

LOM PTO Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2016: Lookout Mountain Elementary School Cafeteria

Karen Konetzni called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

WELCOME – Karen Konetzni

Welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the Executive Board (Dena Wingert, Emily Elbert and Jennifer Dunnion).

Also sent around the thank you notes that we received from teachers.

- A Thank you note from all teachers for the refrigerator that was purchased to be in the staff lounge.
- Several Teachers sent thank you notes for the teacher checks that are given at the beginning of the year by PTO (Full time teachers - \$200 and part time are less).

APPROVAL OF MAY 2016 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION

No corrections to the May minutes, meeting minutes were approved.

BUDGET 2016-2017 – EMILY ELBERT

Emily went over the budget (see attached document). Emily also went over the Treasurer Report (dated 9/12/16). Current expenses are class t-shirts, teacher checks, dishwasher (approved purchase from February 2016 meeting), refrigerator and teacher development. Current income includes money collected from Spirit wear; class t-shirt, American Express Grant matching, Kroger/Frys and Amazon Smile.

DIRECT DRIVE – EMILY ELBERT

What is Direct Drive? Direct Drive is our fall fundraiser that is inviting people to give straight donations to LOM. The incentives being given to each class is – 100% participation (no matter what the amount of donation) wins a Popsicle party / class in each grade with the high amount collected will receive a pizza party. We will have class liaisons send out information on class ranking mid way through the fundraiser. Donations are tax deductible and your receipt is your canceled check.

DADS ON DUTY – JOHN MARTIN

Dads on Duty is a program to get fathers more involved in the school. It has been going on for over 12 years. Our events are Family Bingo Night (9/23), Father/Daughter Dance (2/24) and Father/Son Kickball (April).

Family Bingo is a fun event with silly jokes and usually attracts the K-3 grades. Not many volunteers are needed for this event and we currently have volunteers in place.

Father/Daughter Dance is a heavily attended dance with approximately 600 people. We need a lot of volunteers to turn the cafeteria into a dance wonderland.

Father/Son Kickball has apx. 100 attendees. This may change in the upcoming year, so we will keep you posted.

We are looking for a Dad to network and help take over the Dads on Duty program next year. Please contact John if you are interested.

FALL BOOK FAIR – KAREN KONETZNI & KIM BAKER FOR HEIDI KILBOURNE

Book fair will take place Sept. 19-23. Fliers and Signup Genius are out. Parents night will be 5p-7:30p on Thursday, 9/22. Open everyday from 8a-4p. This year there is an online Book Fair that parents can order from and the school still receives credit.

FALL FESTIVAL – LUELLA GOURGE

We are excited to be putting on the Fall Festival. We have decided to add component for an Art Project. We will have an art contest to design the logo of “Lions Luau”. Winner will win a wristband and something else like pizza/tokens from Peter Piper. Volunteers will need to be coordinated by the class liaisons. Ideas to get more volunteers are to have the class with most volunteers will win a pizza party for the class. Suggestions of earlier signups would be good (parents need more time to make sure they are available that day).

CLASSROOM LIAISONS – KAREN KONETZNI FOR JANE TOWER

We still need a liaison for one teacher. Janee has sent out an email to the liaisons, so if you are a liaison and have not received anything, please contact Janee Tower.

SQUARE 1 ART – KAREN KONETZNI FOR JEANNE SERENE

We are currently working on projects in Art Class.

THANK A MILLION TEACHERS – PAT HELLER

CULTURAL ARTS – BETHANY TAYLOR

Currently working with Audrey Damon to coordinate upcoming events. In December there will be a BMX Bike Event that does character building / anti-bullying. After the success of Conrad Stoddard, we will have another author join us for Read Across America. Also thinking of having an event with Childs Play Theater and a traveling exhibit from Children’s Museum. Budget for Cultural Arts has increased to \$4,000 this year. We need more volunteers during the events to make sure they run smoothly.

VOLUNTEERS – KAREN KONETZNI

Thank you for all the help!

PRINCIPALS REPORT – TRICIA JOHNSON

This is the 12th year here at LOM. Great start of the year. We are fully staffed. We do have one position open (see the office for more details). The icemaker in the nurses office was installed over the summer and has been a huge hit for the teachers / staff. The dishwasher was purchased and delivered from the PTO however waiting for it to be installed. Teacher’s checks were truly appreciated. Ms. Lee (computer teacher) was so excited that she purchased a wireless mouse and keyboard so she can be at the front of the class showing students. Teachers love the new refrigerator purchased by PTO for the lunches.

This has been a great place to work due to the parent network and community. This is a great place to network with other parents.

Chrome Books are currently in classrooms. We are focusing on technology and getting all teacher websites updated. All teachers will be getting new computers, in the next couple of months. Parentvue (online grade book) is up and running.

Please feel free to come and talk to me at anytime. I have an open door policy. Feel free to contact me to clear up any rumors you may hear.

OPEN FORUM

Teacher Request:

Mrs. McCellan – Strings Teacher – has requested apx. \$2,000 for ukuleles for the 2nd grade. These will be used for Group lessons and split them into smaller groups as well. Mrs. Johnson, Principal, stated that this fits within the curriculum and will promote brain development. She wants a class set of 30 for a cost of \$2,024.46.

Kim Baker made a motion to purchase the ukuleles for \$2,024.46. Bethany Taylor 2nd the motion. All in attendance approved the vote. Vote was passed.

Request to purchase additional Chrome Books for the school in the amount of \$30,000. There are currently 4 Chrome Books in each classroom and we would like to add 3 more per class. Mrs. Johnson stated that Chrome Books are the technology that the district has decided to move forward with. Our children are headed in the way of technology and at Mtn. Sky they already submit work into Google docs.

Alexa Wilson made a motion to spend \$30,000 on Chrome Books for the school. Jaime Kinman seconds the motion. 29 votes for spending the \$30,000, 1 vote against. Vote was passed.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, October 21 at 8:30am.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

ATTENDANCE: Karen Konetzni, President / Dena Wingert, Vice President / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / Emily Elbert, Treasurer / Tricia Johnson, Principal / John Martin, DADs On Duty / Jackie Briggs / Geri Anne Hoskins / Lori Keffer / Carrie Kaput / Alyson Benton / Bethany Taylor / Jennifer Elzholz / Kim Baker / Jamie Gore / Julia Serafine / Sara Stimson Riahi / Lauri Kuhl / Lauren Reidy Phelan / Luella Gourgue / Kim Prine / Julie Alejandro / Melanie Shawcroft / Christina Bigelow / Laura Pentsa / Susan Flatter / Jaime Kinman / Alexa Wilson / Amy Rounds