

PTO Meeting March 2017 Minutes

- Meeting called to order 6:35, February minutes approved
- Parent topic - Lakewood as a Title One school -Title One teacher, Ms.Hughes spoke and explained Federal grant money is given to the school to ensure all students academic needs are met. Being a title one school means we have a designated teacher for reading and math support to help students meet state standards. Additional money will provide programs for after school and spring break. A total of 48 kids are serviced at Lakewood via Title 1 services and qualification is based on academics only. Lakewood is also an EL school, meaning we have a designated teacher, Ms. McFarland, who provides service to support students whose primary language is not English. Possibility of translating PTO notes or other pertinent school information for the EL teacher to hand out to her families? Any communication would be previously translated, so volunteer translators need to be contacted. The majority of our population of EL students are currently zoned for Lakewood and we are not considered a magnet school. Spanish and Japanese speaking families make up our largest EL population.
- Flags- Melissa brought up the possibility of buying flags to represent the large diversity we have at Lakewood. PTO voted yes to buy and she will look into the best options for the school. Large Flags versus small Flags etc.Revisit to determine best size and selection.
- Auction- Grossed \$35,654 less expenses of \$5,100 equals and net profit of \$30,554. Possibility of making some changes for next year to include a larger committee for the auction, as it is too large a job for 2 people. Also the possibility of changing the staff raffle to do it at the school to include the kids. Revisit how we handle the staff raffle. Revisit having the silent auction online.
- May parent topic is safety- procedures, lockdown. What is a hard lockdown as opposed to soft lockdown? Drill review
- April parent topic is Mindfulness
- Kindergarten readiness- May 10th. Current K parents Rebecca P, Kim G, Kelly G, making parent information packets for handout at kindergarten readiness.Parents schedule 15 minute blocks for the kids to meet with a current Kinder teacher while the parents will have a kindergarten orientation. Amy will put information on PTO website.
- Spirit wear -Order date was extended due to power outage. We did not make our order quota, but underground donated the difference to make the price point. School made no money on current order.
- President's update - Jill and Lindsay to create a proposal for capital improvements.They are looking for ideas from families, asking what we can do to improve the school as a whole (paint?), not just on a per class basis. They will also look into our bylaws to inquire about protocol for electing new PTO members.
- Co-president Amy attended PTOC meeting last month. The meeting was mainly on budgets and all of those notes are available online on the PTOC website The Sinking Fund was one of the things that they brought up wanting PTO support in placing signs and informing people. Lakewood PTO chooses to stay neutral.
- Summer celebration - June 9th. budget is \$3,000 looking into a dunk tank or similar for something different.
- Principal update- Ms. Seals will address the topic of the Sinking Fund at next month's PTO meeting. The climate survey window is closing soon. All 3rd through 5th graders filled it out

during their Library time and all families are asked to fill it out . Lakewood is getting \$65,000 towards new playground equipment. Ms.Seals met with some parents to get their feedback and is looking to put together a committee of kids interested to get ideas on what Lakewood could use. Student placement for next fall or was also discussed. A form will go out after spring break for parent input regarding their child. The form will not have a space for specific teacher placement. Many considerations are taken into the final decision of placement, including current teacher opinion, student dynamics, academics and parent volunteering for best possible balance. The initial list is formed at the end of the current school year but finalized immediately before school starts in the fall. Ms. Seals will have the final decision on all placements.

- Treasurer- Current balance is \$71,496.26. Extra budget lines will be added for next year, possibilities include paper products, retirement,teacher conferences, student council and Naapid. Increases in current budget line items for Moms and muffins, Dads and donuts, Fall festival, teacher appreciation week, etc . Revisit.
- Used book sale is 4/26. Bring book donations to the box in front of the library. A sign up Genius will be posted for volunteers to help-lots needed to facilitate sales, sorting,setup and cleanup. All books \$ 0.25, proceeds to the library.
- Teacher Appreciation week is the first week in May.
- Kelly G to discuss restaurant fundraising at April meeting
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