

LPA PTO Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2013

1. Call to Order- Cathy Richter began the LPA PTO monthly meeting at 10:00 am on May 7th, 2013.

Attendance- Mrs. Thayer, Kim Delaney, Erin Gulden, Erin Archer, Cathy Richter, Janine Bowker, Carolyn Haines, Heather Lister, Denise Higgs, Marty Kondal, Erika Williams, Stephanie Bradford, Diana Sarama, Jennifer Lynn, Pam Ruskin, Tasha Conching, Sybil Brodeur, Meredith Carlo, and Sean Specie.

2. Approval of Minutes- Minutes from the April meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Kim Delaney to approve, and the motion was seconded by Marty Kondal. The minutes passed unanimously.

3. Sunshine/"of the month" nominations- Nominees for Teacher of the month were as follows: Mr. Segal, Ms. Church, Mrs. Hoelle, Mrs. Konecny, Mrs. Floyd, and Mrs. Parrett. Mrs. Konecny received the award. Nominees for volunteer of the month were: Lauri Thomas and Sonya Matthey. Lauri Thomas received the award. Nominees for K-4 student of the month were: Caeli Benyacko and Leila Sanchez. Caeli Benyacko received the award. Nominees for 5-8 student of the month were all three Relay for Life Teams and they all received the award. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners.

4. Principal and Officers' Reports-

a. Principal- This year Boosterthon met with students during PE and recess so instruction time would not be compromised. LPA has been given final permission to move forward on security for next year. The school will purchase 32 cameras and add four new portables for a total of 20 portables. The perimeter fencing has been secured. Due to a lack of office space, the reception area for guidance will be converted into two offices which will allow more people to serve the front desk. Mrs. Thayer wanted to remind everyone that the end of course exam dates are set by the district and not LPA. If a student is not present for the exams, they will receive an incomplete and make up the exams after the close of school. No exams will be given ahead of time. Elementary report cards will come home on the last day of school, and middle grade report cards will come out after school has finished. Next school year, middle grades will have planning time in the middle of the day, which will allow LPA to offer Spanish classes. Currently 98 7th and 8th graders will be taking Spanish. LPA will be hiring 4 teachers for students with special needs for the middle school grades and one for elementary grades. Middle grades will not have critical thinking at the end of the day. LPA is looking at an enrollment of 1,400 students for next year. Mrs. Thayer presented her wish list for next year to the PTO. She is asking for 30 computers including ethernet switches, tables, etc. in order to turn the teacher planning room in the K2 wing into a computer lab. In the future,

testing will be done on computers.

b. President, Cathy Richter- The deadline for submissions to Creekline is May 15th. The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is May 10th. There will be a general meeting on May 14th during The Night of the Arts where the new PTO executive board will be announced. Night of the Arts starts at 6:00. Book Fair will be open late on the Night of the Arts. PTO will be doing the Book Fair this year only the chairperson and executive members of the board will be able to handle money. A motion was made by Heather Lister to appoint Julie Martin as co-chair of the Book Fair committee. The motion was seconded by Kim Delaney. The motion was passed and Julie Martin will be co-chair to Pam Ruskin. Cathy Richter read the list of all incoming PTO board members and committee chairs. Committee recaps for this year are due on May 28th. The Budget meeting will be in June.

c. 1st Vice President, Erin Archer- The Tervis cups for staff appreciation have come in. 200 were ordered for the staff, and extras will be sold at Wolf Greeting.

d. 2nd Vice President, Kim Delaney- A sign up genius has gone out for community leaders day and there have been minimal sign ups. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, and food donations.

e. Treasurer, Janine Bowker- For the state of the Bank Account please see attached sheet.

5. Committee Chair Reports-

a. Spirit Wear- There will be a spirit wear clearance sale during Night of the Arts and volunteers are needed. Next year, spirit wear will be sold on line. The basic tee will be a sports theme in both a boy's and a girl's version. There will also be several options for girls, boys, men, women and staff. The website will be running from May 14th to June 7th. Rising 8th grade shirts will not be online. Those will be ordered through an order form. Eighth graders will be voting on the design.

b. Boosterthon- Help is still needed on the day of the race from 11:00-12:00 distributing water, and again from 1:00-1:45. As of May 6th, we are at 60% participation.

c. Book Fair- Volunteers are still needed. Mrs. Rogers is having a luncheon for PTO and book fair helpers on Friday, the last day of Book Fair in the media production room.

d. Business Partners- Business Partners that will be attending Night of the Arts

include: Jessica Newman with Atlantic Coast Bank, Mike Williamson with Focus Realty, RPM, Walgreens and possibly Mama B's.

e. Teacher Appreciation- The theme for Teacher Appreciation Week is Growing Stronger Every Year. May 17th is decorating day and will start at 2:00 in the staff lounge. Middle grades will need a parent taking care of them. Donations are still needed for the gift giveaways and goodie bags. The committee needs 131 gifts so that everybody gets something. Please drop all donations off at Sybil's house or the PTO office. Activities for the week are as follows: Monday-goodie bag and gift giveaway, Tuesday- Luncheon, Wednesday-dessert buffet, Thursday-classroom help day, and Friday-Liberty Parade and gift giveaway. Massages will also be offered on Tuesday and Friday.

f. School Supplies- The website is open and to date, 88 kits have been sold. As of May 9th last year, only 53 kits had been sold. The website is open through June 30.

g. Summer Camps- Packets will be coming home for summer camp registration. All camps will be held the week of August 5th through 9th. Camps include two sessions of drama, two sessions of basketball, and one session of Kindergarten camp. Drama camp is accepting 30 students per camp, K-camp is taking 30 and basketball is taking 60.

6. Old Business- None

7. New Business- There will be a planning meeting for the golf tournament fundraiser on May 23rd at the St. John's Golf Clubhouse at 6:00pm. There will be a band concert on May 7th which will be movie themed.

8. Next Meeting- The next PTO meeting will be on May 28th at 10:00.

9. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 11:28.