

LAKE WHITNEY ELEMENTARY

PTO MEETING 10/12

10/12/22 SEPTEMBER 2022 / 9:00 AM / SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: 9:03

ATTENDEES

Colleen Czachorowski, Jen Gerry, Rose Carter, Tatiana Podel, Valerie Parrish, Heather Sommers, Tambi Durham, Kimberly Simon, Brittany Reeves, Joy Horton, Andrea Wilkinson, Pamela Simon, Heather Arnold, Kathy Phelps, Romelyne Keeling, Jessie McCaslin, Victoria Muranatsu, Darlene Bell, Courtney Ramos, Jason Matthews, Casey Ibanez, Elvan Smail, Michelle Taylor, Kerry Kindelmann, Kim Naran, Brittany Coons, Kristen Hughes

AGENDA

Principal's Report

- Hurricane update: LWE did well overall. A few trees were down and the AC was out, but Dr. Crabb and the custodians came over the weekend to resolve the issues.
- FAST testing reports are in progress. The training was canceled due to the hurricane.
- We have raised about \$45,000 so far for BOOSTERTHON.

Executive Board Updates

- **Co-Presidents**
 - Budget overview/approval–budget approved
 - We'd love to continue the combination of Open House and Family Picnic so more people are able to attend.
 - Discussed tie-dye shirts for teachers and non-instructional staff. Will need volunteers to help tie-dye.
 - Discussed birthdays/favorite things/recognition for non-instructional staff and how to coordinate so all are included.
 - Thank you to Rachel for all she did for Bike Safety Week. There will be a Bike to School (May 17th) week later in the year.

- **Vice President**
 - Beautification project: We met with Dr. Crabb to brainstorm a list of simple to complex tasks to improve the school.
- **Treasurer**
 - We had a lot of new memberships in September.
- **Secretary**

Committee Updates

Birthday Book Club

- This Wednesday was the first book club of the year.
- The kids received color-changing pencils.

Facebook/PR/Box Tops/Amazon Smile

- We received around \$80 from Amazon Smile this month. Please continue to use it! You connect your Amazon account to a charity and choose LWE. It automatically goes through on the app, but you have to select it manually if you use a web browser.

Faculty Snack

- This month is 4th grade.
- The theme is taco bar.

Fence Committee

- The committee took the cups out because of hurricane Ian and then redid the fence.
- There is an October theme up now. Next month it will be a thankful theme.

Guardian Angel

- We are starting the food collection in November.
- Gift cards are welcome.
- Pickup day for food is November 7th.
- November 18th is Pajama Day for a \$1 donation. This will kick off the toy drive.
- The toys and food will go to One Heart.

Health and Safety

- Bike week

Holiday Shop

- First meeting had a great turnout.
- We are going to plan a crafting/inventory meeting in November.

Homeroom Parents

- Amazon Wish lists

Teacher Wish List

- We started using teacherwishlist.com but the Amazon wish list is much easier for teachers and parents to contribute.
- An email was sent to all teachers and specials. Only 7 of 44 teachers responded with teacher wish lists through teacherwishlist.com. This is probably because it is so hard to use.
- We will meet with teachers to discuss Amazon wish lists.

Membership

- Popsicles were given to the top classes in each grade level.

Pastries with Parents

- The flier went out for this event.
- The alphabetic dates are suggestions to help manage the crowd.

Photography/Yearbook

- Progress has started for this year's yearbook!

PIE

- The training has started for Partners in Education.
- Businesses are able to sponsor really cool things for the school, such as a Career Day or after-school clubs/activities.
- They can also pay to display banners in the parking lot.
- The PIE chair can reach out on your behalf if you want to contact a new business (not already on the PIE list) for an event. Please see the document posted on the PTO website.
- We can give back by nominating them as PIE sponsor of the year, providing thank yous/recognition (stickers/signs for them to display), etc.

Receivables

- People are continuing to spend money on Birthday Book Club, spiritwear, and memberships.
- Reports are run on Mondays.

Science Night

- Changed to January 24th.
- The Science Night committee will plan and host.

Spirit Wear

- Tie-dye shirts for teachers.
- Need to find time/volunteers to do the

Miscellaneous

- We need chairs next year for Membership, School Supplies, and the Sweetheart Dance.

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