

## Liberty Pines Academy

### PTO Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018

**1. Welcome/Call to order-** Melissa Kramer called meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**2. Attendance-** Cathy Richter, Melody Coarsey, Erin gulden, Melissa Woody, Kelly Hite, Melissa Kramer, Lily Bristow, Rachael Bunnell, Christy Beebe, Janine Bowker, Cheri Bridges, Erin Bragg, Mrs. Hemingway

**3. Approval of Minutes-** Cathy Richter motioned to approve Decembers minutes. Melissa Woody seconded to the motion and all were in favor.

**4. Sunshine Chair-** Kelly Hite shared quote "When something goes wrong in your life just yell plot twist and move on." There were no "...of the month" nominations for this month. It was discussed that we make sure this is going out to as many people as possible with FB, the newsletter and the remind app.

#### **5. Principal and officers reports**

**a. Principal** Mrs. Hemingway reported that they had a wonderful week with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in DC. They were able to do a tour of the White House and one night they dinner at Medieval Times which the kids really enjoyed. Mrs. Hemingway said she was so proud of their behavior during the trip. They had multiple people comment on how well behaved our kids were.

Mrs. Hemingway informed us that Mrs. Dessi is no longer with us. She took a position teaching Anatomy and Physiology at Pedro Menendez High School before the break. A candidate has been offered the position and will hopefully start next week. Mrs. Konecny will not be returning this year. We are fortunate to have hired Alexa Maynor to fill that spot and she started today.

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

i. An amendment to our bylaws has been added allowing our PTO to donate funds to other SJCS who may have needs greater than our own. It was clarified that these funds will not come from any of our big fundraisers, but from specific small fundraisers stated for this purpose. It is also important to note that nothing was removed or changed from the current bylaws, we just added the following amendment. ***"Section 3.05 This organization is hereby permitted to donate funds to another 501(c)(3) organization or St Johns County public School and subject to approval of the Board, is permitted to distribute funds for any purpose that within the stated purpose of this organization as set forth in Article II above."*** Cathy Richter motioned to approve the change, Janine Bowker seconded the motion, all were in favor.

ii. This year our PTO has chosen to help out Osceola Elementary with their Blessing in a Backpack program. We will hold a Putt Putt Fundraiser and all funds will be donated to this cause. The event will be run by Coach Kennedy and will take place either the week of Jan 29 or the week of Feb 5.

**c. VP Fundraising** Melissa Woody reported that the Board and Brush event in December was lots of fun and raised \$286 making them a wolf den sponsor.

**d. VP Membership** Robyn Cebulko was not in attendance, and Melissa Kramer read her report stating there was nothing new to report.

**e. Treasurer** Janine Bowker reported the beginning balance was \$29,465.20. Income/donations received was \$1,766.07 with expenses of \$1,520.84 for a bank balance of \$29,710.43.

**f. Secretary** Erin Bragg read 3 thank you notes from families thanking the PTO for the meals and gift cards they received over Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## **6. Committee Chair Reports**

**a. Book Fair-** Cathy Richter reported that the book Fair will be the week of February 5-9. Set up will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have new registers so board members will need to be trained on that Friday. She also mentioned that Scholastic may be using something called e-wallet this year. More info to come.

Cathy also reported that during Holiday Vendor night spirit wear sales from in \$700.

**b. Holiday Vendor Night-** Edja Graunke was not present but it was reported that we made \$224 in raffle ticket sales.

**c. Hospitality-** Souper Bowl- Christy Beebe reported that the Souper Bowl will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign up Genius will be coming out soon.

**d. Hospitality-** Teacher Appreciation- Rachael Bunnell reported that she and Anna Neal have been organizing this event. The theme this year will be "A decade of greatest hits" Door decorating will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Christy Beebe volunteered to oversee that all doors are done. They are busy coordinating the luncheon and events for the week of April 30- May 4. A sign up Genius has already gone out for volunteers.

**e. LPA scholarship-** Melissa Kramer read a report for Shannon Anderson. She reported that applications are due March 14. A committee will meet the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> to determine the winner of the \$500 scholarship.

**f. Spring Carnival-** Melissa Woody reported that there is a carnival kick off meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:45. The committee is doing well getting everything together. We will use Jump-a-Roo for the bouncy houses this year. A 25% deposit will be required. Papa Murphy's will have individual pizza meals available for purchase. There will be 3 water stations this year.

## **7. Old Business-** none

**8. New business-** Mrs. Hemingway informed us that they are playing with the schedule and will possibly be getting rid of Blue and Green days for middle school and going to a straight 7 period day next year. The schedule looks promising for this change. Also they are debating the backpack vs drawstring bag rule. Originally the purpose was to make students go to their locker throughout the day and not carry all their stuff in a heavy bag. However students still don't go to the lockers and just cram everything into a drawstring bag. In addition the Student Advisory Council is reviewing all rules and policies to make sure that after 10 years they are still relevant.

Reminder: National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is hosting a pancake breakfast at Applebee's this Saturday. All ticket sales will to help Osceola ES. Gratuity received will go back to NJHS.

## **9. Next Meeting-**February 13<sup>th</sup> 10 am

**10. Adjournment** Melissa Kramer adjourned the meeting at 10:58am