

Lake Carolina Elementary PTO Minutes

August 6, 2009

Attendance: Dr. Lynch Dr. Berry Mr. Newton
 Jennifer Gray Natalie Ward Nancy Dabbs
 Allison Capps Angela Scott Sara Braddock
 Amy Oppenheim Roberta Dix Amy Strassel
 Lisa Haskins Heather Bass Jan Faile Jacquie Betley
 Sarah Boone

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Jennifer Gray, PTO President. She welcomed everyone and had each board member introduce themselves and their office. Allison Capps passed out information for each member to fill out regarding the PTO directory, as well as, sign up sheets for Open House and General PTO Meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Gray went over the current financial statement. We currently have \$17,000 in our checking account because Smart Boards are being purchased by the district. The following suggestions were made about the spending of this money.

- This will be the first year that 5th grades will be self contained. Mr. Newton suggested that classes will need teaching materials, such as, leveled readers.
- We have adopted a new math series. Dr. Lynch said that we will need supplies for this series. Other schools have spent a large amount of money on materials not included in the series.

- Jennifer Gray asked Mrs. Faile if she would need money for the Reading Counts program this year. Mrs. Faile stated that she would use the money that she is given by PTO each year and didn't need any extra.
- Dr. Lynch will survey the teachers to see what they think is the most needed.

Angela Scott, treasurer, said that she would have a budget ready for the September board meeting.

Old/New Business

- Jennifer Gray went over the attendance policy in the bylaws. Board members can't miss more than 2 meetings in a row. If you are going to miss a meeting, please let Jennifer know .
- Plans were made for Open House. Natalie Ward will make the signs. We will be selling magnets for \$5. Other LCE items will be sold.
- Roberta Dix has redone the Homeroom Parent form. She will give it to Shannon to put in the Communicator.
- Angela Scott has redone the "Contributor" form. Nancy Dabbs will print it for her.
- Dr. Lynch confirmed that the kiosk workers will make the calls to help Amy Strassel find volunteers.
- Natalie Ward got sizes for new PTO members so that she can order new shirts.
- Teacher Lunch—Crossings will be catering our teacher lunch. There will not be door prizes. There will be plants on the tables that will be given to the new teachers. Dr. Lynch will check to see if we can set up on the line in the cafeteria.
- Natalie Ward brought up that North Springs gives each teacher a \$50 gift card. It was discussed to see if our faculty would rather have this than the gifts given by

PTO. This will be looked at again after the budget has been completed.

- The board discussed homeroom parents. It was decided that the chosen homeroom parent would receive a list of names and numbers of other parents who could be called if they couldn't be at a party.

Fundraiser

- Dr. Lynch said that the other schools weren't very positive about the opting out of the fundraisers, but she supported us if that's what we want to do.
- Dr. Berry passed out a draft of the letter that had been worked on by fundraising coordinators. The board looked at the letter and provided input.
- The question was asked if the fundraising company was ok with the opting out and Amy Oppenheim said that this company was the only one that approved this.
- Allison Capps asked if the \$40 was for 1 fundraiser or both. She said that some parents may want to opt out for one but sell the other. It was concluded that it would be \$40 for each fundraiser.
- Mrs. Faile said that some parents may confuse this with "Contribugator" because of the use of the word "celebrations" in the letter. It would be replaced by "books".
- The board decided that the opt out letter will be sent home with each fundraiser packet.

Principal's Corner

- Dr. Lynch said that Anton Gunn will be conducting a “Town Hall” at LCE on August 27. She invited everyone to attend.
- Dr. Lynch thanked everyone for giving their time and being on the board. She asked for everyone to stay in agreement when we leave meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

August 19, 2009

Board Members in Attendance: Jennifer Gray, Natalie Ward, Allison Capps, Lisa Haskins, Amy Strassel, Shannon Antonini, Mr. Newton, Dr. Berry, Dr. Lynch

Addendum: After further meeting and discussion by the board, it was voted on and results were unanimous that the “opt out” letter would not be an option this year. There will be 1 fundraiser that will be food only and will kick off on September 25, 2009.

Due to time restraints, Fundraiser Chairpersons Sara Braddock and Amy Oppenheim have regretfully resigned from the PTO board. Shannon Antonini has joined the board on the fundraising committee.