

PTA Meeting Minutes 12/12/18

In attendance

Leslie Darling (president)

Reggie Ross (vice president)

Lindsay Sherwin (treasurer)

Stephanie Volmer (secretary)

Susan Duman

Patti Katz

Ellen Koziol

Wanda Quiñones

Jacqui Sornstein

Mayfield Williams

REMINDERS

* Babysitting will be available during PTA meetings.

* Minutes will be posted on the PTA page of the school website.

* The next PTA Meeting will be Monday **January 14, 2019** at 7:00pm. (Please note there will be no Spanish-language meeting beforehand, as there will be PTA presence at the EEL meeting in January.)

* Don't forget to take advantage of passive fundraisers (Giant, Amazon Smile, box tops).

The meeting began with a mindfulness exercise using essential oils.

Communication Update from Stephanie Volmer

Current Membership as of meeting date stands at 93 members. We are communicating via email with members (in addition to using Facebook and asking Mrs. Quinones to send out emails to reach the whole LPS community). If you are a member and you are not receiving emails, contact Stephanie.

Lunch/Maschio's Report from Leslie Darling

In an exploratory effort to promote healthy eating at LPS, Leslie and Stephanie met with student council members, Mrs. Nocar, Maschio's manager, supervisor, and dietician to discuss food options in the lunchroom. The kids provided a lot of useful feedback and suggestions for foods they would like to see more of. The Maschio's reps explained some of the state restrictions they face, but were very open to making changes when and where they can. They gave us a tour of the kitchen, to show some of the space limitations.

In addition, we tested out the "Apple-a Day" competition, challenging students to choose an apple rather than a sugary snack at lunch. If they did, they received a point for their class.

The 4th-grade class was the winner, with 75% of the class opting for an apple instead of a sugary snack. It was exciting to see that all the classes were over 50%. Here are the results of that competition:

K – 63%

1 – 67%

2 – 65%

3 – 71%

5 – 50%

At the school-board meeting on 11/26/18, Leslie proposed the following

1. Sugary snacks available only two days a week in January. [We are waiting for board to approve this request and will follow up with PTA with more information.]
2. Purchase new grill for the kitchen so the kids can have "real" grilled cheese sandwiches. [We are waiting for board to approve this request and will follow up with PTA with more information.]

Artsonia Report from Leslie Darling

Artsonia Kids Art Museum (artsonia.com) is an organization that archives student art. The art is uploaded to their website, where it can be used for art gifts. 20% of the profits from sales go back to the PTA. A parent committee would be required to get the process up and running. Community involvement might be ideal to help upload the art.

Leslie met with Mrs. Quinones and Mrs. Johnson, the art teacher, to discuss feasibility. A pilot program will be done in Feb/Mar. The school board has no objections to Board implementing Artsonia.

Financial Report from Lindsay Sherwin

Nothing was up for approval at this meeting. The current balance as of meeting date is \$11,523.00

6th grade Washington D.C. trip Report from Jacqui Sornstein:

Balance as of end of November is \$11,730.65. Ongoing fundraisers include a raffle of a Miles Cavanagh painting, Christmas tree pick-up, and Valentine's Day Dance (2/8). Expenses include raffle application, new checks, deposit on bus, Jen Duggan finger printing. Profit from West Amwell golf day was \$1, 270.51 (waiting on check, as of meeting date). Note that the 6th grade dance will be held at WAS this year, next year at LPS.

Upcoming Events

Holiday concert: December 20· 9:30 a.m. (informal) and 7:00 p.m. (formal) [PTA volunteers may be needed to run bake sale sponsored by teachers for benefit of PTA.]

Senior/grandparent breakfast: December 21· 8:30 a.m. [R.S.V.P. by DECEMBER 14th]

PTA Meeting: January 14, 2019 at 7:00pm

Parent-Teacher Conference Week: March 5-7

Events in Process

March 2019: Spaghetti and Art (tentative date of Thursday March 7th night of the parent-teacher conference week.

April 15, 16 and 17: Earth Day events (actual Earth Day 4/22) Mrs. Nocar celebration (Idea to plant a tree for her – 6th graders involved, Shade commission; "spray painted puke bucket"); Lambertville Goes Wild; Classroom projects; Outside planting project in school garden. More info TK.

Coupon book: Suggested that if PTA doesn't want to do it perhaps the 6th grade would want to take it on as a fundraiser? Also, still need to determine if one can order just a digital option? (For reference, in 2017, the PTA made \$450 from the fundraiser.)

Spirit Store: Orders will arrive by the week of January 7. Next time PTA could order extras to meet quota.