

LOM PTO Minutes
September 10, 2012, 7:00 PM

Tricia Heller-Johnson showed the video of the new school construction; Sue Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Sue introduced the executive board officers and committee chairs.

Approval of minutes from the previous PTO meeting: Tomas Payet made the motion to approve, Michele Baselice seconded the motion, all approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Construction: Tricia Johnson updated the PTO on the construction progress. All of the foundations have been poured and the electricity and plumbing lines have been installed. The project is on schedule (rain days have been budgeted in) and bonds were sold early so move in date is moved up to August 2013. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Barrett are very happy with AP. Grass watering on the temporary playground is a continuing problem that is actively being worked on. The water has been turned off in that area to dry it up so that the full playground can be opened. Mrs. Johnson thanked the PTO for all of the items being used on the playground.

Lunch Time: Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Johnson sought feedback for a proposed 'reward' system being implemented in the cafeteria. Mrs. Barrett explained the problems the lunch monitors are facing: noise, kids sharing food, kids saving seats for other kids, kids leaving trash on and under the tables and kids spilling. To alleviate these issues, the administration is considering having classes sit according to their class—each class gets one table. The class will be awarded points for following the rules (or have points deducted for misbehavior) with some type of reward resulting from a certain level of points. It was noted that most children follow the rules but the noise level is too high, 250 kids eat at one time and the monitors have to get louder as the children do. This proposal led to a long discussion:

*Kristine Short asked what is different about this years' situation versus previous years? Are there less monitors?

*Mrs. Johnson responded there is an additional person in the cafeteria but all of the monitors are new to the school this year.

* Kindergarten did not do the gradual entry as in years past and there are more Kindergarteners that are younger.

*Diana Zylstra asked whether or not proper protocol has been gone over w/ monitors and w/ children.

*Karen Huttenmeyer shared that there is a lot of yelling being done by both playground and cafeteria monitors and another parent voiced the same concern having witnessed it in the cafeteria the week prior. The parent quoted the monitor as saying 'sorry, we are mean cafeteria ladies'.

*Ellen Hoiby agreed that in-service training for monitors needed to happen; older grades should not have to be penalized for younger grade issues. Ellen also suggested playing movies or quiet music during lunch.

* Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Barrett indicated in-service training can be done w/ monitors and that teachers can reinforce expectations w/ students.

*Monica Passey suggested future lunch schedules be coordinated so that primary and intermediate grades can be paired together.

*Ellen Chirumbolo asked if more volunteers were needed.

*Cami King asked just how loud it is and are the expectations reasonable? The kids need to be able to talk, have fun and relax; maybe the monitors have unrealistic goals.

*Toni Grimm thought the playground situation was a huge adjustment already for the children and taking away freedom of choice as where to sit would go too far.

*Mrs. Johnson suggested the student council make a video showing what not to do and what to do that the school could view.

*A parent suggested information go home in the newsletter to inform parents.

*Leah Weber strongly suggested all other options be considered before implementing the class table plan.

*Karen Huttenmeyer asked that the timing of lunches be looked at since her third grader is not getting enough time to eat.

The discussion ended with the assurance that Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Barrett were not going to implement the program immediately and that they would also seek suggestions at the site council meeting and from student council.

Capital Override: Mrs. Johnson informed the PTO about the upcoming Capital Override for WESD that will be voted on during the next election. There is a FAQ sheet in the office, if it passes all third through sixth graders will have use of a smart tablet, all classrooms will have smart boards and the computer lab will be upgraded. Joslyn Brown, second grade teacher, spoke about the ways you can get involved. Invest in Education has 'palm cards' that you can pass out, you can pass out logo'ed water bottles and you can paint your car advertising the override. Post your painted windshield on Invest in Education's face book page and you can win a \$5 gift card to Starbucks. Mrs. Brown also circulated a signup sheet to pass out the cards at high school football games. Sandy Benson, spoke about the need for LOM to participate in the override campaign and the dire need WESD is in regarding technology. She ended with a reminder to vote. Mrs. Brown reminded the PTO to learn about Prop 204, the Quality Jobs and Education act that would keep the one cent sales tax in place.

