

Lowrie Primary School PTA General Meeting
Minutes
10-23-13

Attendees: Gail Anderson, Jennifer Araya, Tiffany Hurst, Genie Fisher, Patrick Meigs, Kishore Kollu, Chelsea Martin, Teresa Chen, Xin Hu, Marta McGuire, Kristen Keswick, Theresa Tadema, Rob Miller, Amanda Johnson, Jan Hoshaw, Josh Dalglish, Jenn Dalglish, Tim Graves, Kimberly Nelson, Sameer Kadam, Larry Sutherland, John Hillan, Kimie Carroll, Katie Graves, Dianne Knight

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

1. 5th grade Leadership Team (4 students, Emily Townsend, counselor & John Hillan, music teacher)

- Students introduced themselves and told why they want to be school leaders
- Students requested \$210 for 14 bright colored t-shirts with individual names on back (\$15/shirt)
- Questions/comments from members:
 - Suggestions other than shirts: lanyards, t-shirts that are not personalized, hats, other more “portable” options
- Proposal to give \$100 to 5th grade leadership team; 2nd; all in favor

2. Approval of minutes

Motion by Gail Anderson to approve minutes from September 25, 2013 meeting. Second. All in favor.

3. President’s Report (Chelsea Martin)

- Passed around thank you cards from staff for teacher grants
- PTA Cards – please use them! (There will be a supply on the bulletin board.)
- Message: What do we want for the PTA? Layers –individuals, relationships with one another, mission and vision of our work
- We’re all here for one another – support one another!

4. Treasurer’s Report (Josh Dalglish)

- Later on agenda – budget process coming up...

5. Principal’s Report (Patrick Meigs)

- Each year, all primary schools get an opportunity to talk to school board; Lowrie, Boones Ferry and Boeckman Creek all went on the same night – found that the common thread was parent commitment and support of schools!
- Thanks for food at conferences! Wonderful.
- Thanks for participating in conferences.
- Looking forward to harvest carnival!

- Practice Drills – fire, earthquake, lock-in/lock-down; lock-down happening next Wednesday, Oct. 30. Info coming home about how it works and what language will be used.

6. Standing Business

- *Chess for Success*: chess program (talk to Patrick Meigs if you are interested in volunteering) Amy Newman is the staff person, MJ Povey is PTA contact.
 - 15 week program, kids learn to play chess, there are tournaments, volunteers from Rotary come and work with kids
- *Fall Carnival* (Dianne Knight)
 - Lots of great volunteers helping out!
 - Booths, games, activities
 - \$5 suggested donation + hygiene item
 - Food for sale – Qdoba burritos,
 - Will also have healthy snacks (fruit) and popcorn for free
- *Standing Rules* (Chelsea Martin)
 - Standing Rules are posted on website
 - Review of changes
 - Motion to approve changes. 2nd.
 - Discussion/questions: Is there a membership chair? Unfilled position. It is a role on the board.
 - Amend “notebook” to notebook OR electronic file
 - All in favor.
- *Budget sub-committee* (Marta McGuire)
 - Handout (attached)
 - Focus on Priority Program Areas
 - Discussion:
 - Example - \$5000 in Student Enrichment each year; then, each year, PTA can decide how to use that Student Enrichment funding
 - Ideally, we will shift to making money one year, spending it the following year vs. earning and spending money in the same year
 - Need to think about how to work within the community – don’t want to compete with other schools
 - Need to separate Community vs. Fundraising events.
 - Question: is Wheel-a-thon going to continue to be a community event or make it a fundraiser? Answer: a decision will need to be made at a later date
 - Go through Budget Cycle (on handout)
 - Mart: Motion to approve budget with the following revisions:
 - line item for spring fundraiser income of \$30,000
 - earmark \$30,000 to carryover
 - Second. All in favor.

7. Announcements

- Mr. Hillan: music and arts festival scheduled for March (week before spring break) – MAPS fundraiser – art gallery, talent show; working with Ginger Fitch (PTA rep)

Meeting adjourned. 7:58 p.m.

Notes submitted by Gail Anderson, Secretary