



LEESVILLE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

LES PTA Monthly Meeting

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

Topic:	Facilitator:	Key Notes/Actions:
Call Meeting to Order Welcome	Sandra Soderstrom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting called to order at 5:33pm
Approval of Minutes	Meredith Schauer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandra made a motion to approve the minutes from last month, Becky Hilton seconded, all approved
President's Update	Sandra Soderstrom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tami will be doing a big push to try and get some new companies for sponsorship with the new fiscal year for corporations - "Love the Bus" week in February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 consistent bus drivers - Special transport as well (5 am & 5 afternoon drivers) - Sandra will get with Hospitality to coordinate that - Ms. Bailey has asked for 4 \$10 gift cards for some form of staff incentive (for staff morale) from the PTA - We will start to work on getting Silent Auction items for our Spring festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link for Silent Auction from last year - Career Fair events for older grade students in lieu of a Cultural Arts event for students (Seema will provide more information during Cultural Arts update) - Sandra reached out to entire Pleasant Grove PTA to say they'd welcome anyone to come and be a part of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone that is interested in stepping off their role next year let Sandra know so she can relay that information to them. - We have about 46 students coming from Pleasant Grove
Principal's Update	Ari Cohen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reassignment update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pleasant Grove is getting completely reassigned - We are losing about 98 students from our school and the majority of them are downtown and will be reassigned to downtown schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our hope is that this does create a lesser burden re: transportation and commute - We are working on pulling some information to provide the schools so they can be well prepared to receive all their students. We want this to be a successful transition for everyone. - Kindergarten tours are going well! If you know of any incoming families/kindergarteners, tell them to join the tours. - Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science Olympiad is coming up soon - largest number of participants; entering 3 full teams (45 students) - Battle of the Books - 4 teams/8 teachers are involved. - Spelling Bee on Friday, January 12 - 3 hour early dismissal tomorrow, 1/9 due to weather
Vice President's Update	Becky Hilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mini Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All the mini grant applications that we received in December were mostly approved as is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phonics books - cost of books increased and students weren't able to purchase themselves - 2nd grade blinders - Letterland curriculum

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECS; wanted a good laminator with good sheets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Got most of their sheets - 3rd grade - vocabulary workshop for all the third graders - Battle of the Books - purchased books for students to be able to keep - Music; 15 Ukuleles for the students to have - There might be some more mini grants that come in but we are waiting to hear on whether or not we receive any more funding from corporations
Treasurer's Update	Erin Alton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changed the proposed income for Spirit Wear as that fund was too high. Reduced it to \$2k. - TShirts - for Fall Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1500 for tshirts - if tshirts are not made, the money will need to be returned. - TShirts will be printed in Feb once we have a few follow ups from corporations. - We are starting to give money to grade levels for Field Trips - Erin met with the Front Office to designate what has been paid and what needs to be paid. Second grade check is ready to go! - Technology: just an fyi - we haven't spent any money yet for Technology
Spirit Night Update	Stephanie Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Papa Johns: 1/24 (Glenwood Ave location) - Red Robin: 2/8 (Brier Creek location)
Hospitality	Scott Boiallis/Anthony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January 29 - staff breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will work on collecting donations for breakfast - Goal is to save bulk of money for Staff Appreciation Week - February: Valentine's/candy related for staff - Anthony will send a Signup Genius for collecting donations for breakfast in upcoming Communication - March 14 - Pi Day - Sandra "stole" December out from Hospitality by providing their own breakfast sandwiches from New World Cafe - they are a Leesville family and were wonderful with working on the price. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - staff LOVED it!
Cultural Arts	Seema Parmar-Sturkie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Cultural Arts program back in October - February 16 - K-1 for one show, 2-3 for second show, 3-5 will do a Career Fair in lieu of the show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Show is Digory Diggers Dino Adventure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performers have been here before - Those 2 shows may be the only shows that we are able to do this year depending upon calendar and budget
Closed out	Sandra Soderstorm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PTA Member feedback; improve communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how do we better communicate our needs? - Move to the top of the communications newsletter "Opportunities to Help" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Month at a Glance" - Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm

Notes: Meeting adjourned at

Meeting Attendees:

Ari Cohen

Meredith Schauer

Becky Hilton

Sandra Soderstrom

Heather Splawn

Sandie McGann

Lauren Hampton

Erin Alton

Sharon Waidler
Seema Parmar-Sturkie
Adrienne Guilherme
Scott Boilais
Adrienne Turner
Janel Kinlaw
Stephanie Grant
Sarah Forgay (?)