

April 12, 2021 Louise Archer PTA Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 8:03 pm

Principal's Report

- Return to school – more opportunities are available for students to be in-person starting April 20. All of the in-person students who were previously attending two days per week will start four days per week. About 60% of the LAES student body will be in-person. In some cases, teachers will no longer have to use concurrent instruction because all of the students will be in-person. There will still be some classes with both in-person and virtual students, and those classrooms will continue using the concurrent model. Some classes will remain 100% virtual through the end of the year. Special thank you to all of the families. The staff was able to work through all of the issues with moving to a four day in-person plan, and they are thankful to have the time and opportunity to expand in-person instruction.
- The kiss 'n ride line may be extended starting April 20 but overall, the arrival and dismissals have been going quickly and smoothly.
- The expectation is that fall will be five days a week. The school is starting to make the shift to start planning for five days a week in May. More information will be passed along as soon as it is available.
- Testing – English language testing is ending. Naglieri testing is also concluding; virtual first graders came into the school for testing.
 - For grades 3-6, SOLs will be offered, and there will be an offer for parent refusal, including a covid parent refusal. A google form was sent to families. The school requested that all virtual learners return the form. Updates will be sent by teachers this Friday. SOLs do not start until May 11 at LAES. The window ends on June 4, but LAES will likely be done the week before.
 - For K-2, students will take the iReady testing to evaluate progress throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report

- Memberships and donations stayed about the same, bringing the total to \$9,312
- In March, we raised an additional \$1500:
 - \$122 dining for dollars from Panera;

- \$760 pizza bingo;
- \$175 yearbook booster ads;
- Six grade celebration raised \$460
- Total amount raised for the year comes to \$13,035
- As for expenses, in March, we disbursed
 - an additional \$200 for teacher classroom supplies,
 - bringing total funds disbursed to about \$1,800
 - Granted an additional \$2,577 mini grants,
 - bringing total to \$4,256
 - this does not include the mini grants awarded in past two weeks
- We have about \$45,000 in cash in bank

President's Report & Program Announcements

- **Reminder** – Yearbook sales are ending soon, school code is 2975521
- **Open positions for 2021-2022**
 - First, a huge thank you to all of the chairs for our many amazing committees. The PTA couldn't do anything without all of the time and effort of parent volunteers.
 - For 2021-2022, we have open positions for chairs and co-chairs for quite a few committees, so if anyone has been considering volunteering or looking for a way to get more involved at LAES, now is the time! Please email Regan, Cathy, or Lynde for more information. Several of these committees are huge fundraisers for the PTA and involve planning events that families look forward to every year.
 - The following positions are available –
 - Pizza Bingo/Silent Auction Co-Chair – 4 co-chairs
 - Sock Hop Co-Chair – 2 co-chairs
 - Yearbook Committee Co-Chair – 2 co-chairs
 - Picture Day Coordinator
 - Before/After School Committee Co-Chair
 - Green/Garden Committee Chair
 - Volleyball Chair
 - Odyssey of the Mind Chair
 - Box Tops for Education/Loyalty Rewards Program Chair
 - Reflections Co-Chair
 - Walk and Wheels Committee Chair

- **Vote for President for 2021-2022 and Vice-President for 2021-2023**
 - Regan Morgan as the PTA President for 2021-2022 was voted on and passed.
 - April Buckley as the PTA Vice-president for 2021-2023 was voted on and passed.
- **May meeting**
 - For next month's meeting, the construction lead will present regarding the upcoming construction at Louise Archer.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
 - **May 3-7**
 - Monday - chalk school and walk
 - Tuesday - Thank you notes and cards
 - Wednesday - catered lunch and gift cards
 - Thursday - school spirit and restocking school supplies
 - Friday – teacher/staff bingo
- **Spirit Wear**
 - For the month of April, get 10% off rainbow hoodies with the code APR21W, and all orders over \$50 get free shipping
- **Sunshine Committee**
 - The committee has been recognizing staff both in-person and virtual; Custodians' week was celebrated, and the committee has recognized the Librarian and Counselors.
 - There are only 1 or 2 Cafeteria workers right now, so the committee will wait until closer to end of the year to celebrate the cafeteria workers
- **Dining for Dollars**
 - April 13 – Chick Fil A dining for dollars
 - For mobile order, type “spirit day” in special instructions on app

Additional Question and Answer Time

- Busses – is it possible to change from kiss ‘n ride to bus?
 - Best option is to call front office and Kathy Cutri. The request can be made but it is not immediate. It may take a week or two to reroute the bus. One or two cases have been rerouted already.

- SOLs – all computerized testing; if any virtual students want to take SOLs, the students need to come in-person to take the tests
- Monday meetings for in-person students will still be held; it is the only official way for attendance on Mondays for elementary school students. It will continue as a requirement for all students.
- Next year – there are still questions and unknowns, especially regarding distance requirements and lunch requirements. The goal is for 5 days a week. Lunch may be a challenge if there is a 6 foot requirement for eating, so additional guidance will be needed but is not available yet.
 - For the rest of this year, the majority of classes are eating in their classrooms. For a few classes, they will eat into the lunchroom at individual desks. Some classes may need overflow, such as an open classroom, and the logistics are being planned now, such as rotating students through the overflow areas.
- Recess – No new developments yet for playground equipment, such as soccer balls or basketballs. Students have been very creative and have found many creative activities to keep themselves actively engaged, such as using chalk or games that do not require equipment.
- Return to school in sixth grade – the virtual kids will remain 100% virtual in one class, a second class will be fully in-person, but the third class there are both in-person kids and virtual kids. Interaction between the virtual and in-person students was limited in the third class. There were bandwidth issues for in-person students accessing video conferencing in the school during the two-day hybrid model, but now after April 20, some classes will not have any concurrent instruction so there will be additional bandwidth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm