

Lakeshore Elementary PTO

General March Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 via Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm.

Meeting called to order by President, Holli Jacobson at 6:30p.m.

Attendance: Deb Lewis, Holli Jacobson, Robin Miller, Tiffany Butterfield, Nika Schwarz, Dani Dedman, Jake Lau and Nora Tepsa. There were 8 members in attendance: No guests in attendance.

***Introductions:**

***Principal's Report:** Colleen Miner was unable to attend this evenings meeting.

***Treasurer's Report:** The report was prepared by Tiffany Butterfield and was made available via email for the meeting. (See attached Treasurer Report). The March balance for the checking account is \$5,828.77 and the savings account balance is \$21,614.21.

*** Bingo Night Follow Up:** Feed back was given by parents and teachers that the night was fun, the kids enjoyed the prizes and liked the dance as well. It was wonderful that Mrs. Miner was our leader for the event. A suggestion was made that for future Bingo Nights, perhaps all students could end up with some sort of small prize, in addition to the potential of winning a raffle basket.

***Trivia and Themed Baskets:** PTO is still trying to determine if we will be able to do this event this year. With the return of students and the nature of the trivia set up, it may be difficult to teach students how to work the split screen that is needed to play the trivia. It also may be difficult for Kindergarten - 2nd Grade students to participate unless parents are able to help. An idea was mentioned that perhaps this event may only be available to 3rd- 5th graders. Robin volunteered to reach out to some friends and colleagues that have experience with virtual trivia. Robin also mentioned that there are companies that provide virtual trivia services, and that she could investigate them.

***Book Fair:** The Book Fair officially opened this Monday, March 8th and will end March 21st. Robin has scheduled Facebook posts to promote the fair. Flyers have been sent home with students and Deb notified families in an email over the weekend.

***Read and Feed:** The upcoming Read and Feed event is planned for the week of March 15th - 19th. The Pablo Center is the organization that the Read and Feed contributions will go to. Snacks will be provided for all students. Deb will be providing additional Read and Feed information in an email for families and students.

PTO will have one last Read and Feed in May. Students will have the opportunity to vote on the final groups of charities. PTO generated some ideas such as The Children's Museum, The Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, and The Community Table. Colleen will create the voting ballots.

***Scrip:** Dani was able to talk with a representative at NorthStar Middle School. NorthStar has been participating in this fundraiser for the past 3 years and was most successful this past year around the holidays. Dani has reached out to representatives with the Scrip Company to gather information. PTO may consider this company as a potential fundraiser for the upcoming year.

***FAC Update:** Holli was able to attend this meeting and explained how new programs are being established for Special Education students who are transitioning into jobs from high school. A program will be opening in Eau Claire for ages 18-21 and it would be the next step as students enter the work force.

The group also discussed enrichment programs for middle school and high school students. They plan to change the way that these pathways for students are determined. The new system would acknowledge that students can excel in targeted areas. They would be able to advance in different ways rather than being determined by standardized testing in fifth grade.

***Other:**

- The Butter Braid Fundraiser will begin on April 6th and the braids will arrive the Thursday prior to Mother's Day.

- Deb indicated that teachers were inquiring about sidewalk chalk for students to use. PTO would be happy to purchase chalk. Deb will check with teachers to determine the quantity of chalk needed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 6:30pm. A Zoom link will be sent later.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Nika Schwarz, Secretary