

## February 15, 2022 - PTA Meeting Minutes

Call to order 8:01 pm

### Principal's Report

- Starting the second half of the school year.
- The school has started data discussions, which involves meeting with teachers in each grade about students in order to coordinate resources and instructional practices for students. Each teacher gets around 3 hours.
  - It is tied to the ESSER funds, which are built in to support gaps in learning. The funds have allowed LAES to get more math and language art resources (in the form of extra staff and after school program); the school was also able to get additional math resources.
  - The school will make adjustments based on where students are and what they need.
- Covid updates
  - Most updates will come from the county
  - At the school, there is optional screening covid testing. There are about 40 students participating weekly. A third party does the testing, which happens on Tuesdays. The results are uploaded and parents can see the results online.
    - More information on the optional testing will be coming about how to opt in for your student.
    - So far it is working smoothly.
  - Dr. Brabrand hosted a couple sessions about FCPS mask mandates and a roll-out for modifying FCPS covid mitigation procedures, which takes into account the community transmission levels. If anyone has questions, please feel free to reach out.
- Mini-Grants
  - Additional 6 or 7 staff members made requests and they were just granted, so the teachers are starting to purchase those additional resources. Thank you to PTA and the parents.
- February pop-up party for the teachers will be a post-valentine's day party with a chocolate fountain and treats. Thank you to the PTA and parents for contributing.

- Summer programs –
  - FCPS is looking to offer summer programs again for students who need additional support. It is called the SOAR program, and is offered for 2nd-6th grade.
  - FCPS is also looking at a Bridge to K program to invite kids back into the school; it is about a three-week program
  - Renovations will occur this summer, so the school will shut down over the summer. LAES will be matched with Marshall Road Elementary for summer programs, which will take place at Marshall Road Elementary. That will be the only difference from last summer.
- Kindergarten Orientation details are coming
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3-4 pm
  - There will be an opportunity to attend in-person as well as a video option
- Testing Updates
  - SOLs will be a little earlier this year; all will be seated prior to Memorial Day. Testing window opens April 25. LAES is adjusting its testing calendar and hopes to share it in the next few weeks. LAES will probably start in beginning to mid-May.
  - Naglieri (NNAT) test – March 21-25; a letter will go home in the next few weeks for each class with their specific testing date

### **Treasurer's Report**

- January was a rather quiet month. We had one more parent join the PTA.
- Apart from before and after school activities, we raised \$95 from Chik-fil-A dining for dollars and \$109 from Box Tops.
- As for the PTA expenses in January, we paid
  - \$651 from the Azzara fund for book fair and winter gloves,
  - \$337 for teacher classroom supplies,
  - \$1,196 in Mini grants,
  - \$63 for November pop-up party, and
  - \$693 for paypal fees
- Our cash at the end of January was \$81,030, of which about half is due to before and after school programs

### **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 Pop-Up Party** – Thank you to everyone who signed up for the February pop-up party for the teachers on Feb. 18th
- **Yearbook Updates** –
  - Yearbooks are now on sale! You can get your hands on this school year's yearbook by placing your order at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> and using school code 2975522.
  - Yearbook Boosters Ads are on sale now! Ads for 6th grade messages are on sale until February 16th. Ads will open to the entire school (K-6) on February 16th – March 25th.
- **Sixth Grade Celebration** – There is a planning meeting tomorrow at 8 pm via zoom. You should have received the link from the room parents or directly from Kristin if you signed up for a subcommittee. If you would like to attend or need more information, please email Kristin Herrmann at [kristinherrman@hotmail.com](mailto:kristinherrman@hotmail.com)
- **Mini Grants Update** - We just approved 6 more mini grant requests to close out 2021-22 year. This approval round was for approximately \$2500. Once all purchases are made in full, we will circle back for a final report out to the PTA with complete numbers for the year.
- **Original Works** - Mrs. Edwards and the students are finishing up their Original Works artwork this week. The art will be sent to the company early next week for digitization. Ordering will begin in the next few weeks. You will see more soon about Original Works on facebook, in the Sunbeam Newsletter and hopefully a few printed notices sent home.

### Skate Night update

- Skate Night will be Saturday, March 19 at 6-8 pm. Ice time starts at 6:10 pm.
- We need a few volunteers for the ticket sales the night of the event.

- There will be more information on facebook, the Sunbeam, and in the Tuesday folders, too

### **Silent Auction and Pizza Bingo**

- Pizza Bingo will take place on March 25, and will be outside, weather permitting.
- Saturday, Feb. 19 starts the silent auction; it will go for one week.
- Lots of great options: teacher experiences, capital one arena tickets, sports cards, pokemon cards
- Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser – selling them through the website and the PTA gets \$2 per cake that is sold. The orders will be handled out at Pizza Bingo (or a backup plan if needed for weather)

### **Additional Questions**

- Spring field trips – LAES can explore it; individual teachers can look at options and the school will determine if it is possible. None planned yet, but it could open up depending on the teachers this spring.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15.

Call meeting to close – 8:22 pm