

PTO Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2014

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Cathy Richter at 10:00am.

Attendance- Cathy Richter, Erika Williams, Carolyn Hayes, Kim Delaney, Jen Stevenson, Michelle O'Halloran, Diana Sarama, Erin Gulden, Erin Archer, Pam Watts, Janine Bowker, Pam Ruskin, Michelle Shultz, Christy Beebe, Heather Lister, Ann Jackson and Mrs. Thayer.

2. Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the minutes by Kim Delaney. Erika Williams seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

3. Sunshine/of the month- The nominees for teacher of the month were: Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Storter, Mrs. Southworth, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Carlson-Bright, Mr. Kirsche, Mrs. Herrin, and Mrs. Rayford. Mrs. Storter was the winner. The nominees for volunteer of the month were: Dominique Devine, Christy Beebe, and Cathy Richter. The winner was Cathy Richter. Nominees for Student of the month K-4 were: Matthew Regil, Aniston Sutton, Tristan Lewers, and Jack Willis. The winner was Jack Willis. The nominee for student of the month 5-8 was Jacob Hoelle. The winner was Jacob Hoelle.

4. Principal and Officer Reports-

- a. Principal- Mrs. Thayer reported that the 5th graders are finishing up FCAT this week and the Civics EOQ exam will be this Thursday. Next week will be EOQ exams for Algebra and the week after that will be Geometry. Our students are doing well on District Formative Assessments. Next year we will be receiving a third guidance counselor due to the amount of students we are projected to have. Mrs. Thayer was able to budget elementary resource teachers to full time positions. The elementary students will have 40 minute resource classes. Mrs. Dubose's and Mrs. Whitworth's rooms will become the art and music rooms, so those programs will no longer be on a cart. Band will not be offered to 5th graders next year. They will have more of an elementary school music experience. Middle school grades will have a concert and symphonic band. 4th and 5th grade will have computer opportunities on the resource wheel. They will be offered art, music, technology, and PE. K-3 will be receiving art, music 1, music 2, and PE. 4th grade will be offered recorder class. Next year, student internship will be called Engaged Citizenship and will require an end of course exam. The middle school schedule will stay very much the same. LPA is anticipating a stable year with growth coming in the years to come.
- b. President, Cathy Richter- The general meeting was held this morning to elect the officers for next year's executive board. Kim Delaney was nominated as President, Denise Higgs will be returning as 2nd Vice President, Pam Watts was nominated as treasurer, Michelle Shultz was nominated as secretary. The

position of 1st Vice President of Fundraising remains open. Cathy Richter, Mrs. Thayer, and a teacher met to review the scholarship applications. There were 9 entries. With a 2 to 3 vote, a winner has been picked from Bartram Trail High School. The committee will go to the awards ceremony at Bartram Trail on May 20th and present the winner with the scholarship. The deadline for submissions to the Creepline is May 20th. The deadline for budget requests is May 15th.

- c. 1st Vice President, Erin Archer- Next year, in place of Family Night, we would like to host a basketball game with the Harlem Wizards. LPA would receive half of the ticket price and half of the merchandise sold by the Wizards. We would also be able to open our concession stand for sales. A team of LPA teachers would play in a basketball game against the Harlem Wizards. We would like to look at possible dates to hold this event.
- d. 2nd Vice President, Denise Higgs- None
- e. Treasurer, Jen Stevenson- See attached sheet.
- f. Secretary, Erin Gulden- Erin read several thank you notes from the volunteer of the years recipients thanking the PTO for their gifts.

#### 5. Committee Chair Reports-

- a. Staff Appreciation- Spa day is happening today as well as popcorn and soda at dismissal. The rest of the week will involve a luncheon, a breakfast, and a dessert bar. Teachers and staff all received goodie bags on Monday and there are daily gift bag give aways. Students are participation in activities each day as well.
- b. Nominating Committee- The following openings are left to be filled: VP of fundraising, committee chair for the birthday run, Gator Bowl tickets, Meet the Artist, and a co-chair for media.
- c. Book Fair- Set up is this Friday, and more volunteers are needed.
- d. Night of the Arts- There will be performances by band, chorus, and drama. There will also be art displayed in the hallway. The Book Fair will be open from 5:50pm-7:00pm. The evening will start at 6:00pm.
- e. School Supplies- School supply kits are available to order at [www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com](http://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com).

- 6. Old Business- A suggestion was made to have all the year's winners of the Of the Month awards nominated for the Of the Year awards.

7. New Business- LPA will be featured on Fox News for their participation in Bag it Up which will happen on the 8th and 9th.
8. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 11:15. The next meeting will be on May 27th at 10:00.