

**Union PTSO General Meeting Agenda**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 25 7pm**  
**Hub/Zoom**

- I. Guest Speaker - Maureen Mowl, Lakota CARES** – Lakota CARES is a new group formed to assist families of children specifically with IEP & 405 plans. One goal is to promote inclusivity at events so all students can participate. They would be a resource to help PTSO with adjusting plans/details. CARES is also a place for all families to share contacts & resources. We will be sending a flyer home (or attaching to weekly Swoop Scoop) with more information
- II. Presidents' Report - Jen Feldmeyer/Stephanie Baur**
- A. Welcome
  - B. Upcoming Events - PTSO Calendar
    1. Family Fun Night - 10/25
    2. Honor Roll Celebration - 11/5
    3. Butterbraid Sale - pickup 11/16
    4. Thanksgiving Lunch will not have visitors this year
    5. No regular PTSO meeting in December; will need to report upcoming events through January at November meeting
  - C. School Gift Updates:
    1. Basketball Rims - Ordered, Backboards will be painted, lines re-done – The work will be done by volunteers to paint the backboards, lines may have to wait until weather cooperates more
    2. Ice Maker - Ice/Water combination unit; few options – Pricing for a few different units will be presented for a vote at next board meeting
    3. Outdoor Space – One turf quote is \$16000; district has a person that came out to give a quote but we haven't gotten it back yet. Pergola needs to be power-washed and painted. Hoping to use volunteers for this to save on cost. Phase 1 of project would be pergola w/ shade coverings, turf & moving the stones to around the flower boxes. Estimated to be about 16-20K. There are 2 picnic tables that need a little work but can be used somewhere else. (Would be a cost to get them into good shape)

### **III. Principals' Report - Kara Kowalk**

- FUSE assembly last week for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade went very well. Parent Volunteers & Student teachers from Miami were able to help.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip is 10/29 to Reds stadium
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade field trip in November to see a play
- Last week, they had 4<sup>th</sup> grade go out for recess before lunch. Saw an improvement in how much the kids ate, how much less food was thrown out, overall behavior was better.
- Teacher PD day was focused on how to recognize different needs for each student and how best to serve them
- PL time in the classrooms are used to try to bridge the gap caused by the "covid slide"
- Next Teacher PD day will have a speaker from Mindpeace to help recognize kids with anxiety, trauma and how best to help them
- Volunteers are now allowed in the classrooms!!
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade has testing coming up in the next few weeks

### **IV. Secretary's Report - Marisa Dyson**

- A. Approval of Minutes – Last month's minutes were approved

### **V. Treasurer's Report - Sarah Holland**

- A. Need Co-Treasurer – No one has offered to be co-treasurer yet. Rae was officially taken off bank account information
- B. Tax Filing Update – CPA is working on our tax filing
  - PTSO gave the budgeted amount for field trip to Kara to add to her funds for all grades

### **VI. DPC Update - Doug Horton/Shaina Wallace**

- A. Update from Last Meeting – SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT WITH DOUG'S NOTES

### **VII. Lakota LEADS - Sarah Holland**

- PI Day is on hold for now until event can be held safely

### **VIII. Service Team - Stacy Flick**

- A. Staff Meal – Potbelly was served for 10/21 conference night; no meal scheduled for November conference night – may possibly ask for donations to have snacks out that night

- B. Staff Appreciation Gifts – PTSO would like to give a gift to staff at Christmas time. Looking into umbrellas, lanyards, blankets
- C. Honor Roll Lunch – 11/5; popcorn machine donated by local church & also popcorn donated by AMC; students will get a paper bracelet to wear to show
- D. Pie Awards – New date is still TBD; may have to be virtual this year or split over 2 mornings

**IX. Enrichment Team - Rae Isaacs**

- A. Basketball Registration ends 10/27
- B. Family Fun Night 10/29 Trunk or Treat - Kim Cox/Angela Karam – Great response to RSVP; they will need volunteers to help direct traffic, hand out bags, collect donations; help with pizza. Looking into a food truck to help bc of how many people are coming
- C. Winter After School Programs are getting planned; registration will open 11/29
- D. Winter Family Fun Night - Date changed to 2/4

**X. Fundraising Team - Julie Horton**

- A. Restaurant Night 10/21 - Potbelly
- B. November Restaurant Night – Jimmy Johns 11/17; Marcos Pizza 12/16 (They give PTSO 50%, best one of the year)
- C. Spirit Shop during lunch 10/28 – Spirit Shop set up during FanFare, raised \$111. Will be set up once a month during lunch and once a month after school
  - GameTruck for Walk a Thon prize was held 10/22. May want to consider a different prize for next year, a few kids weren't interested in doing it

**XI. Miscellaneous**

**Upcoming Events:**

- 10/25 - PTSO Meeting 7pm
- 10/29 - Trunk or Treat 6-7:30p
- 11/2 - No School (Election Day)
- 11/3 - Butterbraid Sale End
- 11/5 - Honor Roll Celebration
- 11/9 - Picture Retake Day
- 11/16 - Butterbraid Pick up
- 11/24 -11/26 - No School (Thanksgiving)

11/29 - Winter ASP Registration to begin

11/29 - PTSO Meeting 7pm

## **DPC Updates for Union PTSO Meeting – October 25, 2021**

Thought Exchange & “Meet the Candidates” for Lakota School Board

- Thank you to all the PTSO groups for promoting and supporting DPC’s Meet the Candidate virtual forum. We had tremendous exposure (the forum has been viewed over 5,700 times!!!)
- The Thought Exchange had over 11,000 engagements – truly community-driven!
- Reminder to everyone that the video is available to share on the Lakota DPC Facebook page.
- Early voting is going on now. Election day is November 2, 2021. Our schools are off that day as many of our schools are utilized as polling locations.

Curriculum Update:

Lori Brown, Director of Student Services presented Lakota’s indicators of schoolwide SEL, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.lakotaonline.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=216799&pageId=25661582>

She also presented this same presentation at the 10/11/2021 Lakota School Board Meeting that has been posted on Lakota’s YouTube channel. Link: <https://youtu.be/UaYWttE9TCw>

- SEL standards have been set in the state of Ohio for the 5 competencies per grade band (see referenced web page).
- Goal is to promote positivity and suicide prevention

Presentation by Lakota Outreach, Diversity, & Inclusion: Mr. Elgin Card, Director, Aisha Moore, and Leah Aguilar

Mr. Card:

- We want all kids to feel welcome no matter how they worship, where they’re from, what they look like, or who they love.
- The way each school incorporates the work of LODI is different.
- District is 38% non-white with 27/1066 teachers of color and 80/711 support staff of color. Kids need to see people like themselves in these jobs.
- DEI groups at all 7-12 buildings
- We do not teach critical race theory, never have, but culturally responsive teaching is different. That is a focus on empathy and awareness of others’ beliefs and cultures.
- We all have certain unconscious biases and we should talk about them. LODI works to help students appreciate that we all come from different cultures and we should learn about them and how they influence our frame of reference; that doesn’t mean we all have to agree.

Ms. Moore:

- Diversity also means special needs, gender identity, race, and more.
- We have champions at each building – some have 3-4.
- The focus at this point is a book study around trauma and trauma-informed learning so that we can all be better prepared to work with students no matter where they are and what they’ve experienced.

Ms. Aguilar:

- Her focus is parent engagement and community outreach, part of LODI & student services.
- Fanfares are happening again this year, albeit outside. See district calendar for more info.
- Zoom event coming soon with NAMI
- Mental health therapists in every building, therapy dogs present when possible.
- MLK event coming in January – stay tuned for more info.