

## PTO Meeting Jan 2017 Minutes

- Meeting called to order 6:34, November minutes approved
- An amount of \$150 is approved to buy a retirement gift for Ms. King from the PTO. Amy Zampi will purchase. Moving forward, this amount is approved for any teacher retiring from Lakewood.
- Welcoming new teacher Ms. McGuinn - Jill provided a welcome bag to her including Lakewood hat and shirt.
- The week of Feb 6, there will be an all school coin drive to benefit the Lakewood auction. The winning class gets a pizza party. Currently there is no budget for this prize. Parents to buy out of pocket. Should we add a budget line moving forward?
- Lakewood staff raffle will take place the week of the auction, week of Feb 13. Ms. VerLee to get a list to Amy Z and Jill A, and this info should be given to grade level reps for communication to parents.
- The parent Mix and mingle that was scheduled for the December meeting was cancelled along with the meeting due to the snow day. The mixer to be rescheduled for the same night as Movie Night, Jan 27. Snacks and auction sign up sheets to be laid out.
- Movie Night is Jan 27. Student Council will have popcorn and water available for purchase, proceeds to be split with PTO. The PTO proceeds portion will be given back to the student council for use next year.
- Parent topics - February - Revisit the Behavior Plan  
March - Lakewood as an ELL magnet school  
April - Possible topic is "Mindfulness". Robin Bursch knows a speaker and will touch base to see if they are available that night
- Auction - A "Save the Date" to go out Friday for the auction. Kristi states the need to have procured items turned in. States she has only 40, though people have signed up for an additional 150-200. Last year, there was a total of 300 items up for auction, and she is worried. Seeking wines priced \$20 and up for wine pull, and unique items and experiences. Looking for additional promotion via the Lakewood PTO FB page. Seeking a volunteer DJ for the after party. Many volunteers for event setup are still needed as well.
- As of Jan 6, the PTO Facebook page is changed to a group page in an effort to increase visibility on FB. Invites sent out to include all the people we know in LW on FB.
- PTOC Meeting - Topic was bus transportation and crosswalk safety. In an effort for Durham to find and retain drivers, they are giving full benefits and a pay increases to drivers. Durham also 90% ready to launch a bus chip app to track and get up to date bus info. Lakewood is not currently a "red school" for sidewalk safety. We can pay someone to come out and do a safety audit for us. Any school who does this and finds a need for changes can apply for a grant to have the changes paid for. Should we get the audit? How?
- Co-VP, Heather looking into the want or need for die cutters. She will gather info on cost.
- Principal update - reiterated same points on movie night and parent mixer. Doors at 6:15, movie at 6:30

- Garden committee installed a new garden shed with lock.
  - The roof is currently being redone. There is timeframe for when it will be done
  - Asking that we welcome new 4th grade teacher Ms. McGuinn
- Teacher update- Music teacher Amy Sierzega asking for PTO to pay for her registration to a music convention as she is a speaker this year. PTO agrees to pay the \$150 fee.
- Treasurer - current bank balance is \$47,000.22.
- Due to Science Olympiad on June 3, Summer Celebration to be pushed back one week to June 9. Amy Z to change it on the website calendar.
- Kindergarten Roundup is Feb 28. PTO Presidents to attend and PTO will buy water and goldfish crackers
- Co-Volunteer coordinator, Melissa, would like to coordinate and be contact for any upcoming Y5/K playdates
- Co-VP Heather is looking to add Kindergarten readiness information to put into a flyer and attach to the calendar
- Adjourn 8:27