

LOM PTO Minutes
March 10, 2014, 7:00PM, LOM Cafeteria

Sue Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Approval of minutes from previous PTO meeting: Michele Baselice motioned to approve the minutes from the 2/10/14 meeting with the correction of Julia Wright's name. Sue Diaz seconded. All approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Sue Diaz for Tricia Johnson

Nothing big happening. Over Spring Break more woodchips will be added to the playground, the monkey bars will be lowered and the awning will be put up over the pick up area. The District is hiring a company (Dorian Project) to do all school photos next year. We are unsure how this will effect the yearbook. The profits for the yearbook go to Community of Caring. Tricia Johnson will be at the next meeting with an update on staffing.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Michele Baselice

Recent escrip deposits total \$363. This is still a large number despite the fact that the money comes from debit only transactions now. Hospitality spent about \$600. More money was used to purchase playground equipment. Mrs. Beck received her cubbies. The total is about \$45, 600. The doc cameras for the kindergarten teachers was written but hasn't cleared. That total was approximately \$15,000. School board has to accept the gift at the next board meeting.

VOLUNTEER APPRECTION PINS – Sue Diaz

Sue Diaz brought up the topic of purchasing volunteer appreciation pins again this year. The total would be \$285 plus shipping and handling. Kristen Solheim said they sound like a waste of money. Brianna Beveridge says she collects them, but only because they are there. Sue Diaz made a motion to not buy the volunteer pins this year. Ann Lebert seconded. All approved.

BOX TOP CONTEST – Sue Diaz for Antoinette Larson

Box Top contest starts 3/24. The top classes in each grade level with get a popsicle party and the winning class will get a pizza party.

PTO Classroom Liaisons – Sue Diaz

We are trying to get these restarted. Did the liaisons send the updates out? This is a work in process. The liaisons add a personal touch to the PTO volunteer process. Adrienne will be at the next meeting to discuss the gifts for staff and the final luncheon. We need to look into covering the teacher's duties for teacher appreciation day/week. We are going to send a summary of the PTO meeting to the parents through the liaisons. The official minutes are posted on the PTO website. Michele Baselice will send out the "form" letter that she uses for Teacher Appreciation week.

BOOSTERTHON –Sue Diaz

This is a fitness/character building fun run. The students will get pledges. All the money will go towards technology in any way the school needs support because the override didn't pass. The district is currently working on a technology plan, so we will need to wait to see that plan before we will know how to best spend the money. We are hoping this is a fantastic event. They take most of the effort. We only need to support by handing out water and data entry of pledges/donations. This will coordinate with Field Week and the P.E. teachers are on board. We are hoping to raise a lot of money. PTO keeps 52% (we normally get 45-50% from other fundraisers). Because we are a 501 (c) (3) donations are tax deductible. In addition meals will be donated for a needy family for a specific amount of money donated. Michele Baselice stated that the Boosterthon people indicated that \$20,000 would not be an unrealistic amount of money to expect to earn. Kristen Solheim asked if Boosterthon keeps 48% of donations. Sue Diaz replied yes, but they also waived the shirt fees (every student and teacher gets a shirt) and set up fees. Parents will be invited to come during the session and during the fun run;

OPEN FORUM

Sue Diaz stated that the Father/Son Kickball game will be on 4/6 at 1pm. Eric Bolze has been doing a great job of organizing, but he is moving on. He thinks he has a dad set to take over next year.

Brianna Beveridge spoke about the District Leadership group she is involved in. Representatives from each school meet and learn about district issues. She has learned about school lunches and the override. She is looking for 2 parents to take over. Jodi Stanley has indicated she is interested, but they still need another volunteer. They also helped pick the math curriculum and then pass the information on to other parents. Meetings are once a month during the school year. If you are interested, please let Brianna know.

Brianna is also the Cultural Arts director. She is looking for a third event. She has barely spent any of her budgeted money. Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art and the Symphony have already come this year. Meggan Jacks suggested the Renaissance Festival acts. Brianna answered that she got some information about them, but they are expensive.

Brianna also suggested a fundraiser with food trucks. She said this could be a great community event. The school would get 20% of proceeds and only need to set up garbage cans. She suggested a family dinner night. The Association of Food Trucks does the promotion. Brianna will look into it a little more and will check with Tricia Johnson on a potential date. Michele Baselice suggested it could be tied to the yearbook signing.

Meggan Jacks talked about a mural she is working on with Ms. Penney to commemorate the first year in the new school. She anticipates the mural will cost less than \$2000 and is asking the PTO to get the donations for her. The mural will be clay and metal and will be on Lookout Mountain at sunrise. She has no doubt she can raise the money but wants the checks to be made out to PTO. Sue Diaz indicated that we do not want a fundraiser competing with the Boosterthon and that the contract with Boosterthon prohibits other fundraising during a specific period of time. Ann Lebert said that parents are asked for so many things and that if they are only going to be donating to one thing, PTO wants the money to go towards technology. Meggan Jacks said that she is asking PTO to handle the fundraising, but if they won't she will go through Go Fund Me and do it herself. She said that she has already purchased the clay herself. Ann Lebert suggested looking for corporate sponsors. Meggan indicated that she is looking into it a little. Meggan was asked if the fundraising could wait until the fall. She answered that she wants the 6th graders involved. She does not have exact numbers about how much this will cost, but she is moving forward with or without the help and support of PTO. Michele Baselice indicated that there is a line item in the budget for Support Our Kids that still has \$2000. This money is generally used to support district override issues, but no one requested the money for that purpose this year. Michele Baselice made a motion to use the Support Our Kids line item to fund the mural project in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Annette Gulinson seconded. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.

ATTENDANCE: Sue Diaz, Ann Lebert, Michele Baselice, Liza Burns, Karen Konetzni, Meggan Jacks, Susan Nork, Kristen Solheim, Brianna Beveridge and Annette Gulinson