

Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Hybrid meeting (Mini-theater in person & on Zoom)

Start Time: 9:00 am ET

Attendees: Kerri Randall, Pamela Fine, April Weber, Christine Pipitone, Chris Pipitone, Karen Chou, Will Wright, Aron Butler, Jayme Gherke, Christina Shinsky, Catherine Archibauld, Yim McCabe, Julie Prussack

Principal's Report - Will Wright

1. We had our first PTSO assembly since 2019 last month. Jim Basketball Jones was great! We hosted two sessions and the kids loved it. He's a motivational speaker that integrates basketball. Thank you!
2. If you listen to the Board meetings, you may have heard mention of the 'new Logan building.' This is a result of the bond that was passed a few years ago. As you may be aware, all the schools on the north side of town are growing and there have been population studies. AAPS is proceeding with the plans for facility updates. There will be new construction on various sites and building new buildings. Specific to Logan, a new building is planned with a move tentatively scheduled for 2025-26. The design stage will start in Spring 2023. The current address/site location is TBD. When Logan moves, the current Logan building will be a staging center for King and/or Thurston while their buildings are updated. I'm excited to learn more and participate in this new building development. Please keep an ear out as there will be community engagement. As I know more, I will share with the community. Questions from the group include, 'Is the plan to allow for growth? How many students will be included?' While we don't know those answers yet, there is a desire to have more early childhood access on this side of town. Inquiry about the Freeman site/ former 'Go with the Wind location', but that is not going to be a new school construction location as it's on a septic field. It's also the Environmental Education facility and staging site for future AAPS construction.
3. Excited for WinterFest on Friday night. Skates are ready! Looking forward to this community event.

Academic Coordinator Update - Susie Guest via Kerri Randall

1. Science Alive: Scheduled for December 13 and 14. We are excited to have them return and are working on schedules with the teachers.
2. 1st Annual WinterFest 2022: Scheduled for Friday, December 9 from 5-7 pm at Buhr Park. We have reserved the rink, and PTSO is covering rink and skate rental fees, and hot drinks from Bearclaw truck. Erin Barbossa confirms Bearclaw details and that payment will be made onsite. We have a minimum to meet, but we also want to ensure kids are only having one hot chocolate each. We will stamp hands as students order a drink to ensure all have a chance to get a hot drink. If we haven't met our minimum at that point, we will open it for seconds.

Community Connections Liaison Report - Christine Pipitone

1. MLK Day of Service: Opportunity to do a day of service. House N2 Home. Storage facility at St. Joes. Drive to collect items that are most needed from the organization. On MLK day, bring the materials and have volunteers to put together kits. Laundry/caddy full of materials. 30-40 kids total to put materials together. Not a lot of parking. Sign up to control the number of people that day. Drive prior to the date and attendees per hour. In line with MLK service across the district. Will to discuss with the Student Council and Building Leadership.

Teacher Report - Tierra Jackson via April Weber

1. Student Council - Student Council is off and running for the year! We will be meeting soon to discuss future plans.
2. Academic Games - We had our 1st tournament this past week in Detroit. We placed 3rd, but it was actually 2nd place as one team was a middle school team. We have more events after the new year.
3. Science Olympiad - Registration for Science Olympiad is currently open. Head Coaches are meeting later this month and we will share registration information with Logan families in January. Thank you to Mr. T's wife Becky for serving as our WESO supervisor. As a reminder, we will need 3rd-5th grade parents to serve as grade leaders.

Social Chair - April Weber

1. Talent Show - Registration link is now open. All audition videos are due Friday, December 16. The Talent Show is scheduled for January 26. Question regarding hosts for the show. April and Tierra will discuss host options (possibly including current teachers, former students or 5th graders).

Science Fair Coordinator Report - Catherine Archibald

1. Catherine is our new Science Fair Chair and Aron Butler is joining as Co-Chair. Discussion regarding timing of the Science Fair. The consensus is early March is best, but not too close to holidays or after April. Catherine and Aron will discuss timing with Will. Catherine to connect with Dave Randall regarding UM Engineering participation or presentation at the Science Fair.
2. Discussion regarding having the whole 5th grade participate. Will to discuss with Mr. T and Ms. Boles if this fits into their curriculum and the best timing.
3. Discussion regarding awards: Do we prefer participation awards or placement medals? Given that this is elementary school, varying resources and access/knowledge (e.g., parents who are scientists), participation awards are the preference. Goal is to get kids excited and exploring science.

Parent Proposals and Concerns - Catherine Archibald

1. Parent Running Club - In line with upcoming New Year's resolutions, Catherine proposes a Logan Parent Running Club. The club could meet after drop off once a week to run or hike in Thurston Woods. Positive response and discussion around making it a running

and walking club. It's a great opportunity to build community and can include all exercise abilities. Recommendation to move forward with this idea.

2. Aftercare - Suggestion to have a parent-run aftercare group to ease the challenges of the lack of After/Before Care at Logan. Some families are casually organizing this currently, but wanted to gauge the interest in a more formal arrangement. Liability concerns were raised, as were the idea of doing this via the Logan Parent Facebook group. The lack of Before and After Care is a huge problem. We used to have a robust program that families depended on. Suggestion to develop a committee to investigate how to move forward. The first step is a survey and Catherine will create. The goal of the survey is to demonstrate the demand for Before and After Care at Logan. We will communicate the survey results to Rec & Ed to showcase need and demand.
3. Parking Lot Idling - Concern regarding idling in the parking lot before school and the increase in fumes. Currently, families are asked to self-regulate, but can we put together signs to remind those waiting to turn off the car to avoid extra fumes? Discussion regarding how cold it can be in the winter while waiting in the car, so uptake of this initiative may be seasonal. Will to check with facilities regarding signage. There may be further information as the Environmental Report was just developed and shared with the community.
4. Vestibule Clock - Suggestion regarding putting a clock at the front doors at Logan so the students can see the time while waiting. April mentions that there used to be a digital clock. Will said he will check into it.

Secretary Report - Pamela Fine

1. Approval of [November Meeting Minutes](#) - Kerri moves, Will seconds. Minutes Approved.

Treasurer Report - Aron Butler

1. Review of the attached October and November Treasurer Report. Highlights include:
 - a. We had a major windfall from the Fun Run which continues to keep the balance healthy.
 - b. Lots of payment activity for grants, teacher vouchers, and Fun Run vendors.
 - c. Upcoming field trip pricing has increased for the 2nd grade visit to the Hands On Museum by 60%. It is currently \$16/student vs. the previous \$10/student.
 - d. Given the balance, we will brainstorm additional grants or ways to utilize dues & donations this year, especially considering that the Logan building move may not make the Staff Lounge update as relevant.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:59 am ET

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 11 at 9:00 am ET in the Logan Mini Theater and via Zoom ([same link](#) as December meeting)