



# LEESVILLE

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

### LES PTA Monthly Meeting

- ❖ Monday, April 8, 2024 LES Library
- ❖ Be supportive. Ask questions. Provide solutions.

Topic:	Facilitator:	Key Notes/Actions:
Call Meeting to Order Welcome	Sandra Soderstrom	- Meeting called to order at 5:34pm.
Approval of Minutes	Meredith Schauer	- Meredith did a highlight of March meeting minutes. Adrienne Guilherme made a motion to pass the minutes, Sandra seconded the motion, and all approved March '24 minutes.
President's Update	Sandra Soderstrom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Silent Auction/raffle: let's continue to work on reaching out to contacts/companies we know requesting silent auction items.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sandra needs help sending and replying to emails re: auction prizes outreach and gathering the items. She will make an all-call email soon, but if anyone is able to help, she would greatly appreciate the support.</li> <li>- Sandra will be updating the Silent Auction website with all our items; is time consuming, so again, could use all the help she can get with emails/communication.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- DC Field Trip:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have a few fifth graders that need scholarships for the DC field trip- \$2,052 is needed; will further discuss this when we get to budget time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Marco's Pizza has entered into an in-kind sponsorship deal with us; We give them a certain amount depending upon need (we would pay in the \$100-\$150 range) and they will write off the remainder of the amount. So for all the events moving forward, we should plan to use them (Teacher Appreciation, Spring Fling, Field Day, 5th Grade Promotion, etc.)</li> </ul>
Principal's Update	Ari Cohen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3/14 Board Advisory Meeting follow-up:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A portion of the meeting was focused on safe gun storage around the home and providing helpful resources to send home to parents.</li> <li>- There was an amazing food spread - thank you to Becky Hilton for the amazing fresh baked bread!</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Panorama survey: there will be more messages sent by Mr. Cohen to ensure we receive a larger perspective on how we are doing from our school base. Please promote this through the PTA as well.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can do the survey more than once if you have more than one child.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Will be meeting with Joyner Elementary School this week, as about 45 of our students will be going to their school base, and we want to make sure we support them so there can be a smooth transition.</li> <li>- Staffing Allotments are coming in and we will have terrific retention of our staff for the next year.</li> <li>- We are getting into EOG Review Cycles for the 3-5 graders. We don't need as many volunteers now since it is now all online. Testing will be in the last 2 weeks of school.</li> <li>- We will be receiving new furniture this summer for the 2024-25 school year. This will be an exciting refresh for our school, as it has been some time since we have received updated furniture!</li> </ul>
Vice President's Update	Becky Hilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow up on giving Pride Pack money to the other schools next year               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3-4 schools that will be receiving our students next year are not really needing/interested in needing to receive any of our Pride Pack resources next year. They already receive great support from their school and/or Churches/Outside Organizations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providence Baptist Church is going to do another City Serve on April 20, and Meg Dalton is interested in doing something at LES. Meg will reach out to Ari re: this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Cohen would love to implement a Community Garden where Trailer 1 used to be. Down the road, we may lose additional trailers so this would be a great way to use the space.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Treasurer's Update	Erin Alton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We received a very generous donation to Pride Pack, yet we will still fall short for the remainder of this year. Erin will follow up with Lauren on this and provide further information later.</li> <li>- The surplus that we had from past years (surplus really happened due to Covid) has reached it's limit. Next year, spending will look different and more discussions will need to be had. Once the Spring Fundraiser has passed, we will have a better idea of what the beginning of next year will look like.</li> <li>- Erin would like to propose that we do not pay Teacher's Start Up money each year until the Fall campaign has ended, as we may not have the money in our bank account until the Fall campaign. Again, we will have a better idea though after the Spring Fundraiser. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is not something that needs to be decided on now - just wanted to bring this to thought as we get closer to the end of the school year.</li> <li>- Mr. Cohen proposed maybe having different waves of teacher scholarship payment distribution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- A large portion of our money raised this year went to paying for Field Trips (which was of course the intent), so maybe next year this is also something we will need to think through when factoring expenses.</li> <li>- What our Corporate Sponsors used to give, they are now splitting among 3 schools, so sponsorship has reduced. Just like how we went from a school of 945 students to 550 students, fundraising goals have reduced because of this as well.