

Lakewood PTO April 2021 meeting minutes  
April 21st, 2021  
6:00pm-7:00pm

Board members: Amy Zampi, Annalee Appledorn, Theresa Keifer-Taylor, Sarah Nelson, Rebecca Priest, Kim Gardner, Sam Starcher, Elizabeth Recla, Edward Latour  
PTO Parent reps: Dana Knott, Lindsey Towne, Jessica Zuelch

Move for Call to order by Amy: 6:03pm 2nd the motion to call to order- Rebecca

- Approved

President Update: Amy Zampi

- Motion to approve March minutes
  - Annalee to second
  - Everyone approved motion carried
- Board Elections
  - Annalee to run for President
  - Kelly to run for Vice
  - Sam for secretary
  - Already approved at previous meeting that Rebecca and Kim stay in their current positions
    - Rebecca is moving to Dexter but has not decided if they will be changing schools so for now she will stay as Treasurer but if anything changes she will let Amy know.
    - Kim to have feelers out just incase that happens
  - Haven't heard back from Theresa or Sarah about their positions
  - Eddie to put call to arms in newsletter before next meeting, at least 7 days, in May
  - Amy reached out to Lindsey Towne to fill the fundraiser chair position but she hasn't decided yet.
  - Open member seat to try to be used to get a more diverse member in the position
- As treasurer the expectation has been to have a quick turnaround for reimbursements so we should try to get them done within a week or so.

Vice President Update: Annalee Appledorn

- PTOC meeting update
  - Green School/ Bond Update
    - 4 electric busses
    - New turf on high school fields
      - Made of coconut?
    - Some schools have solar panels installed already
    - New recycling program
      - New bins at schools to be used for recycling
    - A2 Steam did a presentation
      - About energy

- Student lead
- Has the grant information for all the schools to use
- No other updates

Teacher Update: Elizabeth Recla

- Thank you from the teachers/staff for the welcome back goodie bags. They were really appreciated
- Reached out to 5th grade families to see if we could recruit for a yearbook and a celebration for the end of the school year.
  - Got 5 parent volunteers
    - Will get together on Zoom to figure things out but we are really waiting on district guidelines
    - We do not want to take away from 8th & 12th grade celebrations or top other 5th grades at different schools or past classes
- Rebecca to send out Spring checks to classroom teachers
  - Compare past spreadsheets

Co-Volunteer Update: Sarah Nelson and Theresa Keifer-Taylor

- Teacher Appreciation Week (1st week of May)
  - Theresa and Amy are collaborating and will touch base next week
  - Update the "Teacher Wants" spreadsheet this week. Tasked to Nina and teachers
- Fun Run
  - Sarah and Eddie are collaborating
  - Have all of the Eberwhite notes on their virtual fun run and will use those for guidelines
  - Will be virtual and families will be able to post pictures or send them to the school
  - Letters for donations are still in the works
- International Night
  - Still a big question mark
  - Tabled for this year
- 5th Grade Graduation
  - Exploring options
  - Might get to have 2 spectators if outside?
  - Still waiting on guidance from district

Fundraiser Chair: Kelly Ganamet

- Last 2 restaurant nights did alright Cottage Inn: \$47.41 and Panera: \$31.34
  - Around \$500 has been brought in this year through restaurant nights
  - Cottage Inn will be continuing throughout the summer!
- A list to be made of all the restaurant night information

Treasurer/Treasurer in training: Rebecca Priest and Kim Gardner

- Checking Account: \$45,315.20
- Savings Account: \$10,003.53
  - These balances do not reflect Spring checks for teachers
    - About \$3000 to go out between all the teachers

Principal Update: Eddie Latour

- Assesment season

- Federal Govt denied not doing testing this year
  - NWEA
    - 2-5
  - MSTEP
    - 4&5
- Thank you from Melissa Stull
  - Teachers/Staff have been amazing through all of this craziness
- Teacher Appreciation
  - Maybe make a Jamboard/flip grid/ kuddo board?
    - To be looked in to

#### Open Forum

- Auction
  - Suggestions by Dan Appledorn
    - Need to recruit now for a chair to start planning something
  - Did not renew OneCause software yet seeing as it is \$1000
  - Will we need funds for 2022?
    - That will determined where to start
  - Could we do a virtual event?
    - Eddie to look into
  - Will there be in person field trips?
    - Not sure at this time what it will look like or if they will be happening at all
  - Look into other maybe more cost effective software for the event?
    - Tabled for now but Amy will ask her sister in PA what they used and how did it go
- Communications
  - Seemed like the district was setting expectations that the students were not coming
    - Very few conversations have happened
    - Parents are hopeful that kids will go back
    - No more disappointed kids
- Has there been any talk about next year yet?
  - Goal is to go full throttle In Person
- Summer School
  - Summer Learning Institute
    - In person for the students in most need and virtual synchronous for everyone else
    - A2Virtual Summer Program will be offered as well
    - April 28th open enrollment starts
- Heard through the grapevine that the AAPS is down 1000 students. Will schools need to close with less students?
  - No, not at all.
  - We are reaching out to those families who have left or gone A2 Virtual to get them to come back.

- From Amy: Some parents are hesitant about sending their kids to AAPS schools with how it was handled this 2020/2021 school year.
    - Parents are exploring other options like Dexter (who's school of choice enrollment starts soon)
    - Worried about larger problems to come
    - NO trust between parents and the district for lack of transparency
    - Eddies response
      - There is a need to have more repairing conversations between parents and leadership
      - There have been some conversations between leadership on how to handle the disconnect with the families
  - COVID Test clinics
    - Some families feel like they should just go to help show that COVID in A2 is down and the students can go back to school
    - Is the district using the results as statistics?
      - No, it is more for just knowing your status before returning to school
  - From a parent
    - The district needs to talk to more experts and use new metrics seeing as the ones they are using are unattainable
    - Eddie: I am not sure on what metrics are exactly being used but I can look into it.
  - Eddie: The BOE has the final decision on what is done not the Superintendent
    - She can only give suggestions
  - Amy: Thank you Eddie and Elizabeth for staying on to listen
- Meeting adjourned: 7:20pm