

## **Larson Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Joe Duda, David Recker, Mark Hayes, Kelly Jones, Debbie Ballios, Leslie Diebol, Dawn Leonard, Tari McGrane, Janine Moscone, Vikki Fritzsching, Chris Fritzsching, Karen Gittins, Janet Matichuk, Shannon Burt, Jodi Haggarty, Irene Christy, Lisa McCray

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 22, 2019

Motion to Approve: Will do this at the next meeting

### **Report of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report:** Tari McGrane

Budget Review:

Income: Donations came in this year of \$7,439 so far. Restaurant Income to go down to \$1,000, Miscellaneous reflects last years restaurant income, most other income line items are staying the same.

Expenses: Will budget 80% of the number of 8th graders for budget for the 8th grade party. Still have about \$2,000 to spend to get us to the \$8,000 minimum that the PTO has agreed to. Split Box Tops and Benefit to \$250 for Box Tops and Benefit to \$100. Add line item for Food Pantry for \$1,000. Add line item for Feminine Products for \$250, and change Administration Expense to Administration Appreciation. Cut STRONG line item, change school supplies to \$1,000 (which includes school supplies and seasonal supplies). Increased teacher dinner for conferences to reflect what we spent last year, \$750. Remove Ground water kits line item. Office expenses were the magnets that the PTO purchased last year and we have plenty, so will remove the dollar amount, but keep the line item. Mini-grants to be raised to \$9,000. We will then take a look at the budget after Christmas to see if there is more money to spend.

Projected balance \$8,598.96. We will post this on the web site and vote on this at the next meeting.

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

Beginning of the year is going well. 6th graders coming in have been fun. Adventure Island turnout was great - the student volunteers were excellent. Good start to the year!

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

Has been a terrific start of the school year. Relatively quiet around Larson lately. The only project was the gym floor, which turned out beautiful. The floor was original to the building, so it needed to be replaced. The 2nd phase the PATH project went in - it extends the path out to the football field and track. The 3rd phase will be an asphalt path that will extend to the neighborhood sidewalks. The PATH project has been a great student-involved project.

Staffing issues to start the year which led to lots of balancing with teachers picking up extra periods. Enrollment just shy of 790 students. Mr. Duda and Mr. Recker met with all of the students to clarify expectations and the 4 Larson Pillars. Teachers are starting to dig into the academic work and the 4 Rs. Excited for tomorrow night - Open House at 7pm.

**President's Report:** Debbie Ballios

President's Council meeting notes:

Tech Talks will continue this year. Navigating the digital world (elementary based) and Navigating the social media (middle school based) will be a few of the programs this year. Debbie will put up on the Larson PTO page when we receive information regarding the dates and times.

Preschool - they are proud of the new building.

13,050 students are enrolled in the district.

Superintendent Student Advisory Board is an opportunity for students in grades 9-12 to apply and participate in the school district. They meet once a month. They run the MLK Day and the Superintendent gets feedback from them.

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

Super excited to see so many people at this meeting! The PTO Board is getting old and we are encouraging others to come and join us. Please think about joining us and being a part of the PTO!

**Reports of Standing Committees: PTO Board**

*PTO Website:* <http://larsonmiddleschoolpto.weebly.com> PTO Meeting minutes will now be posted on the web site for anyone who would like to see them.

*8th Grade Celebration:* Janine Moscone/Jodi Haggarty. Will be having a meeting to go over/vote on the theme and break out into co-chairs. Mr. Duda will send out the email with the information to all 8th grade parents.

*Dance/Activity Committee:* Lisa McCray. First event will be next Friday. Sign up genius is up for parent volunteers.

*Staff Appreciation Week:* Dawn Leonard volunteered to take on this position! Thanks Dawn!

Restaurant Night: Dawn Leonard. Made \$100 at Olga's last night! Noodles & Co. will be on Oct. 22. Detroit Burger Bar will be on Nov. 13, MOD Pizza will be on Dec. 10th. Will apply for the Buffalo Wild Wings for March Madness.

Spirit Wear: Shannon Burt volunteered to take on this position! Thanks Shannon! Debbie has some orders that have been placed and will bring them to the office this week to be distributed.

Box Tops: Audra Melton. Will let her know that there are some box tops in the office to be sent in.

**New Business:**

Karen Gittins: Adopt a Family for the Holidays? Possibly a family at Larson? Larson did this last year and it gets started in October. Thoughts are that we should definitely do this and choose a few Larson families. Work through Mr. Duda to find the families that would benefit from this at Larson - Mr. Duda will be the contact person and only he will know who the families are.

Next meeting: Monday October 21st 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn: Dawn Leonard

Second: Tari McGrane

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13 pm