

PTO Meeting 5/8/2017 Minutes

- Call to order at 6:31. Minutes from April meeting approved
- Mrs. Othman talked about 5th grade camp. She thanks the PTO for doing the leg work to get this up and running. She loved the facilities and that they were willing to tweak the program to suit Lakewood's needs. Kids were able to do archery, horse grooming, square dancing and other activities. She would like to set up next year's camp date for after Memorial Day, but there is some concern about the time conflict Science Olympiad. Revisit regarding date. Wants unused camp fund to rollover to following year. PTO to discuss and decide at next meeting.
- No playground update at this time. School to receive \$65,000 for new equipment.
- Principal update - Parent topic-Safety -In case of an emergency such as a gas leak, all students would be evacuated to Webers. There are 5 scheduled fire drills per year, all complete. All reports are available online on Michelle Seals principal page on the Lakewood school website. Soft lockdown - kids in classrooms with locked door. Hard lockdown (active shooter) - teachers decide to evacuate or stay hidden in barricaded classrooms. Main goal is always keep kids safe. All teachers go through simulated training. Lakewood has cameras in hallways, outdoor playgrounds and computer room.
- President's update - PTO was over budget for teacher appreciation week. Discuss to the need to streamline process-who gets gifts, who is included in luncheon. Lunch to be done midweek to use leftovers!

Ms. Thomas' retirement gift -a Little Library, in her honor, placed close to the front of the building. PTO to give \$150 to purchase, Tanya to solicit \$5-\$10 donations from library helpers to cover the remainder of cost.

Amy to get a plaque that reads "Once a reader, always a reader" and ensure the front is plexiglass, not glass.. Student council to be in charge of stocking books.

5th grade graduation - PTO approves \$60 for frames, and any additional cost for printing class picture for graduation gift.

Capital Improvements - Requests must be turned in on correct form, submitted by 5/22. Decisions on requests will be made at the June meeting. Kim G to give us a spreadsheet to weight each proposal. Ranked by criteria then 1-overall value to school, 2-cost, 3-effort to complete.

PTO Board positions for next year- only changes are to add EL chair, Costanza Colombi, treasurer in training, Annalee Appledorn, co-vp, Heather Towne to continue duties of boxtops,spirit wear, scrips as Fundraising Chair without being part of the auction. 2 co-chairs still needed for the auction, with an additional 8 person sub-committee needed. Grade reps to put out invitation. Revisit next month.

- Grade reps to report to VP.
- VP update - PTOC meeting not attended last month. Summer celebration 6/9, 6-8. Domino's donating 60 pizzas, Red Robin donating burgers. Kona shaved ice is cash only. Jen Thornby to chair games- no bounce house, but there is an inflatable obstacle course and slide. 50/50 raffle is new this year. Some big ticket donations so far - Ipad and bicycle - both donated by LW families. Amy to request donations for raffle items before purchasing. Baskets will be broken up by grade. Amy to send lists of ideas to grade level reps and make a sign up for pop and cake walk. PTO requests all families call AAPS Balas office to complain about messy grounds and muddy, uneven sidewalks.

- Teacher update - Ms. Verlee to talk to Ms. Van Oyen about budget for fall discretionary funds - who gets how much? PTO to discuss at next meeting.
Ms. Leonard looking to have the lizard banner outside music room laminated. Cost is \$60. Vote is yes to cover the cost.
- Current bank balance is \$70,880.41
- Terrorism Insurance - Ask PTOC to get more info about what this is before deciding.
- Large folding tables are needed for Math day, Y5-3rd grade next Wednesday.
- 16 volunteers needed for Field Day afternoon shift Monday. 15 cut watermelons for class snacks needed
- Ground cleaning - wondering what can be done to get the kids or families involved? Michelle suggested getting student council involved.
- Bike to school day is Wednesday. All busses will stop up the street so that kids can walk to school
- Adjourned at 8:30