

Larson Middle School PTO Zoom Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023, 7:00pm

In Attendance: Joe Duda, Stephan Henning, Cijay Avery, Michelle Tedder, Tari McGrane, Mark Hayes, Kate Fellin, Julie Wishaw, Maria Mendola, Beth McCarty, Elizabeth Blakely, Julie Mistretta

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Motion to approve PTO Minutes from November 30, 2022 meeting by: Joe Duda, Second: Cijay Avery (Approved)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Principal's Message: Joe Duda

- Three weeks left of 3rd quarter then Spring Break.
- Finished variety show and grade level assemblies. They were fabulous. It was great to see such supportive peers.
- Band and orchestra festivals are on Friday. We will be watching the weather.
- The Science Olympiad Regional meet is on Saturday.
- The PSAT and MStep testing start after Spring Break. All grades will be taking one or both of the tests.
- Incoming 6th grade students and parents night on April 20 and 24.
- Spring Conferences are next week – virtual.

Principal's Message: Stephan Henning

- We are planning for 23/24 school year scheduling.
 - o 6th and 7th graders will be visited by counselors soon to go over courses.
 - o Information about courses was emailed home to parents on Friday.
- We purchased more games for school activities.

PTO President's Report: Cijay Avery

- No report.
- Proposed moving next PTO meeting to April 19th.

Vice-President's Report: Kate Fellin

- Mini grants – all money from budget was spent so we aren't asking for more requests.
 - o Would still like to get teachers to post photos or information on how they spent their grant money.

Treasurer's Report: Tari McGrane

- There is \$19,500 in bank, but that doesn't count the money going out for mini-grants.
- Amazon Smiles is ending soon. We received \$113 from them.
- The \$1,000 line items for 8th grade signs. Can we use it for their high school T-shirts instead?
- Is the \$1,000 for pantry still a necessary line item?

Teacher Representative: Mark Hayes and Maria Mendola

- This is an exciting time. Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break.
- White board markers may be useful to teachers.
- March is Reaching Month – author blitz next week and door decorating contest.

8th Grade Celebration Committee: Elizabeth Blakely and Beth McCarty

- We will be meeting on March 8th in Teams. There is also a FaceBook group.
- Will use the \$20/person celebration fee to pay for party.
 - o On June 15th: A 2-hour themed party, with DJ, at Larson following promotion ceremony. Half day of school.

Restaurant Nights: Kristin Cermak (not present)

- Cijay will contact Kristin to see if there are any more planned for this year.

Teacher Appreciation: Judy Bunao (not present)

- Cijay will contact Judy to see how plans are going.

Spirit Wear: Mishel Gallo (Not present)

- No report

Old Business –

None.

New Business

- May's PTO Meeting will include voting on open Board positions. Tari and Michelle are stepping down. We will need to start recruiting a new treasurer and secretary.

Open Discussion/Other/Questions

- None

Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m.

(Unapproved)

Next Meeting: May 17 , 2023