

PTO Meeting Feb 2017 Minutes

- Meeting called to order 6:35, January minutes approved
- Kindergarten Roundup - Feb 28 6:30-7:30. Parents and kids expected to attend. Setup at 6, PTO to provide small waters and small bags of goldfish crackers. PTO president to give a short speech introducing and explaining PTO function.
- All Kinder info (registration, important dates, etc) to be added to PTO website. Heather will make a flyer for incoming Kinder families with info on PTO, meetings, fundraising, spirit wear, and upcoming events, such as Summer Celebration.
- Kindergarten readiness screening is May 10, 4:15-5:30. Kids will be seen by Kinder teachers in small groups in 15 minute blocks. Parents will attend a presentation about Kindergarten while kids are screened for placement to determine balanced classrooms for the fall.
- Future parent topics - March - ELL and Title 1. Ms. Seals will reach out to translators and ELL population. April - Mindfulness - Robin Bursch confirmed key speaker for that night. Possible subject for May - School safety
- Auction - Is there an avenue for parents to buy tickets to donate? In the past, ticket donations have been available to families unable to afford a ticket. This has not been well received and many times, donated tickets are never picked up. Volunteers are still needed day of for set up and work during the auction - 1 checkout, 2 bid recorders, 1 runner. Staff raffle Tuesday, week of auction. 1 raffle ticket seller still needed.
- Die Cutters - 8 teachers are interested. Most were neutral - if there is a dual purpose, then maybe. Heather will continue to look into and get exact cost.
- Principal update - The roof is nearly done! The roofing company is responsible for fixing the grounds and yard, but this will not likely happen until spring break.
- Teacher update- Teachers overall happy with PTO support financially. PTO inquires into what personal items teachers may want or need with surplus money. Air conditioners for the classrooms were brought up. This would need district approval. Possible other use for money, more student related? Revisit.
- Treasurer - current bank balance is \$44,406.45, confirmed. The high balance due to money coming in for 5th grade camp-to be paid to camp in coming months.
- We need more tables for International Night, per Volunteer coordinators.
- NAAPID feedback - Parents would like it to be more organized. What do we, as a school, want NAAPID to look like? Every school looks and treats this day differently. Teacher rep Cassandra noted that the parent involvement at Lakewood is great on a day to day basis, not just on a NAAPID day.
- Garden committee chair, Sandy Ellendar presented to PTO. Looking to have kids name the garden. Seeking permission to hold a garden fundraiser - Dutch bulbs in March.. PTO voted to approve this fundraiser, with clear instructions as to the benefit of it - garden. Looking for a new chair for next year - Amy Zampi to volunteer?

- Parent topic - Behavior plan - Behavior plan was handed out, made to fit in an elementary level. Parents still feeling the needs of victims in an incident are not being met. School needs to check in with the victim and circle back to “restorative justice” to close the loop on the problem. Possibly handing out a punishment while victim is present so they feel heard and see the consequence/punishment. Yellow behavior slips to be filled out by Ms. Seals and kept on record, available for view when necessary.
- Adjourn 8:45