

LOM PTO Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2015: Lookout Mountain Elementary School Cafeteria

Liza Burns called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

WELCOME – LIZA BURNS

Welcomed all to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2015 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION

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

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

Treasurer Report was passed out to all attendees. PTO recently used \$2,000 for purchase of additional smart boards and \$45,000 was used to purchase Chrome Books for the school. Apx. \$2,200 was the profit for the recent Fall Festival. Money from the Scholastic Book Fair was \$5,300. Mrs. Johnson said the library will be replenishing their books.

PRINCIPALS REPORT – TRICIA JOHNSON

Biggest thing happening at this moment was the \$45,000 the PTO donated to Lookout Mountain to purchase Chrome Books. She mentioned how excited they are by this donation.

Mrs. Johnson also mentioned that there is currently an opportunity with Donors Choose and the College Championship organization Extra Yard for Teachers. This group funds Education through districts, cities and the state during the College Football Playoffs. WESD has requested that each teacher put together a Donors Choose website. The teachers have decided to use this opportunity to request \$2000 for additional Chrome Books and Cart. The schools hope is that the Extra Yard for Teachers would fund most of the requests. The school doesn't want parents to feel that they are being asked to donate even more money. Tanya Roof asked what a cart was and Mrs. Johnson stated it provides a security in locking up the chrome books along with a station to charge all the tablets.

Fall Festival was a relaxed and enjoyable event. Mrs. Johnson has heard only great responses regarding it.

The Teachers had a wonderful time during the recent Hospitality Luncheon during Parent/Teacher Conferences. They all really enjoyed the Dilly's Deli.

HARKINS PRESALE – KIM BAKER

We raised \$720 doing the presale. Even though a deadline was given, orders kept trickling in for 11 days after deadline. Cups and tshirts will be by a voucher, so this will be easier to manage.

SQUARE 1 FUNDRIASER – JEANNE SERENE

Deadline for the fundraiser is this Friday. Orders have been slow, only 4 at this time. Unfortunately there is a short time frame of when the order forms went out and when orders need to be submitted online. A big thank you to Denise Dominguez and Shelly Reardon for helping with this fundraiser. We receive 33% from the orders made until November 20. If more than 472 students participate the percentage would increase to 38%. Orders will arrive by December 16. Mrs. Johnson stated that the art teachers thought this was a wonderful project. Mrs. Johnson will also make sure an email is sent to all the teachers to remind them to send home the packets immediately, due to the fast time frame.

FALL FESTIVAL – JODI STANLEY

Liza Burns thanked Jodi for taking over the Fall Festival and putting on a wonderful event. Liza also mentioned what a great experience it was that during the pre-sale of the bracelets people were paying it forward and just showed how Lookout Mountain is a Community of Caring.

Jodi stated that with her big committee, they were able to make the Fall Festival happen. The great news is that we made about \$2,000 when all was said and done. We had apx. 350-400 people attend and every volunteer worked hard and was amazing. Hardest part of the event was getting volunteers. Apx. 120 volunteers are needed to make the event happen that day. 90-95 with the middle school and high school student helpers. Ellen Holby saved the day with the volunteers she organized from the Middle School and High School. It was a terrific community event. Mrs. Johnson also stated it was a great community event.

DADS ON DUTY – JOHN MARTIN

Marketing for the Father/Daughter Dance will start soon. Duke Photography will be the photographers this year. Souvenir Tickets will be given. There will be a charge for the event this year. Not sure on what the final cost will be. Jodi also asked that we use the extra bottles of water that Armored Storage donated and continue to promote them as a partner with LOM PTO.

HOSPITALITY LUNCHEON – LIZA BURNS FOR ALI WORKMAN

Hospitality Luncheon went well. We had a Thank You sign that disappeared, that we were planning on reusing. Mrs. Johnson mentioned that we were having staff changes with the custodians and unfortunately it was likely to have been thrown away. Cookie Exchange for the teachers will be the week before school is out. Ali Workman will put out a signup genius for individuals to donate homemade cookies.

OPEN FORUM

Mrs. Johnson stated that 2014.2015 test scores will be sent home on Thursday. School wide numbers will be released in November. The numbers are much lower than previous years, but when looking at percentages above state and district numbers, we are the same as previous years. The test looked completely different then it had in previous years. This year we will be better prepared for the test and we incorporate parts of the test in our daily practices.

Tanya Roof asked that with the recent vote regarding the Common Core, how will this effect our students at Lookout Mountain. Mrs. Johnson stated that the vote was a political play on words and changing the name of it, doesn't mean that we are giving up the standards. Our students need to have a standard to be competitive with students from other states.

Kim Baker asked if there is a consistency in what is being taught among the teachers. Mrs. Johnson stated that the teachers do come together in meetings and share ideas and there is a guideline to follow.

Jodi Stanley wanted to ask for parents/students to give ideas to get the older students to have a fun time at the Fall Festival. The age seemed to be mostly 3rd and younger grades. Would like to get the older grades excited about the Fall Festival.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, December 11 at 8:30am. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

ATTENDANCE: Liza Burns, President / Karen Konetzni, Vice President / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / Tricia Johnson, Principal / Audrey Barrett, Vice Principal / Kim Baker / Kim Moizo / Tanya Roof / John Martin, Dads on Duty / Jodi Stanley