



## Larson PTO Meeting Notes

2-7-24 PTO Meeting

Location: LMS Collaboration Room

Attendance: Brian Zawislak, Levyln Lowry, Maria Mendola, Kate Fellin, Cijay Avery, Melanie Harper, Laura Saloski, Julia Kimball, Leslie Gibbons, Joanne Cruz

Call to Order: 7:00 pm by Cijay Avery

### I. Officer Reports

- **Principal Report– Mr. Brian Zawislak (School Updates)**
  - Red-Out spirit day for heart awareness and a hands-only CPR event
  - AHA worked with our TSD communications department to get local media coverage. Fox 2 was here and a segment of the event aired in Healthworks segment
  - Members of the Larson Choirs performed this week at the Troy School District Festival of Choirs
  - Concert season starting now, MSBOA recognition for the Theatre performance
  - Wrap up of IM Basketball and Cheer
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual shoe expo through Social Studies to help understand Global Marketing. Ms. Mendola also collaborated with this project
  - TSD hosted the tricounty Math Night, 20 families attended, parents were engaged
  - Larson Middle School has been named a State School of Character by the organization Character.org!
  - We scored so well that we earned the right to apply as a National School of Character. Thank you to Mr. Tull and Mrs. Rogers who completed the 42 page application
  - Updates in the Rebel Report (2/24)
  - STRONG Days focus on Character (6<sup>th</sup> work with 8<sup>th</sup>), looking at
    - non verbal cues
    - executive functioning
    - how to stay organized
    - study skills
    - how to deal with rumors/gossip
  - STRONG 7<sup>th</sup> graders focus on dealing with emotions
  - STRONG 8th graders focus on Community Action
  - Request for increased services and opportunities to learn outside the classroom, such as going to field trips. Since these cost money especially transportation, efforts in looking at cost effective strategies to meet this need and other creative ways to do so.
  - The 2024-2025 TSD schedule is not out yet. TSD is still going through contract negotiations during February and March. Once this concludes, the schedule will be published
  
- **President Report-Cijay Avery**
  - Adopt a family was a success. Recognizing Judy Bunao who chaired the project
  - Update on Robotic's Girl Botz receiving a total of 7 awards as a rookie team (less than a year old), Most recently received the Motivate, Connect Awards and Judy Bunao received the Compass Award. All prestigious awards in FTC at the State Level.
  - Box Top checks to be disbursed/ pending them talking to an administrator only
  - Principal Zawislak to follow up with Box Tops
  - Message to General Mills for pending checks to LMS
  - PTO Fundraisers coming up
    - 3-6-24 City BBQ
    - 2-7-24 Panera's



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- Positions that will be vacated at end of year (Judy B chairperson)
  - a. Teacher Appreciation Week 5/6 to 5/9
  - b. Adopt a Family
  - c. Box Top
  
- VP Report-Kate Fellin
  - Mini Grant approvals
  - Budgeted \$6000, \$2700 approved , \$3200 left
  - Request at \$150 per class/teacher capped. Use for supplies, prizes
  - Some requests have to be determined since TSD may be the ones who can support
  - Some items requested by Special Ed (for social curriculum) needs to be determined yet due to possible TSD coverage vs. PTO
  - Requested items included: wall mounts, Link shirts, White books, books, prizes and awards for students, Request by Anchors (club) similar to Link for books to help kids with Autism.
  - Other items requested: keyboard covers, lab consumables (to be reviewed, may be a TSD expense).
  - \* 5 requests on hold for review
  - \*1 approved \$300
  - Transactions managed by Christine Clifford
  - Remaining max \$3200, no other requests currently other than what's been discussed
  - Any additional requests for a grant can be reviewed at the next meeting
  
- Secretary-Joanne Cruz (Review of Minutes)
  - Need meeting minutes from 11-15-23 approved
  - Motion to approve: Cijay Avery seconded: Maria Mendola
  
- Treasurer-Chris Tallman reviewed by Proxy by President Cijay Avery
  - Total balance as of 2/7/24 \$16, 647.73
  - Kroger rewards \$480
  - Check going out \$1000 Troyberry
  - Box Tops rewards \$87.40
  - Buddy rewards \$77.93
  - Check going out \$267.06 to B n R spirit wear
  - Check going out \$19.97 to Judy B for gift wrapping supplies
  - Nothing but Bundt not get a check yet
  - \*Refer to current budget report

## II. Committee Reports

- Teacher Liaison Report-Maria Mendola
  - Continue to post pictures on Facebook of students with the items what were approved by the grant and will continue to do so
  
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade party planning committee 2024
  - Raising party fee to \$25 per student
  - Students who may not be able to afford will have assistance
  - 6/12/24 starting at 10:30 (10:45am?) Promotion ceremony
  - 12:00-2:00 pm Party at the Cafeteria and Gym
  - Baby picture slide show to coincide with name called
  - An email blast will be sent to parents about volunteer opportunities for the party
  - Pictures from Kaiser Photography will be included in their slideshow



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- Stay tuned for plans. Graduation Committee meeting to begin after PTO meeting tonight 2/7/24.
- Communication about party will also be posted on the PTO FB page
- Budget for party is \$2000

Meeting Adjourned 7:49 pm

Next meeting 4/17/24 @ 7pm Wednesday

Location: Collaboration Room

TEAMS link to be posted on Larson PTO on Facebook

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joanne Cruz*

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23/24 Secretary