

LOM PTO Minutes  
December 9, 2013, 1:30PM, LOM Teacher's Lounge

Sue Diaz called the meeting to order at 1:31PM.

Approval of minutes from previous PTO meeting: Sue Diaz motioned to approve the minutes from the 11/4/13 meeting. Jennifer Dunnion seconded. All approved.

The amount left from the Scholastic Book Fair is less than previously reported because the librarian spent more of the money than we thought. Total amount from the book fair is approximately \$2200. It was decided by the administration and faculty that Grades 4, 5 and 6 would spend \$700 to purchase supplemental materials.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Tricia Johnson**

Multiple projects will be completed during the winter break.

- The awning that was over the sandbox at the old school will be place to provide shade where the temporary structures are now.
- A fence on campus will be replaced with a gate to allow access to the breezeways from both directions.
- Railings and more concrete will be added on the west side of campus.
- The gym will be re-floored. It needs to be resealed and relined. This is all being done under warranty.

A report is being done on the playground safety. An inspection was completed and we are waiting on the report. There have been 10 broken arms on campus this year. The report will tell us where the injuries are occurring. Mrs. Johnson is hoping it will also give us a better idea about maintenance of the wood chips. Karen Huttenmeyer asked what the difference is this year; why there are so many injuries. Mrs. Johnson responded that they don't know but are hoping the report will help. Jennifer Dunnion asked how many broken arms normally occur in a school year. Mrs. Johnson responded the average is 2. Mrs. Johnson also indicated they have increased the number of attendants on the playground. She also hopes the report will address the low grass areas and why they are taking so long to drain and the ideal height of the monkey bars. The playground report is expected in January.

Michele Baselice asked if all of the purchased bricks have been placed. Mrs. Johnson answered they are in two different locations on campus. There are also another pallet of bricks and the Jaydie Lynn King benches that still need to be placed, but were not within the construction budget. They would like to add the rest of the bricks in areas where children cut through or where sidewalks need to be widened.

**ROLE OF PTO: AMENDED BY-LAWS: Sue Diaz**

There have been a few instances lately where the PTO Board has felt the role of the PTO required clarification. The Board voted on 11/22/13 to amend the by-laws adding Article III, Section 6 to clarify that PTO does not address policies and procedures of the school.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Michele Baselice**

The fall fundraiser made approximately \$9000. The Winter Festival estimated net profit is \$11,000. Credit card receipts are \$4000. Vendor fair earned \$1,050. Mrs. Johnson said she believed the festival was a good time to have the vendor fair. Sue Diaz indicated we would have the final numbers from the festival in January. The baskets made \$8,883 this year. Last year the raffles and baskets combined only made \$8,600.

**WINTER FESTIVAL: Amy McIlroy**

Amy McIlroy said she is glad that the festival is over, but thinks it went well despite the fact the snow was not delivered and the photo booth failed to come. The deposit for the snow was placed on her personal credit card and she is working to get it refunded. She decided to cancel the rock wall at the last minute because she was concerned about injuries. There were 2 injuries reported at the festival. One child got a burn from the slides and another fell off the monkey bars (that

were closed). She indicated that getting volunteers proved to be very difficult. A discussion followed about reinstating the classroom liaison position. Holly Past stated she is a classroom liaison and feels the position is necessary for the one on one contact to encourage people to help. Many agreed that the PTO emails are too far removed to be really effective in generating volunteers. Holly Past went on to say that feels the classroom liaison position is a helpful way to allow working parents to be involved. Sue Diaz agreed that the position could be reinvented. Jeanne Serene said she would take over as the Liaison Coordinator. Mrs. Johnson said that it might be valuable to have PTO at the Kindergarten Round-Up and have PTO explain how you can support your child's education through participating in school activities. Natalie Veidmark commented the position might need to be a hybrid.

#### **PAINLESS FUNDRAISING: Michele Baselice**

Escrip has told us that the only transactions that will count are debit. Credit transactions will not be included. Already the monthly total we received has gone down without credit included. Sue Diaz also indicated that the Target Red Card goes to Site Council and not to PTO. Audrey Barrett said the money from the Red Card goes to professional development. Jennifer Dunnion added that if you purchase items through Amazon and go to smile.amazon.com, some money will go back to the school. Michele Baselice said she would look into that. It is also encouraged that those that work for companies with gift matching take advantage. Holly Past also said that she thought it would be helpful to use social media to promote the festival next year. She thought it would be helpful to live tweet the silent auction so people could keep up with the bids even when they were outside playing. Also tweeting could be used to generate interest in baskets before the auction and could allow outside purchasers to bid.

#### **BOOSTERTHON –Sue Diaz**

Boosterthon is the spring fundraiser and will be coordinated with Field Week, 4/15-4/25. It is a fun run where the children get pledges. The pledges are tax deductible. Every student will be included. The theme will be Random Acts of Kindness. There is not much we have to do but cheer them on and hand out water. The Boosterthon company provides the children with Tshirts, balloon arches and teaches them songs. They combine with a charity each year. When a child reaches a pledge level of \$7, Boosterthon will donate 5 meals to a family in need. Mrs. Johnson wants to clarify that we will still have field week; this is being done in conjunction with field week. Sue Diaz commented that a percentage of what the students earn goes to their teachers. We are hoping to tie the proceeds of this fundraiser to technology since the override failed to pass. Ann Lebert added the company indicated we could make about \$25,000. We will get 52% of proceeds. With most other fundraisers we get 50% or less.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:31pm.

ATTENDANCE: Sue Diaz, Ann Lebert, Toni Grimm, Michele Baselice, Liza Burns, Amy McIlroy, Jennifer Dunnion, Annette Gulinson, Natalie Veidmark, Audrey Barrett, Julia Wright, Holly Past, Briana Beveridge, Jeanne Serene, Karen Huttenmeyer, Gwen Gardner, and Tricia Johnson