

LOM PTO Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2016: Lookout Mountain Elementary School Cafeteria

Liza Burns called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

WELCOME – LIZA BURNS

Welcomed all to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2015 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION

No corrections to the December minutes, meeting minutes were approved.

PTO FINANCES – LIZA BURNS FOR DENA WINGERT (See attached Treasurers Report)

Current balance in account is \$30,187.37. Here are the highlights from the previous month deposits:

Escrip Rebate - \$839.68

Spirit Wear Sale - \$389 (sold items while selling raffle tickets for the mattress)

Tuft and Needle Mattress Raffle - \$1039.33

Square 1 Art - \$520 is from cash and checks made out to LOM PTO instead of Square 1 Art. However we have also received a check for apx. \$4,100 and there should be another \$700 coming.

SQUARE 1 ART FUNDRAISER – JEANNE SERENE

This was our first time doing the Square 1 Art Fundraiser and everything that could have gone wrong, did go wrong with this fundraiser. 36.83% of the student population participated in this fundraiser. Square 1 Art is giving an additional 5% because of the problems in shipping (another \$700). Next year, if we decide to do it again, we would need a co-chair to help with the project. 2016-1017 will be my last year and I would like to assist someone in this. We would definitely need additional assistant when the items are delivered. There was apx. 1400 pieces that had to be sorted and organized. Liza Burns said that she felt this fundraiser was completely worth doing. Ms. Penney said that it was a fundraiser and not very hard to do. They tried to have the students do colorful pieces. Ms. Penney suggested doing a survey to take a pulse of what the parents liked about the fundraiser, especially in regards to the younger ages. Jeanne said that she did sign up LOM PTO for the fundraiser for next year, so we are earlier this year. There is always an opportunity to cancel it. They would start in the beginning of fall and have the items delivered before Thanksgiving. Bethany Taylor said she would be happy to help with this project. Ms. Penney also mentioned that she had many students wanting items for themselves. John Martin and Bethany Taylor both said that they liked the fundraiser. Jeanne will put together a Survey Monkey survey to see what parents liked / disliked.

DADS ON DUTY –JOHN MARTIN

Dads on Duty is currently planning the Father/Daughter Dance. See attached 2016 Budge. The Dance is scheduled on February 19. They are anticipating apx. 575 attendees (Fathers/Daughters). They are thinking of selling tickets for \$8.00 a group (1 father, 1 to 3 daughters). No longer doing the canned food donation request. Will be asking for donations as well.

Liza Burns stated that she felt that \$8 may be too expensive and wanted to make sure Dads on Duty was also planning to use the \$500 that PTO had budgeted for them. And also asked if they are going to cap the attendance at 575? John said he is completely open to suggestions on the cost of the ticket. He thought the \$580 was the budgeted amount. Liza said that \$580 was what they made at BINGO Night and an additional \$500 is available and if they need more, they can request it. John said there is no limit on attendance. The reason for charging a ticket would be to offset the new cost that was paid for in previous years by individual (like the DJ) and an increase of an additional

photographer (three total photographers). Liza Burns suggested \$2.00 per child. John said that sounded good and all agreed.

The Dance Banner will go up the week of Jan. 25. Corsage making party will be on February 6. He does need volunteers spots filled. Since we are a Community of Caring he would love to have help from Moms and Dads. Last year they used Thunderbird National Honor Society students for help during the event and he will be contacting them again to see if they are able to help. Ali Workman suggested that he does a Signup Genius for all of the volunteer spots. There are a lot of parents that would love to help with this event. We will also be doing a flier to send home as well as a write up in the newsletter.

To try and bring the kids/dads together during the event – the dance committee thought of doing two activities - one being a trivia game with a few rounds based on how well you know each other (favorite team, etc.) and another would be a Design a Card with questions for the child to fill out and give to their father or mother.

John mentioned that there is a concern with the Photographer with utilizing the band rooms; they need to be closer together. He needs to add the gymnasium in the usage request. Audrey Barrett, Vice Principal, said that there might be a concern with using the gym and the cafeteria (the distance between the two locations could cause the need for more safety and security issues). She would like to meet with him directly to go over other option.

PRINCIPALS REPORT – AUDREY BARRETT

Thank you for all the work on the Square 1 Art Fundraiser. It was a great success. 150 Chrome Books have been ordered, not sure on the delivery date of them at this point. Unfortunately there was no funding with the Donors Choose project in connection with the National Championship Football Game. Last week they had a Community of Caring meeting. January's trait is Trust. February will be Caring. In February they have kindness coins that students can give to each other. April will be Family. They will promote this along with the Zoofari in April.

AZ Merit testing will be the last week in March. Field week will be April 11-15. Boosterthon run will be on April 27. Liza Burns asked if there was a way to have both nurses on duty the day of the run. PTO is willing to pay the additional salary cost, but wanted to see if it is possible. They would like to have one nurse on duty on the field to help with overheating.

CULTURAL ARTS – BETHANY TAYLOR

February 29 will be a presentation from Conrad Stora. He will be doing book presentations for the K through 3rd grades and 4th through 6th graders will be doing a writing workshop with him. He will be doing a total of 5 presentations. He is also offering families the opportunity to pre-order his books at a discount and then autographed. Fliers will be sent out and an email to follow up regarding the orders will be sent. Orders will need to be by check only.

Based on our budget, she is hoping to do a BMX Character building for the older kids and possibly a Magician Character builder for the younger kids.

HOSPITALITY – ALI WORKMAN

Cookies went smoothly and it seemed to have gone well. Delivered the cookies directly to the classrooms. At this time we had not heard from any teacher / administrator how it was received. Audrey Barrett apologized and said that the Teachers loved it and everyone was raving about the homemade cookies and the packaging.

February will be a Hospitality Luncheon for the teachers. After some discussion, Mexican food would be greatly appreciated. There seems to be no longer a need for Gluten Free options. None were taken during the previous luncheon.

BOOSTERTHON – LIZA BURNS FOR DENA WINGERT

Theme is Big World Recess (sports from different countries). Dates of the Boosterthon are April 18-26 for fundraising and April 27 for the Run. We will start to gear up very soon for this. We are going to do a better job of keeping the kids wet (not pouring water on heads) but spritzing (more squirt bottles). They are hoping to have the additional nurse on duty to help ease the congestion of the Nurses Office after each run. Audrey Barrett will check on it.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, February 19 at 8:30am (Staff Lounge). Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

ATTENDANCE: Liza Burns, President / Karen Konetzni, Vice President / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / Audrey Barrett, Vice Principal / Bethany Taylor / Jeanne Serene / Susan Penney / Ali Workman / Christy Minor