**Larson Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes**

**May 22, 2019**

**In Attendance**: Joe Duda, Kelly Jones, Debbie Ballios, Leslie Diebol, Danielle Clippard, Lisa McCray, Mark Hayes, Tracey Hurley

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2019

Motion to Approve: Debbie Ballios Second: Kelly Jones

**Report of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Amazon Smile and Flower Sale came in as income (Flower Sale passes through) with a total of $3,128.29 in income. Expenses totaled $3,834.16. The total cash balance is $9,661.89

**Teacher's Report/Teacher Mini-Grants**: Mr. Hayes

Teacher Appreciation Week – memorable week. Love that parents took time to make food to eat, everything delicious, grab and go goodies were great. Truly blessed at Larson. My Favorite week. So appreciative of teacher appreciation week treats and food. They all felt very appreciated. Crockpot lunch was a hit. Theme and attention to detail were much appreciated.

Pushing towards the end. The kids are doing well and Celebration of Learning is tomorrow.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Duda

Teacher Appreciation Week – teachers loved it, especially Kelly Jones massages.

Celebration of Learning – important to let the kids have the audience for all of their hard work. Also looking for more ways to include incoming 5th graders and let them know what is available here at Larson. Very kid driven, letting the kids show what they have been working on this year. Just finished up with the interviews for the 8th graders. Why wait until 8th grade to let them show what they are doing to people they may not know. Let them talk about what they are passionate about. Hope to make this a tradition for the future.

We are a National School of Character! This has been a 5 year project. The process of learning and growing and adding layers to what Larson has been doing has been a great experience. It has helped to deepen the focus on helping kids grow into great people. This is a 5 year designation through 2024!

We had our last student finish MSTEP today and 3 weeks from tomorrow is the last day of school.

The path will go in over the summer to the track! No more muddy shoes!

Been a great month!

Registration will be August 15,, 2019.

**President's Report**: Danielle Clippard/Debbie Ballios

President’s Council Meeting: new administration was announced. Think enrollment is flattening out right now. School of Choice - only the siblings are grandfathered in at this point (43 students total).

Before last eblast – put how the PTO spends the money that we have in order to advertise to parents to let them know what the PTO does here at Larson. Want to put together a document that lets people know what exactly the PTO does here. A mini-PTO newsletter to let people know what we do.

Taking money at registration – most other schools use square.

Colleen has done a big spreadsheet of the different manners of collecting money. Online donating might be paypal would be the best. Family price? Be able to use the poster at registration.

**Vice President’s Report:** Kelly Jones

No report

**Reports of Standing Committees: PTO Board**

*PTO Website*: <http://larsonmiddleschoolpto.weebly.com>

*8th Grade Celebration*: Ayessa Potts – have 200 kids that have paid for the party. Final planning meeting is at Steelhouse tomorrow night. All committees have finalized planning ideas and will run it past Mr. Duda. Jeanine Moscone will be this committee chairperson for next year.

**Election of the PTO Officers:**

Positions nominated:

President: Debbie Ballios

Vice President: Kelly Jones

Secretary: Leslie Diebol

Treasurer: Tari McGrane

Motion to accept all nominated candidates: Joe Duda Second: Mark Hayes

Need Teacher Appreciation Week, Spirit Wear chairpeople.

**New Business:**

Think about doing an auction for “free” things to raise more money. Ex: parking spot, seats for 8th grade graduation.

Kelly: she was talking to Mrs. Stebbins about her students. PTO gave her money for peanut butter and jelly and she was thankful, but that amount doesn’t even cover the food until Christmas. Her kids are hungry and not learning. Wonder if this should be brought up at the beginning of the year for the PTO to help by adding on as a line item? Maybe begin to stock things like granola or protein bars in the clinic and let the teachers know that it is available for them if they seem hungry in the morning. Definitely bring this up at the budget meeting.

Mrs. Menko is moving and Mrs. Rexer and Mrs. Bammel are retiring ($100 for each teacher and $25 for Mrs. Menko). And then small flowers for all. Total of $250 to spend. Debbie Motions to spend $250 on retirement gifts Leslie Second

Next meeting: September 18, 2019 7pm

Motion to adjourn: Debbie Ballios Second: Leslie Diebol

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08pm