

Lakewood Elementary PTO Meeting 09/23/2020 6:00pm-8:00pm

Board: Amy Zampi, Annalee Appledorn, Rebecca Priest, Kim Garner, Samantha Starcher, Sarah Nelson, Theresa Taylor, Kelly Ganamet, Elizabeth Recla, Eddie Latour

Call to Order 6:06pm

President Update: Amy Zampi

- PTOC Meetings: passed onto Annalee to organize who attends what meetings.
 - Annalee to make a sign up genius for board members to sign up for a meeting
- Open Ask Letter
 - Do we do an ask letter this year?
 - Yes, we can still ask.
 - Include something that shows what the PTO is planning on using the funds for this year during virtual learning
 - Still supporting teachers
 - Supplies to teach from home
 - \$6,240 total went out to help support them
- Virtual Fun Run or Virtual 5k?
 - Would we need a chair?
 - Decided between the board we could put one together
 - Rebecca to look into Cheddar Up to see if they have a function to add individual students so the breakdown could be seen as to how much each student raised
 - To figure out what incentive would be for students later.
 - Tabled for now.
- Diversity
 - As a whole the PTO needs to come up with some ideas to get more people involved.
 - Lakewood is so diverse in cultures we need to get all involved and let everyone know that ALL are welcome! Not just board members. The PTO wants ideas and suggestions from the community.
 - Elizabeth Recla
 - Suggested an open call to parents of students in their classroom to attend a virtual PTO meeting to see what it is about.
 - Bring back parent topics this year?
 - Discuss at next meeting.
 - General know how to help your kids through this virtual learning world?
 - Tabled for now
 - Theresa
 - Suggested a “Bring a Friend” night
 - Everyone is open to the idea
 - Talk about at next meeting
 - Make a Google Form to see what parents need from the PTO
 - To be put in Eddies email Update

Principal Update: Eddie Latour

- Parents heard a lot of what the PTO is talking about
- Eddie hears that there needs to be a shift to get parents more involved
- Art Check
 - Peggy wanted to see if her discretionary check could get added to the Art to Remember line item in budget so she has those funds when we go back to brick and mortar?
 - Eddie to get further clarification on that. Tabled for now

Teacher Update: Elizabeth Recla

- Spring receipts
 - Just want to make sure that PTO does not want them
 - Board decided that there is a clean slate for spring but we still need receipts for Fall in order to get their next Spring check
- Suggestions on what PTO could help with
 - Supplies like: reams of white paper teachers could send to their students, stamps, manilla envelopes,
 - Eddie said paper will be included in the supply boxes students will be receiving next week.
- Amy Sergiza
 - Wants to know if unused Fine Arts Funds leftover from last year could be used for this year.
 - NO, because as a board it was decided a few years ago that we would not roll over what was not used.

Vice President Update: Annalee Appledorn

- Nothing to update

Co Volunteer Coordinators: Sarah Nelson and Theresa Taylor

- Nothing to update

Fundraising Chair: Kelly Ganamet

- Fundraisers
 - Restaurants
 - NO Culvers
 - They are not doing fundraisers this year
 - Still doing them: Noodles in Company, Panera, Aubrees
 - Kelly to look into Zippy's Car Wash
 - Kindness app
 - <https://raisecraze.com/>
 - Kids ask for donations and they will intern perform acts of kindness or pay it forward
 - Board to look into but everythinks it is a good idea.
 - Eddie to send out the link again. (Thank you)
 - Tabled for now

Treasurer Update: Rebecca Priest, Kim Graner (Treasurer in training)

- Checking Account Balance: \$53,163.23
 - Actual to budget with around \$47,000.00
- Savings Account Balance: \$10,002.95

Budget Approval for 2020/2021 school year

- No auction this year
 - We will get creative in other ways
- Keep Summer Celebration just in case we can have it at the end of the year
- Zero out field trips
 - Even if we go back to brick and mortar there will be no field trips this year
- Keep assemblies just in case there are programs that can be done virtually or when we go back to brick and mortar
- No 5th grade camp this year
 - Annalee: the camp still has a deposit to hold the schools spot when the kids can come back to the camp need on record.
- Is there a disability workshop for 4th grade?
 - Need to contact Karen
- Keep Kindergarten Round Up
- 2020/2021 budget finalized at: \$23,505

Open discussion

- Requested more spirit days
 - Need to talk to the staff and see what could be added
 - Buying t-shirts and masks for students
 - Too late and the board wants to be smart with funds
 - Maybe a t-shirt contest?
 - Purchase white t shirts and supplies for each student so they can decorate them.
 - Not this year.
 - Board is trying to show the community that we are still here but being smart with funds.
- Make an art installation
 - Add a tessellating lizard on white card stock to each supply kit that the students will color in then return at Art supply handout to be made into something that will hang at the school.
 - Sam Starcher to take care of
- Food Drive during supply hand out
 - PTO to have boxes for families to drop off non perishable food items to be donated to local food pantry.
 - Approved by Eddie
- Add Budget to the PTO website for more transparency but NOT on Facebook

Meeting adjourned 7:45PM

