

February 9, 2022 Lakewood PTO Virtual Meeting Minutes

Board members: Annalee Appledorn, Kelly Ganamet, Theresa Keifer-Taylor, Jessica Zuelch, Kim Gardner, Sam Starcher, Elizabeth Recla (not in attendance), Abby Samuels, Aires Stewart
Also in attendance: Kathleen Wright, Katie Kipp Dhom, Nicole Beurg, Dana Knott, Amanda Zee, Jenny Jacka, April Tincher, Karen G.

Call to order: 6:35pm

President Update: Annalee Appledorn

- Move to approve the January minutes
 - Motion approved
- Put the call out for Elections
 - In March they will go out
- Nothing else to report at this time

Vice President: Kelly Ganamet

- No update at this time

Teacher Rep Update: Kathleen Wright (Y5), Katie Kipp Dhom (P.L.T.W)

- No update but a proposal to put forth to Board
 - Looking to update the blacktop on the lower elementary playground
 - Herself and husband did all the research and they would only need \$250 for paint, brushes and some items to make an UP slide.
 - Also looking into rechipping the lakewood woods and cleaning up the path. Will contact the City and Environment Education department
 - A2 supplies the chips in the spring so we could make it a community event.
 - Dates TBD
 - Aires to talk to Breanne about what she needs for Noon Hour and get back to the board.
- Katie Kipp Dhom
 - Got a grant for a 3D printer.
 - Making a "Maker Space"
 - Used to collaborate with students and teachers for different projects.
 - No Robotics Team this year but I will be putting on a competition between 5th graders during their robotics unit.

Volunteer Coordinators: Theresa and Jessica

- Movie Night
 - In the works for Spring
- International Night
 - Decided to be moved to the Fall 2022.
 - Not happening this year
- Teacher appreciation
 - Still figuring it out
- Yearbook

- Amy Zampi is putting one together

Fundraising Chair: Abby Sammuels

- School Spirit T-shirt Update
 - We raised \$2880 total
 - Got the final total before winter break
 - There have been supply chain issues so the colors/prices keep having to change because they are not available in all sizes or styles that we wanted.
 - Final colors
 - Lime green for y5-4 students
 - Red for 5th graders
 - Black for adults
 - Decided to pad certain sizes for new staff and students & to have extra for next year
 - Approved to spend up to \$2400 without having to come back to the board and the rest of the funds will go in general funding to use on other projects.

Treasurer Update: Kim Gardner

- Bank Balance
 - Checking: \$43,792.15
 - Savings: \$10,004.28
- There is some money to come out still like the T-Shirts (\$2880) and we are holding onto Scholastic money (\$1500)

Open Forum

- 5th Grade camp
 - A lot of families are asking if it is happening
 - Ainess to check on policies about overnight trips
 - Maybe look into a day camp?
 - Rolling Hills?
 - Dance Party on basketball court?
 - Theresa's husband could DJ
 - Small refreshments, glowsticks?
- Community Building
 - Could we do a potluck and band night outside in the spring?
 - Use AADL yard games?
 - Parent jam band
 - Community HS Jazz Band?
 - We are not sure how the guidelines will be in the spring so TABLED for now.
 - Jenny Jacka- Need to talk about Bullying at Lakewood!
 - It is happening more
 - Regression in social skills
 - We need resources outside school to help the kids and parents deal with this.
 - Ainess

- “We need to be careful with the word bullying.” “If issues are coming up and you want to make sure they are dealt with reach out to me personally and I will make sure we talk to your student”
- stewart@aps.k12.mi.us
- What is the policy for friends doing the taunting? Consequences?
 - It depends on the situation and we cannot release information about certain situations due to confidentiality so parents might not hear about what happened with different situations but know they are being handled appropriately.
 - We are currently working on a process to make things mainstream or give reminders school wide on how we treat others.
 - Physical Aggression is ALWAYS dealt with in the office.
 - Maybe there needs to be a presentation from Julie Johnston on what the school is working on with Zones of Regulation and RC?
- When can parents be allowed to help in the classrooms?
 - Used as an extra set of eyes when there
 - Kathleen
 - When parents are helping they are there to help with doing centers, the teachers are still in charge of discipline.
 - Yes, there are challenges and they are big sometimes but we use RC (Responsive Classroom), Julie Johnston the behavioralist, Zones of Regulation
 - What do the COVID numbers need to be to get us into the building?
 - Waiting for the color of the county to go down but it should be on AAPS district COVID website.
 - Theresa- Missing the community bonding from being allowed in the building

Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm