

Lakeshore Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) October Minutes

October 8, 2024, 6:30pm

Attendance: President Robin Miller, Vice President Nika Schwartz, Treasurer Tiffany Butterfield, Secretary Beth Griffith, Communications Officer Nicole Smith, Ms. Pelka, Aimee Haines, Sawyer Butterfield, David, and various other ECASD staff members and ECASD board members.

Meeting called to order by Robin. Motion to approve April Minutes by Nika and seconded by Tiffany.

ECASD Operational Referendum presentation by Mandi Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning: A presentation was given on the upcoming referendum voters will see on the November 5th ballot. Discussion took place on what is leading the district to need to go to referendum and how public schools are currently funded by the state. The goal of this referendum is just to keep staffing stable and at current levels. The referendum question will read as follows:

"Shall the Eau Claire Area School District, Eau Claire, Chippewa and Dunn Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$18,000,000 for the 2024-2025 school year and for each of the succeeding 3 school years thereafter, for non-recurring purposes to fund operating costs to ensure stability of educational programs, including elementary reading; behavioral and mental health resources for students; school safety; and to sustain student to staff ratios?"

School Board member Dr. Stephanie Farrar was also in attendance urging all in attendance to vote yes. She stated that ECASD budget has already cut as much as they can and that if this referendum does not pass, painful choices will have to be made that will ultimately affect the quality of education our students are receiving.

Treasurer's Report: Tiffany reports that current savings are around \$73,000 with \$69,000 of that going towards the playground campaign. Recent transactions reviewed. Coupon book fundraiser ended today, too early to know how successful that was.

Presidents Report: Encouraged parents to check out a new app the district is utilizing, Parent Square. Great way to stay in touch with school staff and classroom teachers.

Upcoming Events:

- **Conference Potluck, Friday Oct 18-** sign up has already been sent out
- **Halloween Carnival, Friday Oct 25, 5:30-7:00p.m.**
- **Give Kids a Book Assembly, Friday Nov 1, 8:20a.m.**
- **Veterans Day Program, Monday Nov 11, 9:05a.m.-**Mrs. Granse-Paral will work with Tiff on ordering refreshments for the veterans

Minutes completed and compiled by Beth Griffith, Secretary