's report: Mrs. Hemingway shared that she is very aware of the lack of a crossing guard in front of school during arrival and dismissal. She is talking with the Sherriff's office daily about the situation. The Sherriff's office says that since the kids don't cross a road they are not necessary. However Mrs. Hemingway is arguing that the kids need to cross the driveway of the school and traffic coming in and out is dangerous because it is not being directed. She placed a staff member out there to help, but a police officer stopped and told them it was illegal and they would be arrested if they continued. The Sherriff's office is sending someone out to observe during morning and afternoon drop off to re-evaluate the situation.

Mrs. Hemingway reported that first day's dismissal was a mess and the worst in her 23 years of experience. Some of the problems were that transportation did not inform the school that some busses would be doing two runs. In addition, students didn't know if they were the first or second run. Some students didn't even know what bus they were supposed to be on. On Monday all students were tagged with bus and run numbers to alleviate the problem. Apparently some students were sick of waiting for the second run and chose to walk home. This is not acceptable bus riders must ride the bus unless parents have informed the school ahead of time. These students told staff they were going to their lockers to get something and didn't come back. Therefore once dismissed students will **not** be allowed to return to lockers for any reason. Mrs. Hemingway asked that parents please be patient as transportation kinks are worked out the first week or so of school.

Middle school curriculum chat will take place August 23rd at 6 pm, immediately following at 7:30 there will be a meeting for 8th grade parents about this year's Washington DC field trip. Mrs. Hemingway also informed us that teachers will be including more information about Home Access, Edmodo and Schoology at the Curriculum chats for grades 3-5 and middle grades.

Mrs. Hemingway says they are still hiring associate teachers as well as para professionals. Plus this year LPA qualified to have an ELL para to help with Spanish speaking students.

Mrs. Hemingway addressed the issue of celebrating birthdays in the classroom. Parents may send in a treat to the front office to be shared during the day at the teacher's convenience. However parents may not come in to the classroom for the celebration. Reminder please arrange with the teacher so they are aware that a treat has been sent in.

b. President: nothing to report

c. 1st VP Fundraising: Spirit Nights are coming up. Papa Murpheys on Aug 22 this is valid all day, just tell them you are from LPA and a portion of the proceeds come back to us., New this year Firehouse Subs on Sept 12. Firehouse requires that you have the flyer to staple to your receipt in order to qualify. It was suggested that we leave a pile of flyers at Firehouse for families who forget or have high school students out front handing flyers out.

d. 2nd VP Membership: Robyn reported that she is already 76% of the way to her membership goal. So far bringing in \$4495.96

e. Treasurer: Melissa Woody reported that we started this month with \$36,799.32. We had \$17,193.89 in income/donations and expenses of \$22,997.37 for a current balance of \$23,561.55.

f. Secretary: Erin read two of several thank you notes. She also reminded people that any PTO website updates come to her so if you want something on the web page please email her.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Book fair- Cathy reported that set up will be Friday Aug 24. Volunteers needed to help set up. The book fair will take place the week of Aug 27. In addition to school hours the book fair will be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for an hour prior to curriculum chat.

b. Boosterthon: There is a meeting next Monday details to follow. They will use the shirt sizes that were provided for field trip t-shirts for Boosterthon shirts. Bre is talking with current Business partners about advertising on the backs of the t-shirts.

c. Box Tops- nothing

d. Business Partners- nothing

e. Hospitality- Christy Beebe reported several events already this year, back to school luncheon, new family luncheon, etc. they have all been a successful. For the future we are going to have to discuss a new budget because there are more staff members than she has a budget for.

f. Meet the Artist- nothing

g. Mini-grants- nothing

h. Room Parent Meeting- Jen Bachman reported that the meeting will be August 23 at 9am in the cafeteria.

i. School Supplies Recap- Marty reported that distribution at wolf greet went well. Having high school volunteers was extremely helpful.

j. Spirit wear- Cathy reported that sales are going well. She sold \$10,800 in spirit wear so far. The web store is open until Labor Day.

7. Old Business- nothing

8. New Business – Melissa Kramer’s idea about having an artist come in a paint positive messages on the walls around school was presented. Mrs. Hemingway loved the idea and is on board. She would like to use the same artist that the school has used in the past.

9. Next meeting- September 4th at 10 am

10. Adjourned- meeting was adjourned at 10:55am