

## **PTA Meeting Minutes**

October 13, 2017

### **1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes (Tara Pleasant)**

- Reviewed minutes from August PTA meeting. Minutes approved.

### **2. Principal's Report (Aaron Marcin)**

- Thanked all for being at meeting. Just left Fitness Friday, which is going well. Kindergarteners will start participating in Fitness Friday in a couple of weeks.
- Parent/teacher conferences are coming up. Be on the lookout for a schedule. Will be setting a long term and a short term goal for each student.
- School is participating in Positivity Project and recently had sponsors and promoters of program come to LME: an Olympic medalist, Rubicon founder. Ms. Brautman did a great job on artwork for the project.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers are using EL in their classrooms. We are a model school for the new EL curriculum. Had county reps here this week. EL is a social justice curriculum integrating social studies into literacy. The curriculum is hard. Mr. Marcin has been co-teaching with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers. The students are enjoying the curriculum also.
- Saturday is grounds day. We have 50 azaleas to plant and lots of mulch to put out.
- More new security cameras have been installed. We now have 16 cameras and 24 hour security.
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders going on a field trip today.

### **3. President's Report – Communications, Membership, Treasurer (Tara Pleasant)**

- Please come out for grounds day. As much or as little as you possibly can is greatly appreciated!
- Tuesday folders and PTA paperwork: if a committee has paperwork that needs to be sent home in Tuesday folders the committee members need to copy it. Please don't put it the copy box for copy volunteers to do. On wall in copy center there is a list of numbers of students in each classroom. Use PTA paper in upper cabinets in copy room for PTA copying. Don't use gold paper as it is for Leopard Link.
- Membership Report
  - i. Goal is to have 250 PTA members. We currently have 209.

- ii. Need to remind people to join. Encourage and remind parents that joining doesn't mean they have to volunteer.
- Treasurer's Report
  - i. Budget is the most up to date.
  - ii. Motion made to change Media Center Disbursement to Book Fair line item. This dollar amount is the amount school makes from Book Fair that media center can use to purchase items.
  - iii. Committee heads are responsible for communicating to their committees what budgets they have. Committees need to stay within their budget.
  - iv. Before you spend \$100 or over see Rebekah Williams to make sure money is there to spend.
- Introduction of Rick Childs, former PTA president at Pleasant Union. Now a parent at LME. Rick offered to help with carnival, cooking for events, can give input for fund raising. Has a 503B restaurant wholesale business- like to offer those products. He is glad to be a part of the school. Rick also commended the PTA for trying to go paperless and do communication more electronically. When his prior school did that they saw parent commitment and participation plummet.

#### **4. Services Report (Leslie Blackwood & Cami Stephens)**

##### **Leslie Blackwood**

- LME is beginning the process of being Bring Your Own Device School. We want to have enough devices for all students. The rollout for BYOD will begin with three classrooms, then progress to three grade levels. We want to have a ratio of 1:1 with students and technology. Our school will be receiving 340 Chrome books to support this initiative.
- Mentoring Program: Staff and parents are invited to spend 20 minutes per week with a student who has been nominated by his/her teacher. Grades 3-5 are participating but K-2 would also like to participate. If we had more volunteers we could expand the program. Encouraged parents to participate by coming to have lunch with student, hang out from 8:00-8:30 am with student, etc.

##### **Cami Stephens**

- Paw Prints starts next week. Have a spot for PTA updates.

## **5. Fundraising (Leisa Glantz, Leslie Blackwood & Cami Stephens)**

### **Leisa Glantz**

- Go Play Save books fundraiser was a success! We sold 337, a few more than last year.

### **Leslie Blackwood**

- Boosterthon: October 30 will have school pep rally for event, Fun Run is November 9. The ID/Severe run was the best to watch! Money for Boosterthon will be used to purchase technology devices.

### **Cami Stephens**

- Writing Contest has started. Still in need of judges. Dec. 2 at Barnes and Noble will be the celebration. Needs help getting event set up.
- Will be raffling off a fast pass for car pool again this year.
- Box Tops are due next week for fall deadline but do continue to keep collecting.
- Student council has started. The students are very excited to get things done. Wants student council president to be able to come to PTA meetings.
- Carnival in the spring. If you want to sponsor a classroom for advertisement the cost is \$100.00.

## **6. Health/Wellness (Jason Edwards)**

- Jason passed out snacks to volunteers and asked them to assess if snack was healthy or not. Showed parents how to use Smart Snacks Product Calculator online. Examples of “healthy” products can be seen on Amazon’s Healthier Generation website.
- Cafeteria will now be selling healthy snacks and you can have them delivered to student’s classroom.
- Health/Wellness is working on a website to help clarify WCPSS new health initiative. They are trying to start a data base with foods that are compliant with new policy.
- Kudos to Staff Appreciation committee for offering Yogurt bar for upcoming staff lunch.

- Staff can only encourage and recommend students and parents to eat healthier options like fruit and vegetables.

**7. VP Programs – Family Night Out (Callie Wright)**

- Milton's Family Night Out last week raised \$300.00 for LME
- McDonald's McTeacher Night is November 14

**8. Other Business**

- Suggested to post PTA minutes on Memberhub. Andrea Smythe can post them.

**9. Next Meeting – November 30, 2017 7 pm**