

LOM PTO Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2017
Lookout Mountain Elementary School Cafeteria

Dena Wingert called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

WELCOME – DENA WINGERT

Welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Introductions around the room. Overview of what PTO does.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DENA WINGERT

No corrections done to May 2017 minutes. Emily Elbert motioned to approve, Karen Konetzni made the second motion to approve. Minutes were approved.

PTO FINANCES – EMILY ELBERT

See attached. Budgeted PTO purchases for 2017-2018 year reviewed. Teacher's checks (\$10,000), largest expense. New this year, budgeted for special requests for special classes (music, PE and art) as well as each grade level (\$6,500 total).

DIRECT DRIVE – EMILY ELBERT

PTO's goal for direct drive this year is \$20,000. Donations given are tax deductible and the receipt is your canceled check. There are no mandatory donations. Donations can be made via PayPal on PTO website.

DADS ON DUTY – JOHN MARTIN

Dads on Duty is a great opportunity for more fathers to get involved in school. It has been around for more than 12 years and hosts such events as Family Game Night, Father/Daughter Dance and Father/Son Kickball. If you are interested in volunteering, a signup genius will be made for each event. Family Game night is on Friday, October 6th at 6:30pm (LOM Cafeteria). John Martin will be on campus before and after school at some point during the week of the 2nd to sell tickets. Tickets are also available the night of. Prizes will be awarded and money raised will go towards father/daughter dance and father/son kickball. Ticket prices TBA.

Father/Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 23 at 7pm (LOM Cafeteria). Tickets will be sold on campus the week of the dance as well as the night of. We encourage purchasing tickets during the week as the line the night of may have a wait. Photographer (Duke) is

committed for the date...just waiting on contract. Asked if we could possibly look for a professional photographer within the school to keep costs down, but Duke has a large team that comes in and delivers photos in a timely manner. They also give us a discount based on our regular use.

Father/Son Kickball will happen in the Spring on April 8, 2018 at 3pm at LOM. We had a great turnout last time (150 people). Donations will be asked for the day of and will go to future Dads on Duty events.

FALL BOOK FAIR – DENA WINGERT

The Fall Book Fair starts on September 18-22. A signup genius has been sent out for volunteers. This has been sent via classroom liaison and it is on the PTO website. There are still a few spots that need to be filled. K-3 grades will have a viewing opportunity prior to their day to go and purchase. They will then be sent home with a list of books they would like to buy (wish list) along with the total amount they will need to bring to school if purchasing. We receive scholastic dollars instead of cash. This goes towards the library. Hours of the book fair are listed on the PTO website as well as the school website.

FALL FESTIVAL – YOLANDA RICHARDS

Fall Festival is on Friday, November 3rd from 5pm-8pm. This year the committee has decided to have it in the evening so the heat will not be an issue and attendance will be greater as it is not in the middle of the day. The theme is "Country Fair"...There will be games, food trucks and auction items. All subcommittees are in place. We are looking for volunteers! A signup genius will be sent out soon. Although we have received a ton of donations, we are still looking for more raffle items. Winners will be announced every 15 minutes.

RESTAURANT NIGHT/FRYS – KAREN KONETZNI

Our goal for restaurant night this school year is to have one per month. Peter Piper Pizza is always a huge hit and we made around \$300. Karen is looking into Kneaders, Barro's and Scramble for future months. Fry's and Amazon Smiles are still a great way for the PTO to receive donations. A flyer for Fry's will be sent soon as well as information on Amazon Smile.

CLASSROOM LIAISONS – DENA WINGERT

Janee Tower is the coordinator for the classroom liaisons. Each class should have a designated person to relay the PTO information to fellow class parents. Janee will send each liaison an email which will then just need to be forwarded on. This email can include a signup genius looking for volunteers, upcoming events, or PTO meeting information.

SPITIT WEAR – LIZA BURNS

Spirit Wear will now be available via website in addition to paper order. There will be three different logos to choose from, a variety of colors and sizes. The turnaround time is fairly quick (a few days). We hope to have samples available at the front office and the Fall Festival. The website will become live TBA. Class T-shirts will be handed out in the classrooms the last week of September/first week of October.

PTO PURCHASES – DENA WINGERT

Request for new basketball uniforms (boys and girls) has been approved. There are four teams total that need new uniforms as our present ones are about 5-8 years old. The cost for the new uniforms are \$2,500. John Martin motioned to buy new basketball uniforms for the school not to exceed \$2,500. Karen Konetzni made a motion to second the approval. The motion was approved.

PRINCIPALS REPORT – TRICIA JOHNSON

Tricia welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She stated that we are fully staffed and our school is home to 995 students! The new teachers are amazing and we have new faces in the front office. Christina is Front Office and Jennifer Dunnion is Office Technician. Tricia states we are very math focused this year. A teacher from every grade level will participate in training that includes problem solving, knowledge building and inquiry math training (PBIS). We are also working on comprehensive needs and assessment, setting goals for each student. Making big gains with our younger kids and average with older. Tricia encourages us all to join the school FB page and she will also start sending text blasts as reminders for parents.

Boys' basketball tryouts are completed.

Outside dining opened 9/11.

OPEN FORUM – ALL

Bethany Taylor is head of Cultural Arts and assemblies. We are looking at (3) this year...character assembly, cultural assembly and author assembly. She will need volunteers for these so please be on the lookout for a signup genius.

New ideas for fundraisers to include parent's night out. Also, some suggested possibly looking at another option for a Spring fundraiser to take place of the Fun Run. We will be doing the Fun Run this year, but please feel free to email any suggestions you may have.

Questions about Chromebooks included how many total do we need, costs and timeframe to be at 100%. We have approximately 350 Chromebooks total which means we need approximately 650 more in order to fill each classroom. It is possible that the bond that passed in November 2016 will allocate money to purchase some and then PTO can purchase the rest. They are \$260.00 each. Next meeting to include where we are with this order and how much we project we will need in order to complete.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

Next Meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 20 at 8:45am (Staff Lounge)

Attendance: President Dena Wingert, Vice President McKenzie Hawkins, Treasurer Emily Elbert, Secretary Julia Serafine, Dads on Duty John Martin, Karen Konetzni, Jacky Krzak, Vice Principal Audrey Barrett, Danielle Catalano, Katie Sprute, Jessi Robertson, Carrie Kaput, Megan Sweeney, Chassidy Hall, Shama Iwamdar, Melissa Kovalesky, GeriAnne Hoskins, Janee Tower, Liza Burns, Kristy Pulkrabek, Felipe Aguilar, Gretchen Mannelly, Kristen MacCarthy, Bethanny Taylor, Sara Hudson, Kristin Salcido, Yolanda Richards, Larissa Aguilar, Principal Tricia Johnson