

LOM PTO Minutes  
October 14, 2013, 1:30PM, LOM Teacher's Lounge

Sue Diaz called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.

Approval of minutes from previous PTO meeting: Sue Diaz motioned to approve the minutes from the 9/9/13 meeting, Toni Grimm seconded the motion. All approved.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Tricia Johnson**

More work was done on the school over fall break. No parking signs were put up by the bus bay, new shelving was installed in the library and holes were filled with gravel on campus. The marquee is almost ready for use. Some big projects, like the installation of ballasts, have been postponed until winter break. The temporary shade structure (that was over the sandbox at the old school) will be installed over the waiting area for pickup. There is a small amount of money left over. Ms. Johnson will prioritize the rest of the projects, including additional furniture teachers have requested.

Ribbon cutting for new school is set for 11/1/13 at 8:30am. There will be a flag raising, a banner down the side of the large staircase, and all of the students will sing the same song.

Sue Diaz asked if all of the document cameras and projectors have come in. Ms. Johnson said that they are all in: all first grade teachers received them, plus several additional teachers.

Book fair went well. She heard nothing but good things.

The grass fields will be open in 2-3 weeks. They reseeded over fall break.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Michele Baselice**

Michele went over the current financial decision (see attached).

There was a discussion about the book fair and the fact that many children did not have enough money to cover tax on their purchases. Michele Baselice suggested that the PTO supply a "kitty" of money to cover the additional expense since book fair volunteers are putting in their personal money to cover the tax.

**PROPOSED PTO PROJECTS: Sue Diaz**

All teachers were sent a request form for proposed projects. Sue has received a few forms back. We will present them at the November meeting and decide on at that time. When the furniture comes in, some of the requests might go away.

Toni Grimm did research on the cost of the larger items (see attached):

- The stage curtains will be \$9000 and would probably be navy blue.
- Bleachers: one side of the gym is too short for bleachers. Tip and roll style is the best option because the can be moved. They are designed to go on the type of flooring in the gym and will not scuff. Toni also looked at single team benches, both permanent and temporary styles. Julia Wright asked if the bleachers were something that could be purchased for less cost on eBay. Sue Diaz explained that we need to buy things through the district so that the district would be responsible for maintenance.
- Toni Grimm had been asked to price a bench for the bus bay. There was a discussion about why this was needed. Several peoples opinion was that it was not a good idea as it might encourage loitering. Ms. Johnson suggested more benches might be needed by the front entrance and Michele Baselice asked about adding benches at North Gate.

**FALL CATALOG FUNDRAISING-Sue Diaz**

The fall fundraiser made over \$9000, but we don't have final numbers yet.

### **CLASS T-SHIRTS-Sue Diaz for Amy McIlroy**

Amy has spent hours organizing the t-shirt orders. Some teachers did not fill out the forms properly and several changed their color or logos every year which is making the t-shirts very costly and difficult to put together. If there is not better cooperation from teachers, we will have to move to one school shirt and not individual class shirts.

Meggan Jacks suggested coming up with a way to pay for t-shirts online which would remove the teacher involvement as much as possible. Karen Huttenmeyer added that it could be done so that if parents did not make the deadline, the price would go up and that maybe they could try the online purchasing with this year's band shirts. Meggan and Karen will work with Billy to see if that can be set up.

A PayPal account will have to be open all of the time, but we could use it for a lot of things.

### **FALL BOOK FAIR-Sue Diaz for Jamie Basham**

A discussion was had about the money that is generated from the book fair. Liza Burns asked if some of the money could be used for the teachers' wish lists. Ms. Johnson commented that there could be a committee of teachers to help the librarian pick new books that would be helpful to each grade level. Karen Huttenmeyer stated that Scholastic has a lot of cool stuff online like pintables, webinars that are curriculum based; maybe some of the money from book fair could fund that.

### **HARKINS PRESALES-Ann Lebert**

Ann Lebert mentioned that flyers went home.

### **FALL FESTIVAL-Sue Diaz and Ann Lebert for Amy McIlroy**

Nine teachers still need fall festival basket coordinators.

### **HOSPITALITY-Adrienne Sanford**

We have had a breakfast for the teachers already this year. On Wednesday, October 23, PTO will put on a lunch for the teachers. A SignUp Genius email will go out this week to get volunteers to bring food.

### **CAPITAL OVERRIDE-Meggan Jacks**

Meggan Jacks said early ballots have gone out. There will be a phone bank on 10/15 at 5:30 at Natalie Veidmark's house. They are looking for 10-15 callers. Before Election Day, there will be a big blast including canvassing the neighborhood and more phone calls. We will also offer to pick up ballots from voters and turn them in for them. She is hopeful that it will be an easy win.

Toni Grimm stated she still needs Picture Day volunteers. Class photos in class shirts will be in December.

Tara Gleash is in charge of the yearbook this year. Pre-sales start in November.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47pm.

ATTENDANCE: Sue Diaz, Ann Lebert, Toni Grimm, Michele Baselice, Liza Burns, Meggan Jacks, Adrienne Sanford, Karen Lalli, Tricia Johnson, Leah Weber, Julia Wright, Karen Huttenmeyer