

Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Hybrid meeting (In person in Logan conference room & on Zoom)

Start Time: 9:00 am ET

Attendees: Will Wright, Catherine Archibald, Jen Stieve-Swarup, Erin Barbossa, Christina Shinsky, Susie Guest, Aron Butler, Kerri Randall, Christine Pipitone, April Weber, Simona Butler, Julie Prussack

Social Activities Update - April Weber

1. Talent Show - The rescheduled date for the Talent Show was another snow day. After a brief discussion, there is a plan to reschedule for April. Currently rescheduled for Thursday, April 13 at 6 pm.
2. NAAPID - A great success! Thank you to all who brought food and setup/clean up. Really appreciated the extra helping hands.
 - a. Parent comment - Is there a way to make the message clear that this day is open to all families? A few families were confused. Will plans to add additional communication to clarify in the future.

Science Fair Update - Catherine Archibald

1. Science Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.
2. All 5th graders will participate. PTSO will purchase the materials (poster board) for the 5th graders. Aron confirms the \$300 science fair line item.
3. Next steps: Catherine will share the sign-up form and registration. All attendees will receive a participation medal. Will will take care of the building reservation. Similar to previous science fairs, we will have a roving panel of parents and teachers stopping by each exhibit to discuss the projects.

Principal Report - Will Wright

1. NAAPID - Thanks to PTSO for a huge success! Over 200 families showed up. Assembly was a success. Overall, it was a great day!
2. Kindergarten Roundup - Success! We had many families show up and there was a program for the students in the art room while the parents were in the multi-purpose room.
3. In-district transfer is already open. If your family is already at Logan for K-4, you do not need to reapply, but this is the transfer window for Middle School.
4. Doug Sheer - Great assembly in connection with President's Day. Kids loved it and teacher feedback is coming.
5. Pi Day - Coach Natalie is planning a school-wide Pi Day celebration culminating in a piece of pie for all students. We are requesting the PTSO support to help solicit pies for all the kids and volunteers to serve the pie. 360 kids / 45 pies. Mr. T does pie in the face

for memorizing 50 digits of Pi for 5th grade. The Pi Day activities will include the whole school to get them excited about math (and pie!).

Treasurer Report - Aron Butler

1. No written report this month. Highlights from the month include:
 - a. \$1150 in rebates. We received a Paypal transfer worth a few hundred dollars from dues and donations earlier this year.
 - b. Amazon Smile will be phasing out this month due to an Amazon corporate decision to stop the program. We have seen approx. \$600/year through Amazon Smile to date.
 - c. PTSO's Amazon Prime business account costs \$179/yr and has saved us an estimated \$345 in sales tax during CY2022 (total PTSO spending of \$5750), plus additional savings in shipping. Thus, it seems like a good investment to continue.
 - d. Aron asks if anyone knows who submitted a receipt for Vault of Midnight. He found it in the PTSO mailbox but is unsure who requested the reimbursement.
 - e. Picnic table order - It will be approx. \$2200 for the one table. We need to make this investment soon to ensure we have it for Carnival & Family Traditions & Heritage Festival.
 - f. Disability Awareness Workshop - Do we still owe them a fee? The check from last year was never cashed. Virginia is looking into it.
 - g. We had a no show at an author assembly from Makiah Shipp ('*Makiah's Show & Tell*'). We plan to void the check. The author apologized, but we do not plan to reschedule. Susie looking into other authors for future visits.
2. Teacher grant request from Coach to purchase PE equipment (*large scooters, basketball, bosu balls for balance*) for \$1350. We can apply the \$250 request so it reduces the request to \$1150. There are not any competing grants currently. Mr Wright shares that other needs are being met via school funding. Lenora Webb may send in a request for a conference (unlikely) and storytelling technique that includes books (likely). Clarification of school funding via PTSO funding. Kerri moves to approve grant and Jen seconds. Passed. All in favor. **APPROVED for \$1150.** Kerri to share the news of approval to Coach.

Teacher Report - Tierra Jackson

1. There isn't a big report since we've only had 12 days of school since our last PTSO meeting. Thank you as always to the PTSO for the treats, coffee pods and food.
2. Academic Games - A tournament is scheduled for today and tomorrow. Update - very successful participation from Logan/Thurston teams with State wins and recognition.
3. 5th Grade is scheduled for Winter Survival this week.
4. Science Olympiad registration closes March 12. Practices are starting. May 11 is the event at Huron HS.
5. Student Council - The participation at the Huron HS basketball game was great! Very cool for the students to participate in hoops at half time. This week, we are starting an initiative to support the Humane Society with donation requests. Report cards have been postponed to March 24 due to storm closures.

6. Storer Camp deposit - We paid the deposit, but we don't have the final numbers or invoice until after we attend later this year.

Secretary / Bylaws & Goals Update - Pamela Fine

1. February Minutes Approval - Moved by Kerri and seconded by Aron.
2. Goals Meeting will be part of the April meeting. Please send any goals requests to Pamela.
3. Nominations for 2023-24 PTSO board will open in early May.

PTOC Update - Julie Prussack

1. Fundraiser - PTOC is starting a fundraiser, 'Ann Arbor PTOC \$20 for \$30K Fundraiser' to boost funding for AAPS Title 1 schools PTSOs by \$10/student for the 23/24 school year. PTOC is asking for \$20/household to raise \$30,000. PTO Thrift shop plans to match donations.
 - a. PTOC asking all PTSOs to consider donating and sharing fliers regarding the fundraiser. There is lots of conversation regarding equity across schools. Some PTSOs do not have the ability to raise funds and some are struggling to get parent involvement, fund field trips, etc. The funds from the fundraiser will go to the PTOs, so they can assess how to best use the funds vs. targeted use title funds that some of the schools currently receive.
 - b. Discussion regarding how to support as a PTSO moving forward and plan to include this in our upcoming goals meeting. For instance, we may be able to direct funds that currently go to our well-funded Harold Logan fund (currently at \$10K) to support PTOCs in need. Additional ideas include making a direct donation or the opportunity to do a joint service day/fundraiser.
2. PTOC and NAAPID - There is PTOC chatter about how NAAPID has become an all parent event vs. BIPOC. The PTOC would like to see more leadership from BIPOC parents in the event to avoid diluting the intent. There may be more discussion moving forward.

Family Traditions & Heritage Fest - Simona Butler

1. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 28 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Fliers will be sent out soon for food sign-up by April 7. We are continuing the same theme as last year. We do not have a back-up date as we can move indoors now if needed due to weather. We will have a DJ but no performance aspect to the event. The focus is on food and sharing traditions. There will be crafts and activities for the kids.
2. Tentative Schedule includes:
 - a. 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Eating
 - b. 6:30 - 7:00 pm - Salsa dancing with DJ (\$500) & Origami teaching
3. Budget confirmed at \$850. \$200 more is needed to rent more tables unless we have some donated tables. Logan currently has 5-6. Simona and the committee will create a sign-up genius and send to the PTSO for all donations needed (including tables).

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 am ET

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 12 at 9:00 am ET at Logan or via Zoom.