

# LOM PTO Minutes

Monday, April 20, 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

## **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2015 AND MARCH 2015 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION**

No corrections to the February or March minutes, both meeting minutes were approved.

## **PTO FINANCES – MICHELE BASELICE**

Not a lot of activity this past month. A small amount of spirit wear was sold and money was deposited. Expenses included invoice for class t-shirts for a new teacher. Escrip was a deposit of \$300. This is a no hassle way to get money back to, we will do a little more next year to promote this. Liza Burns stated that the first bid for the Evening of the Arts Ice Cream came in and it was \$572. The bid included three flavors. It was discussed that offering only vanilla would be a better way to go. With only one option there is not the chance of a flavor running out or people not liking the flavor they picked.

## **DADS ON DUTY – JOHN MARTIN**

125 people attended the Kickball tournament. It was fun, the weather was great and there were no injuries. About 112 pounds of canned food was donated to Desert Mission Food Bank. They raised about \$15 and that was put to offset the cost of the event. Dads On Duty has no more upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

## **BOOSTERTHON – DENA WINGERT**

Today is the kickoff event! The printed signup genius is being sent around to get more volunteers for the week. Any spots available are for organizing help; speaker spots have all been filled. Not sure exactly how much help will be needed; this is our first time handing out and organizing the prizes. Prizes will be handed out during lunchtime. Individuals speaking on the microphone during the lunch will be Karen Konetzni, Ms. Price and Ms. Luther.

## **HOSPITALITY – LIZA BURNS FOR ALI WORKMAN**

Next up for hospitality is Teacher Appreciation Week. This will take place during the first week of May and information will be coming soon in your emails.

## **EVENING OF THE ARTS – LIZA BURNS FOR SUE DIAZ**

Sue Diaz and Leah Kelly could still use your help with putting together the artwork for the evening. Evening of the Arts will take place on Tuesday, May 19. We also discussed the ice cream offerings earlier during the PTO Finances.

## **BOOK FAIR – HEIDI KILBOURNE**

Book Fair will take place May 18-22. Handouts have been sent home. A signup genius asking for volunteers will be emailed soon. Teachers will take kids through so the children can create a wish list. Kim Baker brought up the fact that students don't bring tax for their purchases. This is an ongoing problem. A lot of time the PTO will take care of the tax. Erica Cozby mentioned that one year at a different book fair they were able to include tax, is that possible now? Heidi said

she would check into that. They are hoping to set-up the book fair with more room than the fall book fair. Not sure on what it would be like, but we will get more information on that soon.

### **PTO Survey – LIZA BURNS**

Handed out were copies of the responses from the recent survey (please contact Liza Burns, if you were not in attendance and would like to see the responses). There were two different surveys sent out. One survey went to all 40 teachers and staff members at Lookout Mountain, we received only 13 responses.

The second survey was to the parents / guardians of the 1,000+ students at Lookout Mountain. We received only 64 responses. We paid extra thinking we would get at least 10% response to the survey, but we did not. A lot of good input was given.

- Communication - We discussed this in the previous meeting and have realized that this was a concern. Jennifer Dunnion has taken over the post to the website and Facebook. There is an up to date calendar on lompto.org that will give you all the current information.
- Getting Dads more involved - John Martin discussed that the DADS ON DUTY was designed to get DADS involved at the school, but has evolved. Their events are a Family Bingo night, Father/daughter dance and the Father/Son Kickball. There is a chance that we can adjust the Bingo Night and the Kickball game.
- Social for Moms/Sons – several responded that they would like to see something more focused on Moms/Sons, like how the Father/Daughter dance is. A few mentioned that they are not sure if the boys would be interested in doing something like this, getting dressed up and going to a dance with their moms. Kim Baker said that Hidden Hills Elementary does a Mother/Son Dance and she heard that this is not a well-attended event. Student Council puts on the Zoofari in May and there is a dance component, not many do it and most just stand around. Bethany Taylor suggested adding a dance to the evening Carnival/Festival idea.
- Meeting Times – evening meetings received the most votes. Several request asked for the evening meeting times to be 6pm. Monday morning meetings seem to be a difficult time, although they are the most attended meetings. Bethany Taylor suggested that if we are wanting teachers to get involved that maybe we offer a 4pm meeting time. Karen Huttenmeyer suggested we might need to remind parents that they can bring kids to the pto meetings. Liza Burns has not decided on what time/day the meetings will take place next year. We will continue to flip flop the meetings from evening to morning/afternoon.

### **OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2015-2016 – LIZA BURNS**

Officers for next years PTO Board needs to take place. Nominated by Liza Burns was Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary, Dena Wingert, Treasurer, and Karen Konetzni, Vice President. Jennifer Dunnion nominated Liza Burns for President. Voting will take place during next month's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01am

ATTENDANCE: Liza Burns, President / Michele Baselice, Treasurer / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / John Martin, DADS ON DUTY / Kim Baker / Heidi Kilbourne / Bethany Taylor / Erica Cozby / Dena Wingert