

## PTA Meeting Minutes 10/24/18

### In attendance

Leslie Darling (president)  
Reggie Ross (vice president)  
Lindsay Sherwin (treasurer)  
Stephanie Volmer (secretary)  
Nahed Andraos  
Lauren Braun-Strumfels  
Jen Chernoski  
Ms. Conway  
Jen Duggan  
Liz Horvath  
Lorie Howe  
Katie Keeton  
Rose King  
Ellen Koziol  
Annette Murphy  
Kelly Peck  
Wanda Quiñones  
Jacqui Sornstein  
Ms. Schwerdt  
Damia Tuloss

### REMINDERS

- \* Babysitting will be available during PTA meetings.
- \* A Spanish-language meeting will take place from 6:30 to 7:00.
- \* The meeting will be live streamed on Facebook.
- \* Minutes will be posted on the PTA page of the school website.
- \* LPS half-days: November 5, 6, and 7 (parent-teacher conferences)
- \* LPS closed for teacher in-service days: November 1, 8, and 9

The meeting began with a mindfulness exercise and a report by Leslie Darling on the Mindfulness Night for parents on 10/16, sponsored by the District, with apples and pizza provided by the LPS PTA and the WAS PTO. The turnout was excellent, and it was a good opportunity for PTA/PTO collaboration.

Thanks to Mark Donlon, Patti Katz, Dana Gerring, and Beth Thompson for volunteering at the Readers Breakfast, which was fun for the students.

### Picture Day Report from Lindsay Sherwin

Picture day was a success. The students were terrific--very cooperative and friendly during the day. Note for next year to PTA volunteers: Bring a mirror! One member asked whether we can receive digital proofs before ordering prints. Lifetouch was approved as the vendor for next year, and PTA will follow up with them to see if this option can be provided.

### Financial Report from Lindsay Sherwin

Current balance: \$13, 959.49 with payments pending  
\$350 for NJPTA membership fee, approved  
\$150.00 for Recycle / Reuse Event supplies, approved  
\$1,020 for 6 document cameras (3 from LPS PTA and WAS PTO - approximately a \$1,020 donation from each), approved

### Passive Fundraising Update from Rose King

If you shop at GIANT, make sure your store card raises funds for LPS. The LPS school code is 23293. Call Giant Customer Service to make sure your shopping helps LPS.

If you shop at Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and search for Lambertville Public School to make sure your shopping raises funds for LPS.

Thanks to Shannon Birckhead for volunteering to start up programs with ShopRite and Kohls. We will have more details on these programs soon. And thanks again to Rose!

### Kidstuff Coupon Books

Forms went out week of October 15. Fill out form if you want to participate. You will receive a hard copy of the coupon book as well as use of an app. If you did not receive a form, let us know. Thanks to Sherri Underriner for organizing!

### Halloween Dance

This event on 10/19 was a 6<sup>th</sup>-grade event, all proceeds going to the 6<sup>th</sup>-grade trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring. We will have more PTA volunteers at the next dance and provide more supervision and structure.

### Scholastic Book Fair – October 22 to October 25.

Thanks to Jennifer Spreen for organizing another successful Book Fair, thanks to the first-grade parent volunteers who took ownership of this event, and to all the other volunteers who helped out through the week, including Denise Gehret, Kelly Peck, Amy Randazzo, Tina Koban, Dana Garrenger, Anne Nicolas, Noelle Romano, Beth Thompson, Sherri Underriner, Jen Duggan, Donnie Eelman, Jill Bice, Corinne Lindquist, Steve Chernoski, Courtney Menche, and Rose King. (I hope I didn't leave anyone out!)

### Yearbook Committee Report from Jen Chernoski and Jen Duggan

Jen Duggan will lead the committee this year, and Jen Chernoski will take over next year. They are working on ways to streamline the process and create a photo vault for the year.

### PTA Bylaws Update from Lindsay Sherwin

Bylaws were reviewed and approved, pending two changes:

1. At least three days notice must be provided before any change to the meeting date/time.
2. Board members will hold positions for two years, and we will move to a staggered election schedule, to ensure that there is always some overlap between old and new board members. This staggered schedule will begin with the Spring 2019 elections, with elections in Spring 2019 for all board positions, elections in Spring 2020 for Vice President and Secretary (both of whom will have just a one-year term for the 2019-2020 school year, as we ease into staggered elections), elections in Spring 2021 for President and Treasurer, elections in Spring 2022 for Vice President and Secretary, and so on.

No other substantive changes were made to the bylaws.

### Communication and Membership Update from Stephanie Volmer:

In addition to communicating PTA news via the school website, emails from Mrs. Quiñones, and Facebook, we will also be communicating with members via email and text messages. Be sure to notify us if you would prefer to opt out of these modes of communication.

Thank you to all parents and staff who have joined or renewed as members! We now have 89 members (51 individuals and 38 teachers/staff). Thanks to Kelly Peck for offering to design and manage the PTA board, to help with outreach and communication.

### **Events in Process**

November: Family Hoe Down Dance. One member suggested contacting Howell Farm for planning information. Details to come.

November: Recycle / Reuse Event. Bring your old linens and old t-shirts, and we will turn them into napkins and paper-towel substitutes. We will also make waxed cotton food wraps (a substitute for plastic wrap or wax paper). Snacks will be sold. We will need 5 volunteers. Date TBD.

December: Bingo night, details to come

December: Craft Night. Members raised suggestions for a beading event, painting event, frame-decorating event. Details to come.

December: Celebrate Seniors Breakfast. Discussed idea of providing home-baked goods instead of breakfast. Some members objected that they feel seniors really like full school breakfast. Details to come.

### **Upcoming events**

October 31: Halloween Parade, 1:15 from LPS courtyard

November 7: Veterans Day Assembly, morning assembly. Thanks to Lisette Weiland and Ms. Mallow for organizing this event.

November 12: PTA November Meeting, 3:30 [**Note afternoon time**]

November 21: Spirit Day Assembly (Eyes Wild), morning assembly (8:45, 4-6 and 9:30, K-3)