**Lakeshore Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) April Minutes**

**April 9, 2024, 6:30pm**

**Attendance:** President Robin Miller, Vice President Nika Schwartz, Treasurer Tiffany Butterfield, Secretary Beth Griffith, Communications Jake Lau, Principal Thiel, Aimee Haines, Mrs. Granse-Paral, Mrs. Dahl, Mrs. Severson, Mrs. Herman, Drew Seveland, Colin Schumacher, Kyla Morgan, Sawyer Butterfield, Betty Chang-Moua, Olivia Rioux, and Nicole.

**Meeting called to order by Robin. Motion to approve March Minutes by Nika and seconded by Jake.**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tiffany reports that current savings are at $31,972.68 and checking balance of $10,528.85. Kindergarten teachers have requested funding for their upcoming field trip planned for Irvine Park and Klinger’s. Request was approved.

**Election of PTO officers:** The following self-nominations were made at March’s meeting—Robin Miller-President, Nika Schwartz-Vice President, Tiffany Butterfield-Treasurer, Beth Griffith-Secretary. Motion to vote was made by Kyla. All in attendance voted in favor of the above individuals and approved.

**Principals report:** Students are currently taking part in their Forward testing. Mr. Thiel also reports that enrollment for Fall 2024 to be around 290 students. He reports that they anticipate the following sections for Fall: 2 K, 3-1st, 3-2nd, 3-3rd, 2-4th, 2-5th.

**Parents’ forum:** Colin brought forth his concerns over how public schools are funded in WI. He mentioned that WI seems to rely heavily on referendums to fund schools rather than working on policy change at the state level. Historically our PTO association has not taken on policy or political concerns due to guidance of different principals. Right now, the PTO has a very big agenda with the “Let’s Play at Lakeshore” campaign and typically have very few active PTO members. Another concern that was brought forward by both Kyla and Colin was in regard to recent changes of the school snack and breakfast policies. Some concerns were the amount of time students are getting to eat breakfast, not being able to eat or snack in classrooms, and the elimination of snack time. Mr. Thiel and present staff responded by assuring that if a student is hungry they will be provided with a snack but were firm that breakfast needs to be consumed in an appropriate amount of time before instruction time has begun.

**Let’s Play at Lakeshore Update:** April 9th was the official public launch of the campaign. An anonymous donor will be matching all donations received over the next 30 days up to $15,000. Local media was informed about the PTO’s fundraising campaign and our Give Butter donation site has gone live.

**Upcoming Events:**

* + -April 16-Butter Braid orders due and Culvers Night
  + - April 18 Family Fun Night
  + -April 28/29 EC Marathon weekend
  + -May 9, 2:00pm Student Showcase
  + -May 16Rainbow Run
  + -May 175th grade District Track and Field
  + -May 28, 4th/5th grade Pablo/Sculpture tour field trip
  + -May 30 5th grade field trip to Indoor Sports center

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes completed and compiled by Beth Griffith, Secretary