</li> <li>- It seems like it would be good to have a Finance meeting coordinated outside of the monthly PTA Meetings to take a closer look at the budget and planning for 2024-25, and then further information/proposals n can be brought back to the PTA to further discuss.</li> <li>- <b>Budget Item to be approved:</b> TShirt and CD Scholarship expenses being covered by a few budget lines that have additional funds in it right now... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tshirts are going to be \$5,000 for the entire school. Cost went up due to having all the Corporate Sponsors being printed on the back. DC Scholarship amount need is \$2,052.</li> <li>- Current funds that are not being used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will not be using the <b>\$4,016</b> that currently is allocated to Tech.</li> <li>- We have <b>\$1,241</b> remaining in the Fundraising Giving Campaign that has not been used.</li> <li>- Cultural Arts has <b>\$1,255</b> remaining that will not be used for the rest of the year.</li> <li>- Misc Programs has a remainder of <b>\$500</b> that will not be used.</li> <li>- Student Aid Scholarship has <b>\$1,000</b> unused.</li> <li>- Total remaining money in the various budgets is <b>\$8,012</b>, which is more than enough to cover the tshirts and DC field trip needs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Erin Alton made a motion to approve reallocating some of these budget line items to cover the shirt and DC trip expenses. Sandie McGann seconded the motion, and all were in favor of moving forward with this approval.</li> <li>- Erin will update the Budget lines, and send a check to LES for the needed money.</li> </ul>
Spirit Night Update	Stephanie Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quail Ridge Books (in-store &amp; online): Sunday, April 28th - Tuesday, April 30th</li> <li>- Goodberry's (13260 Strickland Rd. Location): Tuesday, May 21st.</li> <li>- Chipotle (Townridge): Monday, June 3rd</li> </ul>
Hospitality	Anthony Favale/Scott B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Did lunch this past week for Ms. Ascencio, Ms. Key, and Ms. Bailey for a variety of Appreciation days.</li> <li>- Staff breakfast on April 22 - Panera</li> <li>- Admin Appreciation: flowers and lunch; will coordinate with Mr. Cohen on when to schedule the lunch date.</li> <li>- Staff Appreciation: pretty under budget right now, so looking forward to doing something each day! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mon: BJ's - hero subs</li> <li>- Tues: Marcos or Panera? TBD</li> <li>- Wed: Chick Fila</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thurs: Rise Breakfast</li> <li>- Fri: Bad Daddy's burgers</li> <li>- Relish doing \$15 gift cards for all staff</li> <li>- Stocking the lounge with all the things!!!</li> <li>- Staff will be notified prior to on what food items they will need to bring in themselves each day.</li> </ul>
Health & Wellness	Kathryn Noblitt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 6: Spring/Walk/Bike to School Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The swag will be delivered to the school; Mr. Cohen will let Kathryn know when it arrives.</li> <li>- The City of Raleigh Police Dept will be there to assist us.</li> <li>- Continue to promote the event in the coming weeks</li> <li>- Adrienne will call Lake Lynn Parks to make sure they are okay with us parking at the library.</li> <li>- Kathryn will talk to Gail Penwell about Leo coordination.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Field Day	Christine Waychoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School shirts will be given out the day of so they will have it for the Field Day.</li> <li>- No popsicles will be had.</li> <li>- 2 obstacle courses/bounce houses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have paid for them to man it, bring generators, etc., so we have no liability</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Teachers are wondering if more time is possible for the kids to enjoy Field Day (currently only schedule for about an hour of the day).. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposal: could we combine K-1, 2-3, &amp; 4-5 grades so they could have more time?</li> <li>- Christine will connect with Ms. Burns and Ms. Bright re: the schedule to see if we can adjust the schedule to accommodate longer time for each class. Will follow up with volunteers if the schedule does change.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Spring Fling	Sandie McGann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed the budget - really all we need is money for the bounce house.</li> <li>- Food Trucks: Sandie is reaching out this week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kona Ice fast pass; let's make a silent auction item for parents to jump the Kona Ice line.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- May 17 is the scheduled date.</li> <li>- We have a great group of high schoolers already interested in volunteering!</li> <li>- There will be face painting, games, food, bounce houses, and a dj/music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christine will connect with Sandie on DJ names she had reached out to for Field Day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Cubs Closet	Sharon Waidler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- K/1st grade - we need some more leggings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- anyone have any leggings around? If so, please donate them to Cubs Closet.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Notes: Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Attendees:

Meredith Schauer  
Kathryn Noblitt  
Tami Owens  
Ari Cohen  
Sandra Soderstrom  
Sandie McGann  
Seema Parmar-Sturkie  
Adrienne Turner  
Sharon Hup  
Becky Hilton  
Christine Waychoff  
Sharon Waidler  
Erin Alton  
Adrienne Guilherme  
Anthony Favale  
Scott Boillas  
Oksana Kharabora