

LOM PTO Minutes
November 4, 2013, 7:00PM, LOM Cafeteria

Sue Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes from previous PTO meeting: Sue Diaz motioned to approve the minutes from the 10/14/13 meeting. Ann Lebert seconded. All approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Audrey Barrett for Tricia Johnson

Mrs. Barrett thanked PTO for the luncheon during conference week. The dedication ceremony was last Friday. It was a great opportunity to showcase the school, the music department and the students. Several people commented they had seen coverage on the news. The playground fields are partially opened. There are places on the fields that need to be filled with dirt, like around sprinkler heads. Swings will be installed soon. The old swings are no longer in compliance with safety standards, so they cannot be reused. Student Council is having a food drive, sock drive and will be making holiday cards for veterans. Our boys' basketball team is undefeated. Cross country starts 11/5/13; there are 130+ members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sue Diaz for Michele Baselice

So far we have made \$510 from the vendor fair. Escrip rebates earned \$400 last month. Brainpop was ordered for the computer lab. We are licensed so that only a certain number can be used at one time. Fall fundraiser earned \$9000 so far. Additional funds will be coming from the company from the online sales. Harkins cup sales generated \$904.50 profit. The cups should be here on 11/14/13. We filed our taxes in October. Our current balance is \$40,000 (see attached budget information). We have \$5559.66 in our Scholastic account. There is an expiration date on balance. We get 60% of proceeds because we have two book fairs a year.

PROPOSED PTO PROJECTS/TEACHER REQUESTS: Sue Diaz

First Grade team requested: 1) back pack hooks for everyone except Ms. Neal. It was agreed to table the hook request until the latest furniture order is received to see if the backpack hooks will fit and reassess the need. 2) Cubbies for Ms. Beck. They were not included in the new furniture order. Some of the old cubbies and other furniture from the old school was evaluated and determined to be not sturdy enough to be moved. Sue Diaz made a motion to approve the request for cubbies. Adrienne Sanford seconded. All approved. 3) Bulletin boards for the hallways. Sue Diaz talked to Audrey Barrett and Tricia Johnson. They will assess how many/where/price. They will have details by the next meeting.

Ms. Harpe's document camera is not working. District put a freeze on all technology orders until after the override elections. It was decided to wait until after the elections to address this issue.

Ms. Hackett requested teaching store materials. Sue Diaz suggested we allocate funds from the Scholastic Book fair to purchase grade level materials that will meet the Common Core Standards. Audrey Barrett will talk to the teachers about their needs. Toni Grimm suggested we could do the same thing in the spring. Mrs. Godfrey added that many teachers have already used their own money to purchase supplemental materials and assumes they will be able to get additional materials through Scholastic for the common core standards. Teachers are specifically in need of informational texts and nonfiction. We should have approximately \$500/per grade level. Sue Diaz will check with Jamie Basham about the total proceeds.

Ms. Weeks requested Time for Kids to be used by the 6th grade for \$200. This is not something that can be purchased through Scholastic. Natalie Veidmark suggested they look at the magazine sales available through the fall catalog sale. Sue Diaz made a motion to approve the purchase of Time for Kids. Toni Grimm seconded. All approved.

Toni Grimm reviewed the big projects that have been discussed at previous meetings. We believe we should start with the bleachers/benches because the risers and/or chairs are denting the gym floor. The bleachers are tip and roll and can be easily moved around. The benches would be permanently mounted. The cost will be \$5,000-\$7000. Discussion continued. Julia Wright asked if the district could pay. Sue Diaz answered that there are no district funds

available. The shade structures will be reused. Annette Gulinson thinks it is a good idea. Audrey Barrett asked about seating capacity. Toni Grimm answered that there will be 4 rows, either 2 sets of 15 feet (would seat 60) people or 3 sets of 9ft. We have to work around the water fountain, fire alarms and other permanent structures in the gym. Annette Gulinson made a motion to approve the purchase of bleachers and benches, not to exceed \$7000. Natalie Veidmark seconded the motion. All approve.

CLASS T-SHIRTS –Amy McIlroy

PTO took a loss of about \$1500, due in part to teachers changing their logos and/or colors. Amy McIlroy admitted one mistake was hers, but they will not redo them due to the expense. Each new press costs about \$55 so changing screen printers would cost more than the loss that we incur each year. There was much discussion about imposing rules regarding changing colors/logos to once every few years. It was recommended that we convey to the teachers the value of the history of each logo/color shirt and that it is important for continuity. Amy Mehr recommended increasing the price next year to help offset the loss. Annette Gulinson asked about how many don't pay for the shirts. Amy McIlroy answered that it was a wash; the loss generally comes from the extra shirts that teachers have in storage. Audrey Barrett agreed with the price increase, thinks we need to communicate the cost, put a limit on the excessive extras and suggested that when a new student comes in and gets a shirt that they be asked to make a donation to cover the cost. Amy Mehr suggested forming a T-Shirt committee with at least one teacher on it. It was also suggested that one teacher and/or parent from each grade serve on the committee. The grade level representative could see the expense and make sure T-shirt orders were correct. Julia Wright suggested that she could help with a bid and that some Screen Printers might soon have technology available for online orders.

WINTER FESTIVAL-Amy McIlroy

The food vendor will be Jersey Mike's. They will have boxes with sandwiches. Purchase of food will be with tickets so there will be no exchange of money. There will also be a hotdog vendor, snow cones, popcorn machine and DJ. We are renting games instead of using the old ones. They will be geared toward older kids. A rock climbing wall has been approved by the district. There is a possibility of getting snow delivered. The theme for the festival is "Blazing into the New Year" (a country/western theme). There is a basket volunteer for every class. There will be another Winter Festival meeting on November 13, 2013 at 7pm.

OPEN FORUM

Sue Diaz mentioned on behalf of Brianna Beveridge who heads Cultural Arts for PTO, that the symphony and hopefully Aerial Silks (aerial acrobatics) will be booked for the year. They are looking for an additional speaker. Amy Mehr suggested Mark Trombino.

Natalie Veidmark mentioned the override vote is tomorrow (11/5/13). There will be a phone bank at 43rd Ave/Thunderbird. Adrienne Sanford mentioned that PTO will be organizing cookies for teachers the week of 12/16. Teachers will all get boxes of cookies and any leftovers will go into the break room. Sue Diaz mentioned that PTO receives a lot of thank you notes from teachers and that our efforts are appreciated.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

ATTENDANCE: Sue Diaz, Ann Lebert, Toni Grimm, Liza Burns, Kristina DeBusk, Amy McIlroy, Amy Mehr, Adrienne Sanford, Jennifer Dunnion, Annette Gulinson, Natalie Veidmark, Audrey Barrett, Ali Workman, Julia Wright, Sherry Godfrey, Jennifer Gray, Katherine Beck