

## **January 19, 2022 - PTA Meeting Minutes**

Call to order 8:02 pm

### **Principal's Report**

- Happy New Year!
- There will be a virtual school day tomorrow (Jan. 19) due to weather. The school day will start at 10:30 am and go until 1:15 pm due to the scheduled early release. All kids will have lunch at the same time, which will hopefully help if multiple kids are at home. All grades will also have one special. The school has been working on possible schedules and is hopeful the current schedule will work out.
  - Teachers should have reached out regarding the schedule as well.
  - Everyone is looking forward to next Tuesday and a return to the regular schedule.
- The end of the quarter is Friday, Jan. 21. Thank you to parents for rolling with the schedule in 2022.
- The school continues to use layered prevention strategies for covid. There have been some, but a minimal number of cases the past week. The teachers are working hard to maintain instruction and mitigation. Thank you to parents for all of the communication, which helps make it successful and smooth as possible
- There is some specialized testing coming up, such as the advanced math Iowa test. The SOL testing may be a little earlier this year, possibly the week right before Memorial Day. The schedule is coming soon.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- In November and December, the PTA received \$760 in donations and memberships
- We paid \$341 in local and state membership dues
- Apart from before and after school activities, we raised \$5,749 in November and December, bringing the net fundraising income to \$13,566. The fundraising income included
  - \$1,229 in dining for dollars from Social burger and Mama Tigre

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- \$4500 in rewards from the Safeway Foundation, Amazon, Scrip rebates, and Harris Teeter
- As for the PTA expenses for November and December, apart from the fall school activities, we paid
  - \$40 from the Azzara fund for 1st grade T-shirts
  - \$747 for Reflections ceremony
  - \$316 for LA5K
  - \$497 for teacher classroom support
  - \$4,546 in mini grants (Sarah will give more details later)
  - \$61 for teacher pop-up party, and
  - \$45 for paypal fees
- Our cash at the end of December was \$54,116

### **President's Report & Program Announcements**

- **Reminder to Join the PTA** – join at the Louise Archer PTA website, which is <https://louisearcherpta.org/>
- **Two open positions** -
  - **Loyalty Programs Chair** - to handle organizing and promoting the various loyalty programs, including Amazon Smile.
  - **Walk to School Chair or Co-Chairs** - We are looking for a volunteer, or multiple volunteers, to chair the Walk to School committee.
  - If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me at [president@louisearcherpta.org](mailto:president@louisearcherpta.org) or Lynde at [secretary@louisearcherpta.org](mailto:secretary@louisearcherpta.org)
- **February Valentine's Pop-Up Party** – We're planning a Valentine's Day pop-up party for the teachers in February! Keep an eye out for an upcoming sign-up genius for donations for the party.
- **Spirit Wear** – It's cold out there!! The current spirit wear sale is for 20% off select fleece items and runs from January 19 - 28. Use code FS20.
  - We'll also have a free shipping period again this spring. Stay tuned for details!
  - Please contact Molly Peng if you have any questions.
- **Sunshine Times reminder** - The Sunshine Times is a student newspaper intended to be a creative outlet for budding writers, photographers, and artists. All students K-6th grade are encouraged to participate!

- Submissions for the first paper are due on January 28th. Kids should have their parents send a short story, poem, artwork, recipes, reviews, etc. (one item per child) to [sunshinetimes@louisearcherpta.org](mailto:sunshinetimes@louisearcherpta.org).
- For more information visit the PTA website.

### **Winter/Spring Before & After School Classes**

- Registration extended through Friday. There is some risk that certain classes with low enrollment may be cancelled. The before-school hip-hop class is one example, so if your student is enrolled, encourage some friends to join! You can visit the PTA website for more information and to sign up.

### **Mini-Grants update**

- The second open submission time is currently happening. The deadline is the end of January.
- We are looking for a shadow for the rest of this year and a new chair to take over for next year. If you are interested, please email Sarah Barry ([sarahlnbarry@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlnbarry@gmail.com)).

### **Original Works update**

- The Original Works fundraiser involves the kids spending a couple weeks during art class with Ms. Edwards creating artwork. The artwork is sent to Original Works and digitized. Parents can buy products with the kids' works of art.
- This year's fundraiser is kicking off next week with Ms. Edwards. The current schedule is to order and have delivery before Mother's Day.
- We are looking for a shadow for the rest of this year and a new chair to take over for next year. If you are interested, please email Sarah Barry ([sarahlnbarry@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlnbarry@gmail.com)).

### **Sixth Grade Celebration**

- The kick-off meeting for the sixth grade celebration planning is next Tuesday at 8 pm via zoom. Sixth grade parents should have received the zoom link and information from the room parents.
- The sixth grade celebration is an event to celebrate all sixth graders before they move on to middle school. Planning for this year's celebration is just getting started.
- Please reach out to Kristin Herrmann ([kristinherrmann@hotmail.com](mailto:kristinherrmann@hotmail.com)) if you are interested in helping or attending the zoom meeting on Tuesday, January 25.

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Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15.

Call meeting to close – 8:17 pm