

Lakewood Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020
6:00pm-8:00pm

Board members: Amy Zampi, Annalee Appledorn, Theresa Keifer-Taylor, Sarah Nelson, Rebecca Priest, Kim Gardner, Sam Starcher, Elizabeth Recla, Edward Latour

Call to order 6:02pm

President update- Amy Zampi

- Food Gatherers Food Drive
 - During art distribution
 - More info to go out
 - In Eddie's newsletter and FB
- Topics for upcoming meetings
 - Looking to do in Nov. or Dec.
 - Finding an expert to talk about the effect on our kids during virtual learning or any topic on how to help students/parents during the pandemic
 - Looking for a neutral person that parents can have an open conversation with.
 - Amy-to reach out to Charline (LAK psychologist)
 - Eddie to send Amy her information

Vice President- Annalee Appledorn

- Nothing to report
- Need to add the PTOC meeting zoom link to sign up genius

Teacher Update- Elizabeth Recla

- What is the best way for teachers to hand in their receipts?
 - Take a picture of them and send them to Rebecca?
 - Scan and add to a google drive folder?
 - Apple phone has a scan feature when creating an email
 - [iphone scan instructions](#)
 - [notes scan instructions](#)
 - Amy- to talk to Rebecca to see what works best
- Deadline for receipts so spring checks can be distributed?
 - Need to talk to Rebecca about a deadline but thinking late winter early spring?
- On a side note: from PTO- teachers are doing an amazing job under these circumstances. Cannot say thank you enough for all of the above and beyond work ALL teachers are doing.

Co Volunteer Coordinators- Sarah Nelson and Theresa Keifer-Taylor

- Nothing to report

Fundraising Chair- Kelly Ganamet

- Restaurant update
 - Culvers is not doing fundraising right now
 - Have not heard back from Dominos
 - Not promoting Dough Raisers right now until she hears back

- Looking into Panera or Noodles in Company
 - Won't hurt to sign the school up and families can choose to take advantage of the fundraiser night.
- Kindness App.
 - Eddie- worried about associating kindness with getting donations
 - Going to talk to Samantha Cucu about using the Kindness App.
 - [Raise Craze-acts of kindness fundraiser](#)
- Look into Zippy's to see if they are in fact doing fundraisers?

Treasurer Update: Kim Gardner

- Checking account: \$48,474.23
- Savings account: \$10,003.03
- Amy- need to follow up with Rebecca on Spiritwear.com and PTO thrift shop
 - Have we gotten a check recently?
 - Eddie to put spiritwear.com in his updates and add PTO thrift store add to his newsletters
- PTO dues were paid in full

Principal update: Eddie Latour

- Clarification on checks for teachers
 - They were mailed to teachers according to a list that Rebecca had.
 - If a teacher does not get one at home then it went to the school and in that case they will be mailed from the school.
 - October 19th is when TCF mailed them.
 - Keep an eye out for a plain white envelope (very plain, non bank looking envelope)
- Holidays
 - LAK will most likely not be getting help from Magic of Christmas this year seeing as there are more schools that need help this year due to the pandemic
 - Can the PTO help?
 - Maybe set up a secret santa
 - Sign up genius with what is needed?
 - Need to figure out how to virtually
 - Eddie to put a list together of families and what is needed
 - Winter outer gear drive
 - Coats, boots, gloves, hats etc.
 - Keep a bucket outside the school
 - Office staff to check regularly
 - Melissa Stull: weekend drop off location
 - Lives on Garlake drive
 - Looking for a Librarian
 - Interviews on Friday from 1:50-3:30 if anyone wants to be on the panel.
 - Get the word out that we are looking
 - Dual position (with Angell)
 - Virtual Fun Run
 - Would really love to have one to get families out and having fun

- Still need someone to spearhead that.
- N.W.E.A and assessments
 - Start next week
 - Will the students need to do them 3 times this year?
 - “Not sure if they will happen 3 times but right now we are fulfilling our state requirements”
 - How will IEPs utilized while testing?
 - Each student will be in their own breakout room and if they need extra assistance they will be able to ask the teacher or if they have text to speech feature they will be able to use it as long as it is in their IEP.
- Open forum for parents
 - Activities for kids that we can all share
 - Free rec&ed classes
 - Only on wed/sat not offered in the mornings
 - Soccer was great!
 - If canceled they are not rescheduled
 - [4th grade free park pass](#)
 - Free national park pass for 4th graders link above for more info
 - [Cold Passport](#)
 - For 4th and 5th graders
 - Free MI ski passport
 - Pen Pals for Lakewood
 - Tough logistics
 - Max @ skatepark for lessons
 - Something to use in the spring
 - Awesome with kids
 - Elizabeth Recla
 - On skatepark youth board
 - Have boards, helmets and pads that could be lent out
 - From girls program that had to be canceled
 - Info on Connections+
 - Are they still doing this program?
 - Peace fell through so the district is looking into another partnership to see if more students can participate
 - Right now only students of real need are participating
 - How many LAK families actually wanted the morning meeting on Wed to stop?
 - About 109 families
 - District wide decision
 - Flexibility during the school day
 - Schoology (white elephant in the room)
 - The district is committed to making Schoology work

- Hard at the elementary level
- Hard to find assignments due or the ones that need to be done for that day.
- Parent comments about virtual school
 - Feel as though I am more aware of my students learning now that they are home all of the time. Starting to feel overwhelmed.
 - Great communication from Principal Latour and teachers
 - Good insight to the kids day
 - Fun to watch the younger kids talk and participate with their class and teachers.

Meeting adjourned 7:31pm