

December 2023 PTO Summary

Here are your highlights from the PTO meeting held on Monday, December 11th.

1. Principal Updates

- Winter Giving Fundraiser – many people have signed up to donate. There are only a handful of open spots.
- The Native American Themed Circle Assembly was informational and students enjoyed it.
- Lakewood has two new staff members, Jessica and Maddie.
- Justice Leaders of Washtenaw Intermediate School District are coming to the PTO meeting in January. The meeting starts at 6:30 and will run an hour long. Snacks will be provided.
- The PTOC meeting is the same date as our PTO meeting due to the MLK Holiday.
- The Therapaws dog will be coming every other Tuesday. The dog will go to different classrooms. Any students with issues can meet with the dog.
 - The cost to have the dog at the school is \$12,000. We want to have a separate fundraiser for this.
 - The dog will stay with a staff member volunteer. There will be a primary volunteer and a backup volunteer. The volunteers will have to be trained.
- We need help in our school – substitute teachers and school aids.
- We are getting a sensory path installed outside of our school.

2. Teacher Updates (Peggy Leonard)

- Preschool playground is almost done.

3. President Update (Bryan Goff)

- The PTO voted in a new board member, Jody Hecker, for assistant treasurer.
- Readathon is the month of March.
 - Readathon provides a website and materials to conduct the fundraiser.
 - 80% of proceeds go to the school.
 - We make our own prizes to save on cost of the fundraiser.
 - We made about \$8000 last year.
 - Can we involve some local businesses in our fundraiser?

Volunteer Coordinator (Dana Knott and Helen Wright) Update

- We earned \$1620 for the Fun Run Fundraiser. Significantly less compared to last year where we earned \$5364.
- Can we do a Gofundme for a particular teacher for a particular item?
- Can we be more transparent about what we spend our money on?

- How about our Great Ideas fund that we have implemented in the past? People can submit ideas about projects such as our climbing wall in the gym. There is a form to submit ideas on Google Drive.
- There is an issue with garbage being left at the school from people using the school grounds for Rec and Ed activities and just as a hangout. Should we provide a garbage can on the playground and field? Who would take care of it? What are other schools doing about garbage that ends up on their grounds?
- We need to find someone to be the Fundraising chair. The job can be done by multiple people.
- Is it possible to run a Culver's fundraiser as we have done in the past?

7. Communication/Social Media Update (Aketzali)

- Parents are asking if we have Instagram or other social media platforms they could use.
- We will need to review guidelines for posting pictures (such as not publishing certain people's faces who don't want to be posted on social media).
- What can Aketzali post on the display case? (Winter Giving, Family Game Night, etc.)
- We should send out a message that every parent in the Lakewood Community is a part of the PTO – not only board members. We all contribute somehow.

7. Treasurer Update (Sam)

PTO Checking Total: \$28,570.00

PTO Savings: \$10,131.93

November Balance

Money in:

- The Fun Run raised \$1620.
- Dominoes raised \$161
- We received \$610 from direct donations.

Money out:

- Fall discretionary money for teachers: \$2340
- Image printing: \$159.76
- Assemblies (the Circle Assembly): \$700