

Lead Mine Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2018

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes - Tara Pleasant

- Minutes from January meeting were approved

2. Composting Project - Liz Kears

- Our school received a grant and Liz wants our school to pilot a composting/recycling program with Compost Now.
- PTA board did not know about this grant's submission and grant needed to be approved by PTA.
- Compost Now is a company that brings compost bins to school drops them off, kids recycle their food in bins and the company picks up the filled compost bins and drops off empty ones. Based on the weight our school gets fertilizer.
- The cost is \$55/week. The grant will pay for 9 weeks.
- Liz has offered to supervise and guide students in how to use bins, what to recycle, how to sort for a week or so during school lunch hours.
- Liz would like to recruit some students as ambassadors for this program to make posters about what goes in compost, help supervise.
- Program is all about teaching students sustainability.
- Has been in touch with other schools that have tried it.
- Suggested to start pilot after spring break and for the last nine weeks of school.
- If this program is to continue it will need a line item in the budget, this has to happen at a general PTA meeting and we need to decide which committee this will go under (Green Thumb, Garden, Health/Wellness?)
- The cost would go up next year to \$60.00 instead of \$55.00 per week.
- Jason Edwards of the Health/Wellness committee is willing to temporarily put this under his committee and help with volunteers.
- Mr. Marcin is willing to work with Liz for leaders and help with cafeteria.
- Compost Now is willing to come out and lead a training.
- Teachers could create another classroom job of helping with composting in the cafeteria.

3. Treasurer's Report - Rebekah Williams

- A note about the Scholastic line item. It is hard to determine what we made on the book fair due to having to credit our earnings into Scholastic Dollars.

4. Principal's Report - Aaron Marcin

- Mr. Marcin went to grade levels and discussed the desire for parents to volunteer in the classroom. Some teachers weren't aware that parents wanted to help. Sometimes teachers can't always rely on parents, sometimes having a parent coming in creates more work for the teachers. They agreed to ask for ways parents can help in their newsletters. Mr. Marcin is grateful that PTA brought up the desire to do more. Could we utilize Memberhub more to recruit parent volunteers?
- Teachers had great conversations about how to celebrate what they are learning quarterly. 2nd grade is going to have a poetry slam for a quarterly celebration after learning poetry.
- Real School Gardens - coming to Raleigh this fall. They want to partner with Lead Mine Elementary. They would train teachers (6 per year) for a total of two years with a curriculum about how to get kids outside, utilize outdoor garden space. There is a cost. GSK could be a corporate sponsor for LME. Would like PTA to pursue grants for this.

5. President's Report - Tara Pleasant

- Mrs. Bowen's class is in need of some items-playdough, puzzles. Will encourage her to write a mini grant to purchase these needed items.
- Leisa and Tara went to PTO Expo in Raleigh on Tuesday. Got some good info on doing a school Fun Run fundraiser where the school gets 95% of what we raise. Fun Run provides on line fund raising and paperwork. Cost \$6.00 to register a child (which is how Fun Run company makes their money). Our school gets all the credit card fees
- Spirit sticks - Spiritmonkey.com. Tara thinks this cute key chains could be an incentive for LME. We can customize them. Cost \$.50. 5th grade could use them for spirit week.
- Yearbook needs more photos to include in yearbook. Personalizing yearbook ends March 23.

6. Services Report

- Jennifer Heard, Tara Pleasant, Tara Madden, Mr. Marcin met to discuss copy center. Copy companies will do a training in September. Tara M is willing to train volunteers and they have new solutions for managing supplies.
- LME Grounds Day date change to accommodate church service date - will now be March 17

7. Communications

- Volunteering - We are trying to come up with a more mainstreaming way to recruit volunteers. We may use Sign Up Genius to pay a fee for getting an account with more sophisticated features (multiple tabs). Could cost \$100.00. We want to make it as easy as possible to sign up volunteers.

8. Programs Report

- McTeacher Night moved due to Literacy Night
- Literacy Night is March 15 from 5-7 pm. Will be serving pizza from 5-6 pm.
- Duck Donuts Day for Lead Mine March 6. Just say you are with Lead mine and a percentage of sales goes to our school.
- Should we do a food truck night?
- Carnival should Rick Childs cook?
- For Family Night Out are these restaurants too far away to do proceeds: Jason's Deli, Tijuana Flats, Papa Murphy, PDQ, La Rancherita?
- Book Fair went well! Had \$8900 in sales. Our school can receive 50% of that in Scholastic Dollars or 25% in cash. We raised \$337.00 for All for Books. 2nd grade won All for Books. Their reward is playground equipment. Next year we may move book fair to fall. Sales have gone down in spring in comparison to the fall. Question was raised if Book Fair has to be done in the library. Can it be in room 213?
- Health and Wellness
 - March Fitness Friday will start.
 - Walk to school event will be in May
 - Want to attain silver award
 - Parent food survey going out
 - Thinking about expanding recess for 10 minutes. The total PE time required is 120 minutes per week.
 - PEPI students from Sanderson High School will be coming from Sanderson soon

9. Fundraising - Cami Stephens

- Tervis sales will be March 12-16. A big push will be March 13.
- Socks - \$12.00. Can they be sold during 5th grade logo/spirit week?
- Could we sell Pop Sockets?
- T Shirt clearance sale started Wednesday. Two new shirts and old ones are marked down. Sale ends March 23. **Correction ended March 2.**