

LOM PTO Minutes

Monday, February 23, Lookout Mountain Elementary School Teachers Lounge

Liza Burns called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

WELCOME – LIZA BURNS

Welcomed all to the meeting

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION

No corrections to the January 2015 minutes, minutes were approved.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE & DADS ON DUTY – LIZA BURNS (FOR JOHN MARTIN)

Apx. 600 people attended the Father Daughter Dance. 324 corsages were made by Crystal Dolbin and were loved by all. Alex Lowy donated the DJ this year again; this will be the last year of the donated DJ. Collected about 850 pounds of canned food and about \$500 of cash donations to DADS ON DUTY. Total cost for this event is apx. \$1700. Dorian did the photos this year (this was their first year). There were long lines for photos (this is been an issue in the past). One photo is free for everyone. There were additional items ordered with the photos that Dorian had no way of collecting money. This is now an issue that Dads On Duty/PTO has to solve. Liza Burns will ask John if there is anyway to have Dorian stop the additional orders and have them handle the money issues directly. There were also reserved parking spots for winners of the Direct Drive for Dollars Raffle and two of the cones were destroyed that evening. PTO had to replace them. Some things to think about for next year....

- Pre-sale tickets. \$2.00 per couple. Meaning 1 adult/1 child. Any additional children are \$1.00 each. Not only would this cover some of the cost but give you an accurate head count.
- Charge for the photos (not include them).
- May need security to be hired. Could help with monitoring the amount of attendees.
- May want to have this be a PTO/DADS ON DUTY Sponsored Event. Not just DADS ON DUTY.

FATHER/SON Kickball Game will be in April. Fliers will go out in March.

PRINCIPALS REPORT – AUDREY BARRETT, VICE PRINCIPAL

- Updates – playground drainage issues were worked on during the winter break. There are still a few issues happening on the playground, grading of this area will happen during Spring Break.
- Marquee has been having issues because of the wireless uplink to control it. The company has been out recently and is trying to correct the problem. They will be installing a hard-wired connection to hopefully eliminate these issues.
- LOM has been renewing the Community of Caring. This takes place during one Wednesday a month. Each month will have a different value that will re-enforce the Community of Caring.
- Drainage issues in the front of the school (dirt parking area) have not been addressed as of yet, they are focusing on the playground issues.
- Playground Field is being available to students during grade level recess only. Not during lunch recess. It is up to each grade if they want to open up the field and monitor it during recess.

- Bethany Taylor asked about the teachers on the playground during lunch recess. Mrs. Barrett explained there are apx. 160 kindergarten students to 2 monitors. They are not teachers but they are adults monitoring the playground.
- Bethany Taylor asked about the plan for next year in regards to the amount of Kindergarteners heading to 1st Grade. And that there are not enough 1st grade teachers for that amount of students. Mrs. Barrett said they would not have a plan for next year until they speak with the district in March. They will also look at if there is enough rooms for additional 1st Grade teachers.
- Karen Huttenmeyer asked if there is no more money left for supplies for the remainder of the year. She was not able to find paper clips on Friday when she was volunteering. Mrs. Barrett said that there is plenty of money left for supplies, they are trying to monitor the supply closet and make sure that supplies are not being stashed in classrooms but are kept in the storage closet in the office.
- Asked to why they do not have recycling in the copy rooms anymore. There is currently no contracted recycling program.
- Bethany Taylor asked what affect would the budget cuts have on LOM. Is there something that we should do as parents to help? Mrs. Barrett said she is not aware of what affect the budget cuts will have on LOM. Karen Huttenmeyer said she will be attending a District Meeting this evening and will ask the question to the district.

SPRING FLING –AMY MCILORY/LIZA BURNS

Everything is in place for the Spring Fling on Saturday, Feb. 28. The concern at this point is the lack of volunteers. After a week of requesting volunteers for this event, we have apx. 20 parents that have responded and we need at least 3 times this amount. Liaisons need to request volunteers for their assigned bounce houses/games. Most classes have had only 1 response from parents regarding volunteers. Crystal Luckie suggested that maybe we offer volunteers a discount on the wristband price. Although a good idea, we do not want to start giving out discounts. A suggestion of a Phone Call Out to be done. Liza Burns will request this to happen tonight.

If we don't get the amount of volunteers we may have to cut some of the bounce houses and games. We need to have the volunteers set by tomorrow evening. We hired only 5 employees from the bounce house company. This was an increase from last year, but the cost is high. Amy will set up a table after school today asking for volunteers (getting Face to Face with people may be good). Wristband purchases will be held off till Wednesday. A suggestion of service clubs from the high school was mentioned. Liza Burns and Amy McIlroy will discuss in detail the Spring Fling after the meeting today.

Silent Auction is coming together said Kristen Solheim. Most of the donations are certificates and not baskets. She would like to keep all original certificates in a file until after the auction. Bid sheets with descriptions of the items will be on the tables. There will be a sorting/prepping party tomorrow, 7pm at Liza Burns home. Please let Liza know if you will be able to attend.

Next year we will not be having a Spring Fling/Fall Festival. We will have some sort of fun event but maybe not one that is so volunteer heavy.

PTO FINANCES – MICHELE BASELICE

- We had a deposit of \$2,712.80 from Box Tops. Over \$500 was given to the PTO via the American Express Matching Program.

- Currently we are in the red with class t-shirts and spirit wear. We have a lot of spirit shirts remaining to sell.
- Expenses this past month were a new Microwave for the nurse's office and new cones damaged during the Father/Daughter Dance.

HOSPITALITY – LIZA BURNS (FOR ADRIENNE SANFORD)

Teacher Conference Week Luncheon was a great success. Thank you cards were received from Mrs. Gleash and Mrs. Lillie. Teacher Appreciation Week is the next event and that will happen in May.

BOOSTERTHON –DENA WINGERT

Dates are lined up. Kick-off will take place on April 20 with the run on April 29 (same week of Field Week) Daily videos will be shown in classroom during breakfast time (no one will miss recess this year). Prizes will be distributed during the day, not sure on the details of this. Any challenges that happen will take place during morning announcements. This year students will not receive a t-shirt they will have a sticker that we mark off the laps. Ideas that have been suggested that the top 5 teachers who have 100% collection get a percentage of that money directly back to their classrooms.

Volunteers will be needed during the entire time of the Boosterthon. We will need volunteers during the run, distribute packets on the first, count money and hand out prizes.

We need to advertise that a flat donation is available too. Not just a per lap donation. That can seem overwhelming to donors. There is the processing fee for online donations. Unfortunately we do not have any control over this.

A meeting will be held with Mrs. Johnson's, Principal, to finalize a lot of items. Right after the Spring Fling signs for the Boosterthon will be put up, "Coming Soon".

OPEN FORUM

Kids Summer Movie Program – Kim Baker

- Fliers went out last week. We will also post it on the PTO website and Facebook page. Maybe have the liaisons send it via email in a PDF form.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40a

ATTENDANCE: Liza Burns, President / Karen Konetzni, Vice President / Michele Baselice, Treasurer / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / Audrey Barrett, Vice Principal / Crystal Luckie / Bethany Taylor / Heidi Kilbourne / Amy McIlroy / Karen Huttenmeyer / Annette Gulinson / Ali Workman / Erica Cozby / Dena Wingert / Kim Baker / Kristen Solheim