

# PTO MEETING 08/16

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16 AUGUST 2022 / 8:45 AM / SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: 8:48

## ATTENDEES

Colleen Czachorowski, Jen Gerry, Rose Carter, Tatiana Podel, Valerie Parrish, Amanda Singh, Heather Arnold, Stephanie Santamaria, Melissa Kwak, Jessie MaCaslin, Kaitlin Cavinder, Hilary Hall, Grace Steinman, Staci Dalton, Shivanie Baksh, Jennifer Silva, Brittany Coons, Bistra Iordanova, Kathy Phelps, Amber Sirabella, Tambi Durham, Courtney Ramos, Jane Bockelman, Pam Simon, Kristin Bennett, Kimmy Kotch, Casey Ibanez, Becky Rankin, Nicole Lyano, Pamela Crabb, Kristen Hughes, Erin Matherne, Kim Naran, Staci Brewer, Sarah Farooqi, Andrea Willkinson, Michelle Taylor, Jason and Sarah Matthews.

## AGENDA

### Principal's Report

- Ms. Hughes is the new Assistant Principal.
- LWE is cadre 9.
- 30/30 is called Delayed Dismissal now.
- Ms. Boken and Ms. Parker are new teachers to the school this year. We also added another new resource teacher Ms. Matthews.
- We have 572 students this year.
- LWE did very well in testing. Attend SAC meetings to hear more about the school-improvement plan and school data.
- Safety: Doors must be locked at all times. We are working on getting the county to replace the blinds.
- Talking Points is the new communication for this year.
- Ms. Dudek is getting devices out as soon as she can.
- Name forms: You must fill out a name form in order for your child to be called by their preferred name instead of their legal name.

## Executive Board Updates

- **Co-Presidents**
  - We are trying the new time of 8:45 AM this year in an attempt to make it easier to attend.
  - Thank you for attending and becoming a part of PTO!
  - We have 131 memberships so far. We strive to get 100% membership. Make sure to share with your friends!
  - Some of the ways funds collected for PTO will be used include improving the teacher's lounge, purchasing a Gaga ball pit for students, getting sandboxes for PK and K, creating special grade-level funds to bring in on-campus field trips and/or enrichment kits, and purchasing brag tags for students.
  - We are in need of committee chairs for Family Picnic/Open House, Fixer Upper/Beautification, Mother's Day, Pals with Parents, and Photography/Yearbook.
- **Vice President**
  - There is now a new LWE Sign Up for volunteers to use and to see multiple opportunities to volunteer in one place. Committee chairs will be able to create sign-up lists.
  - The Nifty Fifty raised over \$800 and those funds will go toward the Gaga ball pit.
- **Treasurer**
  - Please take a moment to look at the budget.
  - Please turn in a paper copy of the reimbursement form and the physical receipts in order to receive reimbursement. You can submit them via the PTO box in the front office or give them to the treasurer during PTO meetings.
  - We are not charging an entry fee for Science Night.
- **Secretary**
  - Check out the new PTO bulletin in the front office. The PTO bulletin has QR codes for the PTO website, Facebook page, Spiritwear, etc. and space for flyers/news throughout the year.

## Committee Updates

### Art Night

- March 28th.

### Birthday Book Club

- We have sold 40 memberships so far.

### **Facebook/Instagram/PR/Box Tops**

- Including Instagram to LWE social media list.

### **Family Picnic/Open House**

- September 14th
- 5th grade will do concessions
- We need a committee chair for this year.

### **Faculty Snack**

- We'd like to put leftover snacks in the teacher's lounge.
- We'd like to donate a mini fridge to add leftover drinks.
- We are adding a Venmo donation option for parents who would like to donate instead of picking up individual items.
- We will start with 5th grade and work down to kindergarten.

### **Fence Committee**

- The fence has been updated this month with a nautical theme.

### **Fixer Upper/Beautifcaiton**

- We need a committee chair.

### **Grandparent Event**

- September 28th
- PTO is sponsoring this event so parents do not need to pay.

### **Guardian Angel**

- This fund will supplement field trips, Holiday Shop, etc.

### **Holiday Shop**

- We will reach out soon to start planning with our committee.
- Shopping is in progress.
- Thank you to everybody who signed up for our committee.

### **Homeroom Parents**

- Our information session is 8/30 at 9 AM.
- New Favorite Things lists are up.

### **Hospitality**

- The Back-to-School Teacher Luncheon was a success.

### **Membership**

- 131 memberships so far

### **Pastries with Parents**

- November 2nd/3rd.
- No cost. Parents/guardians can come in to have pastries with their student.

## **Photography/Yearbook**

- We are looking for a chair.

## **PIE**

- We partner with businesses in the community to support LWE.
- Businesses can contribute in many different ways: donating funds, donating goods, giving class/school presentations.
- Please let the chairs know if you have any connections with local businesses.

## **Receivables**

- Birthday Book Club
- PTO memberships
- Spiritwear

## **School Supplies**

- EPI has a 100% product year-round guarantee.
- A few missing items were delivered this week.

## **Spirit Wear**

- We have new designs this year.
- You can purchase items on SchoolPay.
- Shirts ordered at Meet the Teacher should arrive next week.

## **Spring Carnival**

- Date changed to April 26th
- Looking for 2 new committee chairs for 2024-2025

## **Sweetheart Dance**

- Location is TBD based on availability.

## **Teacher Appreciation Week**

- We need a chair for this year.
- This committee involves planning a teacher breakfast and planning ways to treat/support teachers throughout the week.
- April 29-May 3rd

## **Teacher Wish List**

- Wish lists are posted on the PTO Facebook page.

## **Website**

- Teacher's Favorite Things are posted on the PTO website.
- Contact chair for any updates needed to the LWE website. Please give at least 24-hour notice.

## **Welcome**

- School tours
- Staff Spotlight: Staff/faculty is featured on the PTO Facebook page throughout the year. We will start with new staff/faculty. Let us know if you have any special recommendations.

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