

## LPA PTO March 3, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am

In attendance: Kim D., Pam W., Heather L., Michelle S., Lori M., Erika W., Diana S., Erin G., Erin A., Christy B., Rebekah H., Pamela F., Cathy R., Holly P., and Judith T.

February meeting minutes – Heather L. motioned to approve and motion was seconded by Erin A. Vote passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thayer shared information on some exciting news for a future program at LPA – AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination - focusing on executive functioning and organization skills. LPA has applied for school board approval to become an AVID Elementary School. ALL Students in grades 4, 5, & 6 will participate in this program during the 2015/2016 school year. 10 teachers will go to intensive training this summer and our LPA Admin has visited current AVID schools in St. Johns. The program is proven in helping students become organized and more successful. For more information see: [www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org)

Our neighborhood next door, Heritage Oaks, will have 97 homes. Sidewalk and bike rack access will need to change as students will not be able to cross over the two existing main entrances to access the current bike rack. Houses will not be complete by spring; therefore, new students will potentially arrive in the fall.

LPA will be open all summer, 5 days a week, 7:30 am- 3:30 pm. We will host two sports camps run by Dean Cromwell and Coach Eisenhuth from 8am-2pm at a cost of \$150: one camp for rising 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders held June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and another camp for students entering 3<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade held June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Summer Reading Camp as well for Rising 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders – Dr. Davis is the contact person for this camp.

FSA writing is underway – small hiccups but all students who were in school were able to complete the writing portion on day one. Testing is in progress and will essentially continue until the end of the year. The District has realized that FSA scores may not be returned in time to determine retention if that is the case school year performance and DDAs will be utilized.

Creeklime: Please submit information to Diana Sarama by 12<sup>th</sup> of the month:  
[dssarama@aol.com](mailto:dssarama@aol.com)

Nominating Committee: We are still looking for positions to be filled. Please contact Pam Watt or Heather Lister if you are interested in assisting in any way. Several of our active PTO members have 7<sup>th</sup> graders and will be in their last year at LPA, we would love to see new faces.

Shade for Lunch Patio – construction continues. Keep sending in BoxTops!

VP Membership –SignUp Genius has a new function - TABS - allowing different days/jobs to be added. This will be helpful for events spanning multiple days.

The membership bulletin board was changed out from Membership to Wizards Sponsors. Sponsors will stay up a bit longer.

Treasurer – Pam spoke about status of bank with balance around \$56K. 12-15K is slated for media center. Discussion was had on AR testing versus Reading Plus and possibility of saving money with AR renewal only being done for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade in the future.

We have an abundance of spiritwear to liquidate. Discussion was had on selling at cost and what events we have upcoming.

Secretary – DRAFT notes from PTO meetings are being placed on PTO page and any changes or updates can be emailed to [LPAPTOWEB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LPAPTOWEB@GMAIL.COM) Thank you note from Ms. Rudd was read.

Newsletter: Submit content for newsletter to Krista Willim: [LPAPTONewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:LPAPTONewsletter@gmail.com)

Hospitality is planning for Staff Appreciation in May. Room Parent meeting is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am at SJGCC due to all the testing at LPA. “Ob-SUESS-ed with LPA” is the theme. Pictures are currently being taken of teachers and information packets will be available to Room Parents at the meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Wizards Basketball Game - The game went well. We had 80 tkts left out of 660 that were for sale. We had a lot of positive feedback and it was a great first time event.

Coffee with the Principal – April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Topic: Question and Answer Session.

Book Fair – New dates are May 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – Set up is on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>. Night of the Arts is also moved to Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

LPA Scholarship is available and applications are currently being accepted, deadline to submit to high school counselor is March 20<sup>th</sup>. High school students should contact their guidance counselor for information/details. The applications are then sent to Lori M. by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The award is \$500. Eligible students are graduating seniors at Creekside, Nease or Bartram who attended LPA in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – we know the form is on the Bartram HS website found on scholarship link.

No Old Business

New Business:

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Award Ceremony at LPA

April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – Goodwill Bag it Up Drive – Goodwill will award LPA up to \$1K based on participation.

LPA is starting to use “School Pay” and the first event will be 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. We are going to use School Pay for the DC Trip as well. There is a fee each time you use it of a \$1 or so but it is in use in high schools and has proven to simplify bookkeeping and payments for families.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am

Next meeting is 10am, Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at LPA.