

**LPA PTO Meeting
October 2, 2012**

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Cathy Richter called to order the LPA PTO monthly meeting at 10:03 a.m. on October 2, 2012 in the multipurpose room at LPA.

a. Attendance- Cathy Richter, Kim Delaney, Erika Williams, Nikki Moceri, Karen Taylor, Melissa Kramer, Michelle O'Halloran, Mrs. Thayer, Pam Watt, Michelle Schultz, Jennifer Ferguson, Diana Sarama, Janine Bowker, Farrah Orr.

2. Approval of Minutes from September and General Meeting

Erin Gulden presented the minutes from the September PTO meeting and the general meeting. A motion was made by Michelle O'Halloran to approve the minutes; a motion to second was given by Karen Taylor. The minutes passed unanimously.

3. Sunshine/"of the month" nominations

The nominees for teacher of the month were Mrs. Gitto, Mrs. OHara, Mrs. Cygan, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Holly, Mrs. Badge, Mr. Segal, and Mrs. McMurry. The winner was Mrs. Cygan. The nominees for volunteer of the month were Farrah Orr, Michelle Cardinal, and Dominique Divine. The winner was Farrah Orr. The nominee for student K-4 of the month was Reece Dropps who was the winner. The nominees for student 5-8 were Katie Hohmann, James Young, and Shannon Matthaei. The winner was James Young.

4. Principal and Officers' Reports

a. Principal- Mrs. Thayer discussed the SACS accreditation survey which is located on the website. To date, there have been 87 respondents. We need 20% of our population to respond to the survey. The survey will run through November 1st. The first week of October is FTE week which is when the state of Florida takes a snapshot of how many students are attending the school. This determines how LPA gets its funding and it is very important for all students to be in attendance this week. This is also FTE week for the busses so if students ride the bus, they need to do so this week. Mrs. Thayer announced the hiring of 14 new teachers which brings the school to 71 teachers total. The week of October 16-18th LPA will be administering district formative assessments, which is the testing that will eventually replace the FCAT. The exams will be given again the 18th, 19th, and 20th of December.

b. President- Cathy Richter

i. All submissions for the newsletter are due on the 25th of every month.

- ii. Submissions for Creecline are due on the 15th of every month.
- iii. PTO will hold a general meeting on Oct. 23rd right before The Night of the Arts. Parents have requested some evening PTO meetings and PTO is discussing ways to accommodate that need.

c. 1st Vice President (Fundraising)- Karen Taylor

- i. As was previously reported, Labels for Education from magazine subscriptions don't count. The magazines have to be purchased individually. This month there is a promotion for Labels for Education. We need to receive 4 Pepperidge Farm labels, 4 from Campbells, and 2 from Bic. Bic label are needed the most. 100 labels are needed for the school to complete the campaign.
- ii. PTO will be attending a round table meeting with other PTOs from the St. John's district on Oct. 29th at the Julington Creek Library. Each PTO will bring three members from their executive board.
- iii. The PTO is looking into the Scorecard Fundraiser to possibly replace the entertainment book fundraiser next fall.

d. 2nd Vice President (Membership & Volunteers)- Kim Delaney

- i. 941 Discount Cards were labeled and delivered by Kim Delaney and sent home with families and staff. Cards were sent home with the oldest child in most cases. Next year, every student will receive a discount card. To date, 1,160 individuals are signed up to receive "Sign Up Genius."

e. Treasurer- Janine Bowker

- i. Janine discussed the state of the bank. Our current checking account balance is \$39,246.30. For a full break down see attached sheet in the PTO notebook.

f. Secretary- Erin Gulden

No new buisness

5. Committee Chair Reports

- a. **Spirit Wear-** All spirit wear orders have been sent out. The orders are missing large, dry fit, kids and baseball shirts in kids' sizes. These should be coming in in the next few days. Spirit Wear committee is now working on sweatshirts priced between \$25 and \$30. This will be a pre-order with no set date at this time.

b. Entertainment Books- 1,300 entertainment books were delivered to the school and approximately 400 books were sold. The committee is in the process of mailing back 40 cases of books. Invoice shows a total sale of \$11,790. We were invoiced for selling 380 at school and 13 more online, 393 books total for a total due to Entertainment Books of \$7,074 and a profit of \$4716 for LPA. Since the close out of the sale, a few more books have been sold and we had a cost of \$200 for the gift card drawings. LPA's overall earnings for this year's Entertainment Book sale is \$4,576.

c. Gator Bowl Tickets- Ticket sales for this year's Gator Bowl will be from Sept. 27 through Nov. 11. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 and parking passes for \$25.

d. Fall Gala- To date 150 people have signed up to attend Fall Gala. A big turnout of individuals planning to pay at the door is expected. To date, all but two teacher baskets have been turned in among those that have signed up. There will be 13 amazing live auction items. The committee still needs help setting up on Saturday and working the football toss during the Gala. The dress will be country club casual.

e. Business Partners- LPA currently has 113 business sponsors. We have received \$9,555 in cash donations and \$28,359 in in-kind or gala auction donations. All business partners will receive new business partner window cling. All logos are on the websites. All gold, silver and bronze logos are on Facebook. We are trying to do one level per week so as not to overload Facebook. Two business partner's banners have gone up on the fence and others are coming soon.

f. Night of the Arts- Night of the Arts will be Oct. 23rd at 6:00 pm. A reminder e-mail will be sent to all business partners.

g. Book Fair- Book Fair will be held Oct. 22nd-25th. Sign Up Genius will go out for volunteers. Set up will be Friday October 19th at noon and volunteers are needed. Breakdown will be Oct. 25th. Book Fair will be open during Night of the Arts.

h. Red Ribbon Week- Red Ribbon Week will be held Oct. 22nd-25th. This year will be a voting theme. Voting booths will be set up in each pod and students will get to vote no to drugs on the way to lunch and then receive a sticker. The themed days will be as follows: Monday-wear your favorite jersey, Tuesday-Crazy socks, Wednesday- Wear Red, Thursday- Wear red, white and blue. On Thursday the National Guards will be doing a presentation for the older grades, and the Sheriff Department will be coming out for the 5th graders.

i. New Families Ambassador- The new families folders that will go out to all new families have been assembled. They contain everything the new families will need to get acclimated after they register. The committee will get in touch with the families the same week that they register.

a. **Website-** Anything for the website needs to be sent to Michelle Shultz. The website is updated on Wednesday's and Saturday's.

6. Old Business- None

7. New Business- None

8. Next Meeting- November 6th, 10:00 am. LPA

9. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.