

Lowrie Primary PTA
02/26/15 General Meeting Minutes

1. 6:30 – Welcome and Introductions
2. 6:40 – Treasurer’s Report - Travis and Mary
 - a. 1-2 more weeks to wrap up last year’s taxes
 - b. End of year \$15,000 goal on track
3. Principal’s Minute – see on Facebook and Vimeo
 - a. Lots going on – conferences, Talent Show, Science Fair projects.
4. Call for help with OBOB competition.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ea8ab2fa75-volunteers>
5. District Budget Process – Chelsea Martin
 - a. Public comment night - May 4th
6. Smarter Balanced Testing – Chelsea Martin
 - a. Speaker from state talked about this new test that replaces OAKES testing with interested community members last week. Chelsea attended and reporting to PTA.
 - b. Reading, writing and math. Kids are required to type/respond as part of test – new. Will affect scores? Dunno.
 - c. Online sample tests available.
 - d. Patrick – OAKES testing was multiple choice test only. Smarter Balanced testing has multiple choice and performance tasks – for example: read a passage and write a response
 - e. Patrick – OAKES testing allowed for retakes, Smarter Balanced is a one shot only.
 - f. Patrick – not given much other info about. Don’t know how will correlate with old OAKES tests and scores, school or district report cards, etc. Won’t get results until August.
 - g. Patrick will send out info soon to parents about.
 - h. Patrick – District has made commitment to not teach to test, but teach to Common Core standards. Test is one way of assessing whether students meet the standards. District is committed to multiple measures, not just test.
 - i. May help to use Type to Learn program (students use at school) and practice at home.
 - j. Check out website: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test/>

- k. Any more questions, please ask Patrick or Nancy.
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- 7. Nominating Committee – Travis
 - a. Will need people to ask around to help fill positions for next year's Executive Committee: President Elect, VP for Fundraising, VP for Media and Marketing
 - b. Please, everyone think about, work on recruiting.

 - 8. Budget Cycle – just completed mid-year cycle for funding requests (more info later in minutes)
 - a. Applications happening now for next year's budget. New projects, new event, new idea? Applications and ideas being accepted now until April 15th!
 - b. Applications in office by PTA box in copy room.
 - c. Want to be on the budget committee? Contact Travis at president@lowripta.com
 - d. Once applications are in, budget committee meets and prioritizes projects.
 - e. Bring back prioritized list to general meeting, general meeting yea/nay for budget for next year.

 - 9. Mid-Year budget process. Move to accept current budget committee proposals for mid-year cycle.
 - a. 1st priority - \$1500 to reserve venue for next year's auction.
 - b. 2nd priority - \$500 for International Night (new event on April 24th)
 - c. Discussion – where will the auction be? Answer – don't know yet. Looking into it currently.
 - d. Move to accept funding proposals from budget committee. Seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

 - 10. Other business.
 - a. Coffee talk with Patrick March 6th at 8:15 am.
 - b. MAPS fundraising next month! Andrea to write up blub for newsletter, please.
 - c. Count Me In campaign coming soon.
 - d. Tonkin Run June 7th. Can Michelle Tonkin come and speak to meeting? Next meeting April 30th due to Spring Break.
 - e. Jamie and Travis to decide if we hold special meeting April 2nd.

Meeting adjourned. Will send out note whether there will be a meeting April 2nd, otherwise next meeting is April 30th!