PTO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fall Fundraiser- Cami King

*orders are due tomorrow, 9-11

*make sure names of catalogs are on envelopes

*LOM receives 50% of sales

Effortless Fundraising- Sue Diaz for Kathy Luther

*Kathy was not in attendance; Sue Diaz reported that Kathy is working on fundraising that requires zero out of pocket expense, E-Scrip, Fry's Cool Cash program and the Target 5% program

*Mrs. Johnson indicated that LOM just received an \$1142 check from Target

Class Liaison- Ashley Toliver

*Ashley explained the function of the class liaison (to facilitate communication)

*Requests that all liaisons fill out their volunteer form

Book Fair- Kristine Short

*Fall book fair is 9/24 thru 9/28; volunteers are needed, please sign up

*LOM Library receives 60% of sales

Vendor Fair- Toni Grimm

- *Vendor Nights coincide with the family nights for book fair, this fall they are 9/25 and 9/27
- *If you are a vendor, please sign up, if you are a family, please attend
- *advertising opportunities for website

PTO Website- Toni Grimm

- *Over the summer, the PTO updated and refreshed the website, please check it out
- *If your email was previously in the PTO system, please sign up again, all former contacts were wiped out
- *Billy Neal revamped the website and Kristina DeBusk is maintaining it for the PTO
- *Minutes, agendas and forms will be posted on website

Fall Festival- Ellen Hoiby

- *Fall Festival is 11/3 at LOM due to scheduling conflicts at Mountain Sky and with the district calendar
- *Highlights include: silent auction in the cafeteria, Hawaiian theme, cake walk by Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Bridgewater's rooms, food vendors will be in courtyard, will do hairspray station, bouncers, berry spinner, hamster wheel and a little kid zone, will cut back on games
- *will need volunteers but less than previous years
- *PTO will purchase soda and water instead of asking for donations
- *Wristbands will sell for \$10
- *Expecting a smaller profit
- *Requests that baskets range from \$50-\$200
- *Ashley has sent the standard donation request letter to all of the class liaisons and will send again, if you need a specific one please see Sue Diaz

Cultural Arts- Sue Diaz for Briana Beveridge

- *Sue Diaz reported for Briana, two upcoming assemblies are: Ensemble Dance Company (one performance for K-2 and one performance for 3-6) and the Opera (again 2 performances)
- *Childsplay will perform in the spring

Dads on Duty- Tomas Payet

- *Bingo nights are scheduled for 9/28 and 5/10
- *Father Daughter dance is 2/8
- *Kickball Spectacular is 4/7 at MV Park

OLD BUSINESS

- *Bylaws were updated over the summer by the Executive Board; they were circulated for review and will be posted online.
- *Smart Card Program is being discontinued, all remaining cards are being sold, and they will be on sale at both vendor nights.
- *Budget was approved by the executive board over the summer and will be posted online.
- *2011-2012, over 40K was allocated for projects

NEW BUSINESS

2012-2013 Budget- Sue Diaz

- *aggressive but is dependent upon the success of this year's fundraisers.
- *10K has already been spent on teacher checks and \$2536 for playground supplies/ equipment

*Art, music and PE departments have \$500 allocated

OPEN FORUM

Diana Zylstra inquired how class t-shirts were paid for since the band is going to get t-shirts. She wants to ensure each child would get one regardless of whether or not they could pay for it. Assurances were made that each child would get one.

Adjourn 8:14 pm, Next meeting Monday, October 1 at 1:30 pm

ATTENDANCE: Kristine Short, Ann Lebert, Mike Feuerstein, Joslyn Brown, Adrienne Sanford, Michele Baselice, Mikki Davis, Tara Gleash, Ellen Chirumbolo, Laura Bell, Gloria Neely, Kristin Smith, Tori Prosen, Robert Valdez, John Martin, Daria Preston, Susan Nork, Ellen Hoiby, Ashley Toliver, Diana Berns-Zylstra, Annette Gulinson, Monica Passey, Tomas Payet, Karen Huttenmeyer, Leah Weber, Cindy Wilson, Chrissy Hughes, Cristina Strange, Cami King, Kerry George, Sue Diaz, Toni Grimm, Audrey Barrett, Tricia Heller-Johnson, Amy Rampley, Sandy Benson