

# **LOM PTO Minutes**

Monday, December 9, 2016: Lookout Mountain Elementary School Staff Lounge

Karen Konetzni called the meeting to order at 8:32a

## **WELCOME – KAREN KONETZNI**

Welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

## **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2016 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION**

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

## **PTO FINANCES – EMILY ELBERT**

Fall Festival currently has a profit of \$804.32. This is down from last months estimate of \$1,500 due to the fact of more expenses being paid. This is still a great profit for an event the PTO hopes to only break even with. Expenses for the previous month include the BMX Assembly that was held this week; the approved purchase of computer stands for the teachers and staff. We need to keep at least \$12,000 in the account for costs that we have budgeted for the remainder of the year. Currently there is apx. \$34,000 in our account. Shade structures have been brought up for the outdoor dining area. Jennifer Dunnion will work with Tricia Johnson to discuss and get some bids for the structure (if this is the way we would like to move forward Emily Elbert suggested that we contact the parents to see if anyone works in that field and would like to cut us a deal). Not sure if this is our next project from the PTO or if we want to focus our money in other areas. Please see attached Finance Report for more details.

## **HOSPITALITY – KAREN KONETZNI FOR ALI WORKMAN**

The next hospitality event will be the homemade cookies for the teachers. The cookies will be delivered on Dec. 20, so the teachers can bring them home to their families. The Signup Genius was sent to class liaisons this past week.

## **SQUARE ONE ART – KAREN KONETZNI FOR JEANNE SERENE**

There were no updates from Jeanne but everything seemed to run smoothly and we have not heard of any negative feedback. We would like to discuss if this is a fundraiser that we should have on a yearly basis. Jeanne Serene will not be returning to chair this event next year. We do need a chairperson for this event. Bethany Taylor said that this would be something she could do. After discussion if we should do yearly, it was decided that this is a good fundraiser and not difficult to run, so lets continue to do it. As Ms. Johnson mentioned, this fundraiser is a better product than cookie dough or wrapping paper.

## **STORAGE SHED – KAREN KONETZNI**

We currently pay \$123 a month and the storage room is currently holding coolers and some past prizes for Fall Festival. We would like to clean out the storage room and save that money. Jennifer Dunnion has offered to clean it out and John Martin offered to help. We will try to get it done by the first of the year, if not the first of February.

## **PRINCIPALS REPORT – TRICIA JOHNSON**

Curtains should be installed during winter break. Thank you for the computer stands, they have made a huge difference. We took the \$2,200 we had for computer stands and ordered Chrome Books (apx. 8).

We have hired an additional teacher for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, taking class sizes from 35 to 28 students. The new teacher will start in January. Parents have been alerted and the students who will be receiving the new teacher will be getting notification on Dec. 16.

Ms. Johnson introduced Melissa Larson. Melissa is new to the school, as of this year. She said that she loves being at the school and the kids are great!

Bethany Taylor asked now that the Bond has passed, what does that look like for Lookout Mountain Elementary. Ms. Johnson said that the details need to be ironed out, but it is her understanding that the district was funding 15 Chrome Books per classroom. We have two teachers (Kahldon and Johnson) who volunteered for a program that the district is offering that will provide a complete set of Chrome Books to their classroom. The future of technology is moving towards everything being turned in via Google docs. Children will work on focus skills on the Chrome books. The district has purchased the app RazzKids. With the technology of Chrome Books, textbooks are a thing of the past. To get a new textbook published could take 3 – 5 years and with Chrome Books new text books online can be updated at a much faster pace. Mountain Sky and Thunderbird are both currently using Google docs and technology to teach.

Charlie asked if there were studies that show increasing technology in the classroom would increase scores and grades. Karen Konetzni mentioned that there is research that shows when technology is used properly it increases student engagement.

Prop 123 money was used to purchase new laptops for the teachers and staff.

Dena Wingert asked that with the recent news report of the deadly bus crash, has any parent called to inquire about seat belts on buses. Mrs. Johnson stated she has not received any calls regarding the bus safety. Jennifer Dunnion said that on the past field trip the buses that she was on had seat belts and most of the kids utilized them.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Assemblies – Bethany Taylor said that the BMX Assembly was great. All grades seemed to really enjoy it. It was one of the first assemblies that seemed to hold the attention of a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and a kindergartner. The next assembly she is putting together is for an author to come in during Read Across America. Mrs. Johnson said that last year that was a terrific assembly with Conrad Stoddard. Suggestion was made that we ask the author of “Protector of the A”, a local writer that book focuses on ASU.

Harkins Pre-Sale – Kim Baker said that the fundraiser did really well (better than anticipated). They will definitely tweak the time frame next year; the fundraiser was about 12 days longer than she anticipated. The fundraiser made apx. \$700.

Dads on Duty – John Martin said that the photographer has been booked (Duke, the did a great job last year). He was able to purchase the corsages on Black Friday at a significant discount. Changes for the Father/Daughter dance will be no balloons, they will instead do snowflake hanging decorations. Tickets will be done via pre-sale with information letting them know they don't have to wait in line again at the door. (Two separate lines, one for purchasing and one for prepaid tickets).

Thank you Notes from the following: Mrs. Lillie and Ms. Darden both sent thank you letters for the wireless mouse and head phones that PTO purchased.

Charlie Spees stated that his child is in Kindergarten and he is a standup comedian. He would love to work together in getting a fundraiser for the PTO with a night of comedy. Several ideas were talked about, possible school event with students and also a parents night out event. Bethany will talk with Charlie about a possible school event and Karen and Charlie will discuss the idea of a fundraiser for parent's night out.

**Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 7:00pm (LOM Cafeteria).**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25am

ATTENDANCE: Karen Konetzni, President / Dena Wingert, Vice President / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / Emily Elbert, Treasurer / Tricia Johnson, Principal / John Martin, Dads on Duty / Kim Baker / Charlie Spees / Melissa Larson