

LOM PTO Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2015: Lookout Mountain Elementary School Cafeteria

Liza Burns called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

WELCOME – LIZA BURNS

Welcomed all to the meeting. Executive Board Members introduced themselves. We received many thank you cards from teachers for their checks at the beginning of the year. PTO gives full time teachers a check for \$200 and part time teachers \$100. Mrs. Brown shared a picture of a student using a new iPad mini (purchased with the check). Ms. Crow also sent photos of the items she purchased.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2015 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION

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

PTO FINANCES – DENA WINGERT (See attached Treasurers Report)

Budget for this year is as follows:

\$8,800	Teachers Checks
\$2500	Cultural Arts
\$2000	Playground Equipment, Carts
\$2000	Hospitality
\$650	Field Day Ribbons
\$1000	Evening of the Arts
\$1000	Academic Awards
\$500	Dad's on Duty
\$1000	Copies, Supplies, Misc.
\$370	Insurance
\$1,100	Tax Prep
\$1,330	Storage Unit Rental
\$250	Website Hosting

Class t-shirt money is coming in. We have also received money from restaurant nights, American Express matching donations. Money spent to date is teachers checks, umbrellas for courtyard and class t-shirts.

DIRECT DRIVE – SHELLY REARDON

We are currently doing the Direct Drive Fundraiser (a straight donation fundraiser, were 100% of the donation stays at Lookout Mountain). Currently we have about \$3400 donated and the last day of this fundraiser is on Friday. Last year our total amount collected was \$17,000.

DADS ON DUTY – JOHN MARTIN

100 people attended Bingo night last Friday. It was a good time. The Bingo Night seems to draw in K through 2nd grades mostly. This year no flyers were distributed and the attendance did not suffer. During Bingo Night many announcements were made regarding upcoming events, including the Direct Drive Fundraiser. This year everyone who won Bingo received a prize. Apx. \$580 was made at Bingo Night.

In regards to Father/Daughter Dance, Dads on Duty is proposing to have a ticket price of \$3.00 per person. This will offset the cost of pictures, dj and decorations. They are still in the process of securing additional photographers for the evening.

Ali Workman asked if Dads on Duty was still coordinating the Computer Lab Volunteers. John stated that Dads on Duty is not currently doing that. They were finding that very few would volunteer and many did not show.

FALL BOOK FAIR – Heidi Kilbourne

Today was the start of the Book Fair. Family Night had a nice amount of people attend. Thursday night will also be a Family Night. Special thanks to the Berg family for volunteering to help at Family Night on Thursday.

FALL FESTIVAL – JODI STANLEY

A theme for this year's festival has been chosen, "Football Frenzy". That theme will be sprinkled all over the events of the Fall Festival. The festival will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 1pm-4pm. Wristbands will be pre-sold for \$15 and tickets will be available day of for purchase. We will need many volunteers (apx. 30 minute sessions), so class liaisons will need to help coordinate this. There will be a dance party in the gym. There will be a parent's game room (with TV's showing the football games) at an additional cost. This will room will have snacks and other fun stuff to do, too.

PASSIVE FUNDRAISING – AUDREY SANGERMAN

Several easy ways for LOM PTO to make additional money is Fry's VIP Cards that are linked to Lookout Mountain PTO. There is also Smile.Amazon.com, Escrip (with online shopping and dining options) and now Recycling of printer cartridges (drop off your used cartridges at the front office and we will mail them in).

CLASSROOM LIAISONS – KAREN KONETZNI

We have a classroom liaison in each classroom. Please let us know if you have not received anything from your liaison. There will be a new email going out tomorrow regarding the Direct Drive. Liza mentioned that the best way to stay informed is through lompto.org website (make sure you are on our email list, by signing up there) and liking us on Facebook.

SQUARE 1 ART – LIZA BURNS FOR JEANNE SERENE

Square 1 Art will be a new fundraiser for LOM PTO this year. Every student will be or has created an art project during their scheduled Art class. This art will be showcased in a personalized catalog of keepsakes. You can then order those keepsakes for you and your family/friends. Catalogs will be in sometime in November and deliver of items will be in December (for the holiday season).

PRINCIPALS REPORT – TRICIA JOHNSON

Ms. Johnson thanked us all for coming and being involved parents. It really makes the campus and Lookout Mountain a Community of Caring (a family feel).

This year there are 9 new teachers on campus and all is going great. We are very excited to have a band/strings department. Everything is going great in that department. Ms. Roth had to take a small leave of absence but will be back on Monday.

There is a new system for communication where the office can send out a recorded call or mass email. Marquee has been staying up to date as well and will have information regarding the Direct Drive on it.

During Parent / Teacher Conferences a new online system for parents to view current grades for their students will be unveiled. Grades 3rd and younger will show more attendance and overall grade. Upper grades, 4th-6th, will show every assignment.

There is also another system called Data Dash that will be rolling out that will have your child's entire school information, including Dibels testing.

LOM will be a school that will receive wi-fi as part of the WESD grant. This will help will all of our portable technology.

2 classrooms (Ms. Penny and Ms. Foley) are in need of smart boards and two classrooms need new smart boards (Mr. Kennel and Mrs. Kautz). Ms. Johnson would like to propose that LOM PTO help purchase the two new smart boards for Mr. Kennel and Mrs. Kautz's classrooms. Because of the location of the classrooms, their smart boards are unsteady. The smart boards that are currently installed would be placed in Ms. Penny and Ms. Foley's room. The total cost is \$5,500 however the school has enough funds for most of it. PTO would need to cover \$2000. **Motion was made by Mrs. Kautz to give \$2,000 to the school to help purchase the new smart boards. Mrs. Godfrey seconded the motion. It went to a vote, all ayes. Motion was approved.**

Ms. Johnson wanted to remind us all that her and Ms. Barrett are always accessible and if you need anything please contact them.

OPEN FORUM

Kim Baker asked about supplies in the workrooms at the school. They are not stocked with paperclips, scissors, post-it notes, etc. She asked if PTO would supply those items. Ms. Johnson said that there are supplies in the supply closet, need to ask Patti.

Liza Burns mentioned the following:

- Harkins Pre-sale Fundraiser will happen after Fall Break. This is a fundraiser for the Cups, Popcorn shirts and gift cards.
- Hearing and Vision testing will have a signup genius that is going to go out at the beginning of October.
- Hospitality luncheon will be schedule for the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences. More information will follow.
- Box Tops Contest will start at the end of October.

Jodi Stanley mentioned that she is in need of a person to be the Dance Committee for the Fall Festival.

A question was raised about the Silent Auction, typically done at the Fall Festival. This year the silent auction will be at the Evening of the Arts and will include class baskets. Ms. Godfrey asked if there would be online bidding for the auction. Due to the cost of that system (apx. \$2500), it is not worth it at this time. Our last silent auction made apx. \$3,600.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm

ATTENDANCE: Liza Burns, President / Karen Konetzni, Vice President / Dena Wingert, Treasurer / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / Tricia Johnson , Principal / John Martin, DADS ON DUTY / Kim Baker / Heidi Kilbourne / Crystal Luckie / Katie Weisheit / Jaclyn Aquino / Shelly Reardon / Christy Minor / Ali Workman / Joy Clark / Jeff Poole / Nicole Fountain / Carrie Kaput / Sherry Godfrey / Monica Beougher / Ashley McComb / Kristy Barnes / Erin Johnson / Micah Miller / Audrey Sangerman / Michele Baselice / Jacky Krzak / Teri Carney / RaeAnn Nebel / Patricia Kautz / Sandy Baneyie / Deborah Hayes