

January 3, 2022 Lakewood PTO Virtual Meeting Minutes

Board members: Annalee Appledorn, Kelly Ganamet (not in attendance), Theresa Keifer-Taylor (not in attendance), Jessica Zuelch (not in attendance), Kim Gardner, Sam Starcher, Elizabeth Recla (not in attendance), Edward Latour, Abby Samuels (not in attendance)

Also in attendance: Julia Burkhardt, Carrie Hansen and Aires Stewart (new LAK Principal)

Call to order 6:35PM

President Update: Annalee Appledorn

- International Night/Spring Movie
 - Should we move international night to the fall in light of recent events with COVID in the community?
 - It is a large event and a big undertaking and would have to be reconfigured to be outside and still not sure how food would work.
 - Could we make it a virtual event?
 - Families could make slides about their culture
 - Annalee to talk to neighbor to see if she would be willing to chair in the Fall.
 - TABLED FOR NOW
- Spring movie should be ok to happen in the spring seeing as it is a bit easier and not much to it.

Principal Update: Eddie Latour and Aires Stewart

- Transition from Eddie to Aires will not fully happen until we have 2 weeks in person learning
- Virtual learning is just a pause to in person learning for this week. District has every intention to return to in person 1/10/2022
- Carrie Hansen pregnant-Congrats she is due in June 2022
- School schedule
 - Start time 8:45am
 - End time 3:48pm
 - Needed to keep the same to count for legal purposes
 - There will be extra support in classrooms
 - Teachers will remain available all day with the exception of lunch
 - Special teachers will push into class on the classroom teachers link so there will be no switching links.
- Parent question: Why the sudden principal switch in the middle of the year?
 - The intent and process actually started last summer.
 - I did not want to leave LAK without the right person to take over.
 - "I have never been more connected to a school community than I have been at Lakewood."
 - It was not forced by the district, it was a personal choice.
 - This was a professional career move. The program at Mitchell is inline with my passion. I will miss Lakewood.
 - "I am comfortable leaving Lakewood in the hands of Aires."

- Aires
- "I will do my best to fill such large shoes."
- I was at a K-8 Steam building last year
- I am very connected to A2 and only live 10 minutes away from the school

Vice President: not in attendance so no update to report

Teacher Update: Julia Burkhardt and Carrie Hansen

- Thank you for being flexible during this transition time to virtual learning.
- Nothing else to report

Co-Volunteer Coordinators: Theresa and Jessica

- No update seeing as not in attendance
- Need to touch base about Teacher Appreciation (May 2nd-6th)
 - Annalee to reach out

Treasurer: Kim Gardner

- Bank Account Updates
 - Checking: \$40,346.92
 - Savings: \$10,004.28
- Not much went out other than:
 - PTOC dues
- No headway on a Treasurer in Training
 - It is hard not being in person and being in the building to help in classrooms to get to know the kids and their parents. You tend to meet the "do"ers when you are helping in class and at class parties.
 - Worried about next year since a lot of the 5th grade parents are leaving and they have helped a lot.

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- Should we change the February meeting date?
 - Yes, we will connect offline as a board and release the new meeting date as soon as possible.
- Aires: What do you think I can do to connect with the community during the transition?
 - Have an open time to be on Zoom to meet families and the community.
 - Coffee time?
 - After school snack time?

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:06PM