

Lakewood PTO March 2021 meeting minutes
February 17th, 2021
6:00pm-7:00pm

Board members: Amy Zampi, Annalee Appledorn, Theresa Keifer-Taylor, Sarah Nelson, Rebecca Priest, Kim Gardner, Sam Starcher, Elizabeth Recla, Edward Latour
PTO Parent reps: Dana Knott, Lindsey Towne, Jessica Zuelch

Call to order: 6:06pm

President Update: Amy Zampi

- Move to approve February minutes
 - Motion approved
- Board Elections
 - Will be put in Eddies update
 - To happen in May
 - All positions open except Treasurer
 - Move to keep Rebecca Priest and Kim Gardner in Treasurer and Treasurer in Training
 - Approved 8 yes and 0 No
- First Day back to in person Thank You bags
 - Approved via email chain
 - To include:
 - Gift cards
 - Cup
 - Snacks
 - Masks designed by Olivia to be added as well
 - Need to be at school before the teachers get back into the building
 - Y5-K March 24th
 - 1&2 April 5th
 - 3-5 April 12th
- Staples had donations for teachers as well. They just need to be picked up
- Welcome Back sign
 - Had one made
- PTOC recap (Meeting about Equity)
 - Nothing concrete just more ideas and thoughts being said
 - No learning objectives for schools
 - Mentioned having an equity officer at each school
 - Suggested to be a parent not a staff member because there is already an equity team at Lakewood
 - No clear direction where the discussion was going
 - Have more visibility
 - NAAPID

- The community got more than just invitations and it was still hard to get more participation
 - Great discussion about having staff that wants to include more lessons about other cultures
- The district needs more teachers who want to incorporate different cultures
 - Great things happening at Lakewood with this topic
- The teachers have TLN's (Teacher Learning Network)
 - They have intentional conversations about how to include equity topic focusing on different cultures for example different artists studied in art and music.
 - Being added into morning meeting
- Wish more was said by the equity team, felt there was a lot to be said
- A lot of conversation and not much action
- Elizabeth Recla: It is very interesting to hear the perspectives of parents and PTO
- Language barrier is something different to work with as far as education is concerned. Different cultures have different regards when it comes to education.
- Question about standardized tests
 - Not very equitable to have these tests when some kids have really regressed during virtual learning
 - What would happen if a parent opts out of NWEA or other standardized tests? Would the school be penalized, i.e. funding?
 - Eddie: yes you can opt out but I am not sure about the implications. Eddie to find out
 - Do we as a school get funding from how many kids test?
 - No, but the school gets rated as a result of the tests
 - As a district couldn't we say no?
 - Not answered

Co Volunteer Coordinators: Sarah Nelson and Theresa Keifer-Taylor

- International Night?
- Teacher appreciation
 - First week of May
 - Theresa and Amy to chat about this at another time.
- Fun Run
 - Virtual
 - Sometime in the spring
 - Eddie has all the notes from Eberwhite from their virtual fun run so we will look over them and come up with a plan.
- Science Olympiad
 - It is going well
 - There was a learning curve with sending out all the info and getting the students peardeck set up but it is all set.
 - Activities may need to be modified for virtual but they are great

Teacher Update: Elizabeth Recla

- 5th grade yearbook
 - Reach out to parents for pictures seeing as teachers are stretched pretty thin
- Look into a 4th grade parent for graduation rep.

Fundraising Rep.: Kelly Ganamet

- Restaurant nights
 - Made about \$400 already
 - Look into Panda Express and Moes
 - Panera and Noodles & Company coming up in April and May
 - No Cluvers
 - Will keep checking

Treasurer Update: Rebecca Priest & Kim Gardner

- Account balances
 - Checking Account: \$49,435.43
 - Savings Account: \$10,003.45
- Teacher appreciation is \$1000
- Send out Spring discretionary
 - Rebecca will clear out the folder once she checks receipts from fall
 - Done by 1st week of April
- Alex still gets check for the Fall

Principal update: Edward Latour

- Thanks to Kelly for still being the fundraising chair and rocking it
- Thanks to Sarah for running Science Olympiad
- Hybrid starts next week
 - We will be making videos of the building for each group returning seeing as the students either have ever been in the building or haven't been back in a year
- Supply drive
 - Amazon wish list
 - Do we need to help as a PTO
 - No, we have the budget to cover the rest if needed
- Purchased \$500 in Meijer gift cards for families that request assistance
- Edgistaff
 - Schoology training
 - We are guaranteed 3 building subs that will be only used at Lakewood
 - All vacant positions are filled
- Lunch
 - Free for all students and needs to be pre ordered weekly

Open Forum

- When are teachers in the building?
 - Eddie and Nina are at the building every day
 - Teachers: it depends on the phase
 - We will know before they come back
 - We can meet anyone dropping items off at the door seeing as visitors cannot come into the building
- Drive up App?

- When is information going to be sent to parents about the new pick up process
- Eddie to finalize the email and make a video
- There will be 2 phones so the process will move quickly
- The process for walkers is still being figured out
- Next meeting is April 21st

Meeting adjourned 7:13pm