

May 25, 2021 Louise Archer PTA Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 8:02 pm

Principal's Report

- Reminder regarding safety protocols – for elementary schools, all of the precautions remain the same (masks, social distancing, etc.).
 - One positive change - the kids are now allowed to use the PE equipment and playground equipment. Kids will continue to wash hands and use hand sanitizer.
- Sixth Grade Drive-through Celebration
 - Parents should have received information on when classes can drive through.
 - The 6th grade teachers and principals will attend as well as any other available teachers or staff.
 - There will also be a swag bag that the 6th grade celebration committee is coordinating on behalf of PTA.
 - There will also be a video on the last day of school.
- End of year celebration for other classes – teachers are trying to come up with potential activities to celebrate the end of the year
- June 8 – virtual day for all students due to voting on that day. It is a synchronous day.
- Laptops – currently coordinating delivery for in-person to leave the laptops at school on last day. For virtual students, it will be around the last day of school and other days until June 14. Look for more information to come.
- Summer Soar program – there are about 5 teachers for various grade levels. The ratio of about 12 students per teacher. Students who were invited should have already received an email.
- Reminder to take advantage of online programs, Lexia, ST math, etc., which will be available all summer.
 - The county is also sending reading and math workbooks this summer and they should arrive in early June.
- Next fall – 5 days a week in-person is the plan. Emails were sent out for those who need to apply to the county-wide virtual program. If you need more information, please contact Michelle.

- Testing, including SOLs and iReady, are wrapping up, too. The scores will come home with report cards at the end of the year.

Treasurer's Report

- In April, we raised
 - An additional \$570 Six grade celebration, bringing total to \$1,060
 - And \$87 Scrip gift card rebate
- Total amount raised this year is about \$20,000
- As for expenses, in April
 - We granted an additional \$874 mini grants, bringing total to \$5,131
 - This month's report does not include expenses for teacher appreciation week and sixth grade gift
- Total expenses for the year will come to a little over \$20,000
- We have about \$45,000 in cash in bank
 - This does not include signups for summer camp

Please submit any outstanding receipts for reimbursement before the end of the school year.

President's Report & Program Announcements

- Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers!!
- **Open positions for 2021-2022**
 - Reminder - For 2021-2022, we still have open positions for chairs and co-chairs of some very important 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 (president@louisearcherpta.org) or Lynde (secretary@louisearcherpta.org) 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
 - Yearbook Committee Co-Chair – 2 co-chairs
 - Picture Day Coordinator
 - Before/After School Committee Co-Chair
 - Green/Garden Committee Chair

- Volleyball Chair
- Box Tops for Education/Loyalty Rewards Program Chair
- Walk and Wheels Committee Chair
- Vaccination Clinic at First Baptist Church
 - The First Baptist Church across the street from school is offering free vaccines to those 12 years old and up on:
 - Thursday, June 3rd from 10:00am - 4:30pm
 - Saturday, June 19th from 11:00am - 3:30pm
 - Everyone is welcome regardless of legal status or insurance. Parents must accompany minors.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** –
 - Thank you to everyone who donated their gift cards and time, and thank you to all the children who wrote notes of appreciation.
- **Yearbook** –
 - The yearbooks are here, everything looks good with the order. There are a few extras.
 - The details on distribution will be shared later. The distribution will hopefully coincide with the sixth grade drive-through and the laptop pick-up.
 - Keep an eye out for announcements on social media and in the PTA Sunbeam.
 - Anyone interested in being involved with the yearbook, please feel free to reach out. The current chairs are happy to meet with new chairs
- **School Supplies** –
 - School supply kits sold through June 11
 - Kits will be delivered to school the week of Aug. 9.
 - We receive a percentage of the sales.
 - There is also a growth rate plan, and if we reach a certain growth rate, then we receive 15% cash back.
 - Please encourage your friends and neighbors to order their school supplies from school supply kits.
 - Information is available on social media and in the Sunbeam.
 - Also, please tell any new neighbors or friends to join the Louise Archer PTA facebook page
- **Sunshine Committee** –
 - The Committee is continuing to celebrate birthdays throughout the year

- In April and May, the Committee celebrated administrative assistant appreciation week and nurse appreciation week
- There will also be an end of year celebration for transportation, safety, and cafeteria workers.
- **Summer Camp** –
 - Louise Archer coaches have four sessions of camp this summer; one is already sold out, other three sessions have only a few spots left.
 - Thanks for everyone who helped organize the sports camp.
 - For next year, the PTA also needs a Louise Archer Runners Club Chair. It was really popular committee.
- **Reflections** –
 - Louise Archer will participate in Reflections again next year. It is a nationally run arts competition that LAES participates in every year. There are several categories, photography, paint, drawing, film, and dance. Look for more information in September or on social media if anyone wants to get started this summer
 - Next fall's theme is – “I will change the world by...”
 - The deadline for submissions is usually right after Columbus day in October.
- **Spirit Wear** –
 - The PTA sold more LAES spirit wear this year than last year.
 - Sold \$2300, which qualified the PTA for the additional benefits and a \$460 check for PTA
- **Mini-Grants** –
 - Since the last report on mini-grants, we received eight new requests totaling \$2260.
 - In total, the PTA received and approved 16 min-grant requests, which totaled \$5130.57 in funds to help teachers and staff this year.
 - The requests included things like books, individual activity items for kids to use, specialized art clay to allow virtual students to make gargoyles at home, a virtual 4th grade field trip, and an enhanced wireless display for use with Mrs. Sahai's concurrent class.
 - The school purchased 10-15 more Screenbeams for the school to help enhance classroom instruction.
 - Everyone was so very extremely grateful for our PTA support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm