

LOM PTO Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2017: Lookout Mountain Elementary School Cafeteria

Karen Konetzni called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

WELCOME – KAREN KONETZNI

Welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Karen shared a thank you note from the Cafeteria Staff saying thank you for the cookies at Winter Break.

APPROVAL OF December 2016 MINUTES – JENNIFER DUNNION

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

PTO FINANCES – EMILY ELBERT

Not a lot of changes this last month. Deposits included Box Tops for apx. \$2500. Expenses were new 4th grade teacher class t-shirts. Curtains that were purchased a year ago were installed during Winter Break.

DADS ON DUTY – JOHN MARTIN

Father Daughter dance (February 24, 2017) details are underway. DJ is currently the only expense not paid, \$450. John will send Emily Elbert the details of how to pay the DJ online. \$1700 Photographer expense has been paid. Theme is Winter Wonderland. Each child will get 1 5x7 print free. Cost for admission is \$3.00 per person, including adults. Decorations will be reusable Snow Flakes that will be hung from the lights. Sign will be going up soon and emails/Fliers will be sent out soon. Signup Genius is out for signups.

BOOSTERATHON – DENA WINGERT

April 3 will be the Pep Rally and April 12 is the Run. Theme this year is Movies. We will be doing the Pep Rally the week after AZ Merit testing. We could do t-shirts (instead of stickers) for marking laps, but the cost is apex. \$3.00 per shirt (a total of apx. \$3,000). Dena suggested seeing if a company would like to sponsor the shirts. The PTO is good with continuing to use the complimentary stickers vs. trying to find a sponsor for the \$3,000.

Dena brought of the concern regarding getting 5th/6th graders to participate more in the fundraising. Suggestions have been made of a color run or water run. Yolanda Richards suggested a Bubble Run and maybe more age appropriate prizes. Maybe along the lines of getting a separate prize for 5th and 6th graders who raise a certain \$\$ per lap (i.e. \$5.00 per lap), get put into the raffle for an iPad or gift card to purchase what they want. Jennifer Dunnion suggested the look at the rules of WESD before moving forward with this, due to rules that relate to raffles and children.

Dena will take a look at the Boosterthon contract and get with Tricia Johnson regarding getting the 5th & 6th graders more involved.

CULTURAL ARTS – KAREN KONETZNI FOR BETHANY TAYLOR

Currently the next event planned is an author visit during Read Across America, 1st week of March.

BOARD VACANCIES – KAREN KONETZNI

There are currently two positions available for next years PTO Board. They are President and Secretary. John Martin said he might have a lead on a person who is looking to get involved. Asked what is the time commitment like.

PRINCIPALS REPORT – KAREN KONETZNI FOR TRICIA JOHNSON

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Barrett are unable to attend tonight however discussed some things with Karen earlier in the day. They are currently waiting to hear on the delivery date of the 15 Chrome Books that are to be purchased via the Bond that passed in November. Mrs. Johnson stated that the WESD would be replacing the Smart Boards that need to be replaced; PTO does not need to do that. Smart Boards have become a standard that schools have. Plus waiting to hear the deliver date of the 3 additional Chrome Books that were approved to be purchased via the PTO in September 2016. Goal is to get a full set in each classroom. Staffing changes for 2017-2018 will be losing a 2nd Grade teacher and gaining a 3rd Grade teacher. They are looking to hire a new kinder teacher.

OPEN FORUM - ALL

Karen Konetzni wanted to talk about current donation request and purchasing of additional Chrome Books. There was a new donation requests from the Special Needs Preschool for new tri-cycles. After discussing the request with Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson stated that for that they are able to use other monies that are in the schools budget.

An additional request has come in from Mrs. Doud, has asked for money to purchase a new computer for the Yamaha Lab. The Yamaha Lab is an electronic keyboard lab that is used by students and a teacher. The computer is essential for this lab. Without it the lab cannot be used. The computer is apx. 17 years old, along with the keyboards. No details were given regarding cost.

Karen is suggesting that we propose a purchase of additional Chrome Books with the extra money that is currently in our account. Due to the fact that the timeframe to get items purchased from the WESD takes a long time. She would like to see this money used as soon as possible. In addition, Karen proposed that we state the motion to add the purchase of a new computer for Mrs. Doud's Yamaha Lab Computer.

After discussion regarding the Yamaha Lab and the age of the Lab, the discussion was made to get additional information before including it in a vote.

After discussion of the amount of money needed for the end of the year, John Martin made a motion to donate \$15,000 to purchase 60 Chrome Books or as many as can be purchased for \$15,000. Karen Konetzni seconded the motion. Vote was taken with the 9 attendees (8 yes and 1 no). Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 8:30am (LOM Staff Lounge).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

ATTENDANCE: Karen Konetzni, President / Dena Wingert, Vice President / Jennifer Dunnion, Secretary / Emily Elbert, Treasurer / John Martin, Dads on Duty / Julie Serafine / Charlie Speez / Yolanda Richards / Jacky Krzak