

## Liberty Pines Academy PTO Minutes

September 5, 2017

**1. Welcome** President Melissa Kramer calls meeting to order at 10:00am

In attendance Cathy Richter, Bre Willman, Kelly Hite, Janine Bowker, Robyn Cebulko, Melody Coarsey, Shannon Anderson, Rachel Brunnell, Traci Hemingway, Melissa Woody, Erin Gulden, Lily Bristow, Erin Bragg, Melissa Kramer

**2. Minutes** Robyn Cebulko approves last month's minutes. Janine Bowker seconds the motion. All are in favor.

**3. Sunshine Chair** "If you want to make everyone happy, don't be a leader, sell ice cream."

Kelly Hite informed us that the "...of the Month" awards will begin this month. As of now no nominations have been received for September.

### **4. Principal and Officer Reports**

**a. Mrs. Hemingway** Congratulated the PTO on the Book fair. She was very impressed.

Curriculum Chats went well. Eighth and Fifth Grade teams have submitted their designs for the back of their AVID shirts. New associate teachers for K,1,2,3, and 5, a middle school science teacher as well as a new band teacher have all been hired. We are fully staffed as of now. The fifth grade class which currently has 33 students is awaiting approval from the district for Mrs. Hemingway to split it into two classes. The associate teacher would then take over one class. Mrs. Hemingway reports there is no word on Irma yet. The district will keep us posted if school is cancelled. The rezoning meeting taking place this week will not effect students at LPA.

### **b. President Melissa Kramer**

**1. Business partners** Currently we have received \$8500 with a goal of \$10,000. Please continue to spread the word. Any volunteers to willing to help with getting business partners would be greatly appreciated.

**2. General meetings** The PTO is required to have 3 general meetings a year. The first was supposed to take place at Fall Night of the Arts, however that event is cancelled since we did not have a band director to start the year. Instead the first general meeting to discuss budget will take place at the Holiday Night of arts in December. The second general meeting will be at the spring carnival in April. This is an overview as well as an opportunity to let people know about upcoming PTO board elections. The final general meeting will take place in May at the Night of Arts to vote on new board members.

**c. VP Fundraising** Melissa Woody reported that Boosterthon is still in planning phases. The theme is "Castle Quest!" It is a castle theme about bravery, 6 virtues of a true hero: Focus, Self-awareness, Respect, Trustworthiness, Creativity and Life learner. Karen has 3 other parents volunteering

to help with prize distribution. There will be a sign up genius for other volunteers during the race such as passing out water. Funds from Boosterthon will go to technology specifically computers for grades k-2 and iPads for grades 3-5.

**d. VP Membership** Robyn Cebulko reported that PayPal account has been set up, already bringing in an additional \$636. Will be great next year to have it already in place at the beginning of the year. Facebook reminders and new flyers went out. Mrs. Hemingway requested flyers for the staff. So far membership has brought in \$5,941.36 only \$558 away from goal.

**e. Treasurer** Janine Bowker reported current balance is \$36,619.74. \$21,910 was collected this month and only \$170.58 in expenses this month.

**f. Secretary** Erin Bragg had nothing to report.

## 5. Committee Chair Reports

**a. Book fair** Cathy Richter reported that we had an awesome book fair this year. There were tons of volunteers to help out. The book fair last spring brought in \$17,500. This year the fall book fair brought in \$17,922. Mrs. Rogers left thank you presents for those that helped out.

**b. Bootherthon** see 4c above

**c. Minigrants** Melissa Kramer reported for Caitlin DeBendetto that grade level requests were starting to come in. She has received them from grades 1, 2, and 3 as well as Spanish and drama.

**d. Room parents** Melissa Kramer reported for Jen Bachman that 7 teachers still in need of room parent. We will be double checking with teachers to see if they have found someone and just not reported it. Also if anyone knows someone in these classes to please encourage them to sign up. Room parent meeting is September 26 at 9am in the cafeteria.

**e. Spirit wear** Cathy Richter reported that she is mostly out of adult retired spirit wear. Any remaining retired spirit wear will be sold at Night of Arts anything left after that will be donated maybe to clinic. Online orders from Wolf Greet should be arriving soon. There are a couple of items being returned from May online orders that will be refunded. Budget was \$14,000 and we are currently at \$11,082. Spent \$6292 out \$7000. Avid t-shirts were budgeted for \$5000 and ended up being \$6300 with \$1691 being used for backpacks.

**f. Taxslayer Bowl** Melissa Kramer reported for Edja Graunke that we haven't heard back yet. We know they are focusing on military families this year. However all students on A/B honor roll receive a free ticket to game. Parents can purchase tickets which is a fundraiser for us.

**g. Wrapping paper** Erin Gulden reported that order forms will go out on October 20 and be due on October 27. It was decided that Holiday Night of the arts would be a good pick up day if the timing works out. Orders not picked up on designated night will be sent home with students. Funds from this fundraiser will also go to iPads and computers for classrooms.

**6. Old Business** none

**7. New Business** another alert message about Harvey relief efforts will go out. Also Patriot Oaks is joining us in helping with relief efforts.

**8. Next meeting** is October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am

**9. Adjourned** 10:45am