

LOM PTO Minutes

Friday, December 11, 2015: Lookout Mountain Elementary School Staff Lounge

Liza Burns called the meeting to order at 8:30am

WELCOME – LIZA BURNS

Welcomed all to the meeting. First thing we need to do is draw a winner for the Tuft & Needle Mattress raffle. The winner is Kim Schaefer.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2015 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION

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

DADS ON DUTY – LIZA BURNS FOR JOHN MARTIN

Working on preparations for the Father/Daughter Dance.

HOSPITALITY – LIZA BURNS FOR ALI WORKMAN

The next event for the Hospitality Committee is the Cookie Exchange for the Teachers. 35 people have signed up to bring 50 cookies each. The cookies will need to be delivered to Ali Workman by Monday. Cookies will be sorted and boxed and delivered to the Teachers on Tuesday.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS FOR 2016-2017 – LIZA BURNS

The available positions 2016-2017 school year will be President, Vice President, Secretary and possibly Treasurer. If anyone is interested, please contact Liza Burns.

PRINCIPALS REPORT – TRICIA JOHNSON

Working on the Purchase Order for 150 Chrome Books. They are getting everything in order for the Donor Choose website. There are other companies out there that are doing Flash Funding to schools. John Jacobs was just funded by Kia Motors. In review of the testing scores from last year, we were tied for #1 in the district for Reading and #1 in the district for Math. Interim scores for English and Language Arts we are the top school with 70% of our students meeting or exceeding. These show that our kids are well prepared for next year. Band Concert will be held next week; lemonade and cookies will be provided. Square 1 fundraiser will have an additional day of delivery on Friday, December 18. Thursday, December 17 will be full of Holiday Parties. Lost and Found items will be donated on the 30th of each month.

All in all, we are in a good place. Mrs. Johnson then asked if there are any questions.

Bethany Taylor asked about a few incidents that have happened recently where a parent/guardian of a child yelled at administration or teachers, showing disrespect and she asked how they handle these situations. She recently witnessed it herself and wasn't sure if she should step in. Mrs. Johnson stated that they couldn't change the behaviors of the adults; they do try to not escalate the situation and do address the problem later with a phone call. If the child attends school on open enrollment, they will not be approved to return to Lookout the following year. Mrs. Barrett also stated that they do not want to escalate the situation, but they do need to follow the rules and then approach them privately.

PTO FINANCES –DENA WINGERT (See attached Treasurers Report)

There were a few additional charges for the Fall Festival that trickled in this past month. Our current balance is \$27,637.

BOOSTERTHON – DENA WINGERT

They will be contacting Boosterthon in January. Not sure on the theme yet. Process we used last year was successful. Dates of the Boosterthon are April 18-26 for fundraising and April 27 for the Run. Mrs. Johnson said that she really liked how it was run last year. It worked really well for the kids.

ASSEMBLIES – BETHANY TAYLOR

Bethany said that she sent out a quick survey to teachers (5th & 6th Grades only) to see if they thought the Not My Kid presentation was good. She only received back 2 response, one stated they thought it was fantastic and one stated they thought it was not good. Mrs. Johnson said that they will do the survey the old fashioned way with paper and pencil to get more feedback. A few comments from the presentation were that they ended up teaching the kids a few things they didn't know. Mrs. Johnson feels that this is terrific opportunity to teach the information and then have conversations about it. The parent meeting was very well attended and received all positive feedback.

Conrad Storad will be here during Reach out to Read week. Then in May we will offer a Character Building assembly.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 11 at 7:00pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57am.

ATTENDANCE: Liza Burns, President / Karen Konetzni, Vice President / Dena Wingert, Treasurer / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / Tricia Johnson, Principal / Audrey Barrett, Vice Principal / Kim Baker / Ginger Topize / Bethany Taylor / Ellen Holby