

Larson Middle School PTO Zoom Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022, 7:00pm

In Attendance: Joe Duda, Cijay Avery, Michelle Tedder, Tari McGrane, Mark Hayes, Judy Bunao, Kate Fellin, Julie Wishaw, Kristin Cermak, Michelle Noel

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Motion to approve PTO Minutes from October 26, 2022 meeting by: Mark Hayes, Second: Kate Fellin (Approved)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Principal's Message: Joe Duda

- It's been a positive school year and it's going fast. We are in 2nd quarter.
- The new sports season has started and there are many new clubs meeting. The school is busy with activity.
- There are concerts coming up (band, orchestra, and choir) and theatre performance.
- Two Robotics teams qualified for States. There's a competition this weekend at Athens.
- Thank you to any PTO member that helped with the Bond issue and promotion.
 - o Smith MS will be the first in line. The design team is getting together (includes parents, students, and teachers)
- Upcoming: we will be talking to the 8th graders about high school, IA presentation, and scheduling for next year.
- Trunk or Treat was great. Thank you to the chairs.
- 8th grade activities committee should start planning in January.

PTO President's Report: Cijay Avery

- No report.

Vice-President's Report: Kate Fellin

- Mini grants – our budget is for 6,000.
 - o Special class project grants – all approved
 - o Technology – all approved
 - stylus pens request from a few teachers. Maybe have a cap on this in the future?
 - Need more information from Mrs. Quilliams before final approval.
 - o Class prizes, games, and crafts grants – all approved
 - o Classroom supplies grants – all approved
 - o Motion to approve these grants by Cijay Avery, 2nd by Michelle Tedder
 - Total amount approved \$6,001.70

Treasurer's Report: Tari McGrane

- There is \$18,800 in the bank. A few donations are still trickling in.
- Asked if there were any expenditures from the after-school activity that the PTO needs to reimburse for. Not at this time, but they may need some money to refreshen some of the supplies.
- Something that is not in the budget currently, sickness of a spouse. Should money be allocated for this?
- Presidential Council Meeting Update –
 - o We should probably review out PTO bylaws and see if changes need to be made.
 - o Only put PTO business on the PTO Facebook page
 - o The principal should be a bystander, not deferred to for votes.
 - o Rich Machesky said to hold off on granting big items, like furniture, for the grants. (poss. bond \$)

Teacher Representative: Mark Hayes

- Nothing new to report.

Student Activities: Elizabeth Blakely and Beth McCarty (Not present)

- No report.

Adopt-a-Family: Judy Bunao

- Collection boxes are in the vestibule for the 3 families
- Signup genius is up and running
- Wrapping request for help will come out later.
- Gift cards can be put in sealed envelope or given to the secretaries

Box Tops: Judy Bunao

- Contest update:
 - o \$140 total collected
 - o will order prizes before winter break for the winning grade level.

Restaurant Nights: Kristin Cermak

- \$1,000 is the goal for the year. We are at \$856 so far!
- We received \$80 from Square Lake Nutrition
- Our usual Panera location is going out of business, so we are looking for a new one.
- Noodles is our January 18 fundraiser

Spirit Wear: Mishel Gallo (Not present)

- No report

Old Business –

None.

New Business

- We need to make a post to request a tech-savvy person to help us update our PTO Weebly page

Open Discussion/Other/Questions

- None

Meeting adjourned 8:32 p.m.

(Approved on March 1, 2023)

Next Meeting: February 22 , 2023