

**Logan PTSO March Meeting**  
*Wednesday, March 2, 2022 (via Zoom)*

**Start Time:** 9:16 am ET

**Attendees:** Will Wright, Kerri Randall, Pamela Fine, April Weber, Rosi Torres, Christina Shinsky, Aron Butler, Alex Cacciari, Kristen Muehlhouser,, Becky Matz, Erin Barbossa, Susie Guest, Stephanie Christensen, Karen Chou, Suzanne Vu, Simona Butler, Jen Swarup, Christi Ozer, Yim McCabe, Jayme Gherke

**Fundraising Opportunity with Seeley Farm & Raindance Organic Farm - Alex Cacciari & Kristen Muehlhouser**

1. Logan parents Cacciari and Kristen Muehlhouser propose a Fundraising opportunity for Teacher Appreciation and Mother's Day fresh cut flowers. There is discussion of a presale of bouquets of flowers for teacher appreciation and mother's day. 10% of the proceeds will support Logan. Discussion regarding how to communicate the opportunity and when to open up sales.
2. General consensus is that the idea is great! Discussion of logistics. Online store on Kristen's website and there would be a chance to contribute to the teacher appreciation and purchase individual bouquets. Can we just fund this or do we need to fundraise? Laura has offered to coordinate. Putting on the calendar for the first week in May. Flowers delivered on Monday of teacher appreciation week.
3. Discussion regarding budget. Will shared that due to anticipated upcoming budget, especially with field trips, we need to be mindful. In terms of funds, we hope that what's raised should support the kids. What about coordinating with room parents? April brings up that this should be staff appreciation and it's for all staff and it is all inclusive (69 people). Christina to set up a follow up meeting with April, Alex. Kristen and Suzanne Vu to discuss logistics. Lots of great ideas on how to implement.

**Principal Report - Will Wright**

1. Lots of good news to report!
2. Thank you PTSO for support of recess materials. Becky unpacked materials into the shed and Rosi and Alice were setting up the book room. Will to share with the staff and we will soon have access to the new toys on both playgrounds.
3. Adding a new staff member - Math Coach. This is a pilot in AAPS and Logan was selected as a pilot. Natalie DePasquale is currently a 4th grade teacher at Lawton and she is incredibly dedicated to math. She will work directly with classroom teachers and individual students. Many similarities between her role and Hilary Wooley's role with literacy. We get to set the vision and tone for what this will look like. A great opportunity for Logan! Starting right before spring break. She is very excited about parent involvement and looking forward to engaging outside the classroom too.
4. More good news! Volunteers are going to start to be approved. We are going to start welcoming families back into the building and starting small. Library helpers and room volunteers. It feels like great progress. There will be rules, including no large indoor

gatherings. We are approved for outdoor events, such as Carnival. For those who want to volunteer in the building you must sign in on Raptor, have proof of vaccination, mask and complete a background check. Regarding Science Olympiad, we may be able to host practice in the building as long as the coaches meet those requirements. Susie is going to follow up with Science Alive to see if we can get on their schedule this year as they meet vaccination requirements.

5. Wrapped up NWEAs. Launching March is Reading month, Doing a million minutes reading minutes and trying to get to a million minutes across AAPS.

#### **Teacher Report - Tierra Jackson**

1. Not a huge teacher report, however we did do a grateful list and each teacher got to say what they are grateful for. It was amazing as a community!
2. Science Olympiad - Registration has started. We can start having practice inside and there are special requests for indoor space. Science Olympiad will be on Sunday, June 5. Competition will be indoors, but everything else will be outdoors. Anyone inside will be a student or vaccinated volunteers. Meeting on March 10 at 7 pm - a virtual meeting for Coaches. March 17 is the deadline to sign up. It's open to 2nd grade and above. They are not doing a big coaches meeting but there are individual coach meetings - Zoom meetings are happening already.
3. Talent Show - Sent out the eBackpack signup. We wanted to confirm the format. We will do it as a kudoboard. There will still be an audition and we will look for judges.

#### **Beautification: Becky Matz**

1. More items still on their way including basketballs, brooms and sandbags. Thrilled that the kids will be able to use them soon. Discussion of donation of hockey sticks and safety issues. Kerri mentions that you may want to implement a no slap shot rule. We need to teach the kids safe usage. Start will upper EL and training on how to use them and we will pilot them. Perhaps the PE teacher can do some safety instructions. In the works - a checkerboard painted on the upper and lower EL playground. The equipment will be stored in the bookroom and shed.
2. Picnic tables are on backorder so we can waiting for them to arrive per Rosi.

#### **Heritage Festival: Suzanne Vu, Stephanie Christensen, Simona Butler**

1. We can plan for outdoors but will there be a chance for indoor? Will shares we should plan for an outdoor event.
2. Once we meet as a committee, we will discuss the budget. We need to determine tables and chairs.
3. Yearly Theme discussion from Stephanie Christensen. One discussion is what heritage means to us. It may be a connection to the past but we want to highlight that we create heritage with our families and how we live. It's something our children will cherish as we grow older and make this an emphasis as well. Feedback - this is a great idea! Question from Aron - can you give an example? Anything that encapsulates the idea of learning from each other. Great to change things up every few years. We want to maintain the family displays and food. Will shares that the idea of 'Family Festival' is

where you can share the things that make your family unique and special. Themes you celebrate with your family such as special celebrations. Helps Logan evolve with every year and with society. Great feedback and excitement. Discussion of how to change the name. Make an emphasis of what it can include. It's an important night to share heritage.

4. Is our budget still the same from last year? Current budget is \$850. We have not changed it yet but can if there is interest. Tentatively scheduled for April 21. Jen Swarup recommends a backup date in case we have weather. Date scheduled for yearbook. Any chance we can look at moving due to Passover? Could we do April 28?

### **Book Fair - Jen Swarup**

1. Jen spoke with Sarah from Scholastic. There is no longer a virtual option. Yim and Jen will send out a sign up for volunteers for an April 4-8 book fair. There will be another sign up for the teachers.
2. There will no longer be a trinket table as Scholastic did away with it. There is no longer a discounted rate table. They are low on inventory due to Covid. They will send us what they have due to inventory levels. Delivery is on March 21 and will be up and running on Monday.

### **Secretary Report & Goals - Pamela Fine**

1. Review and approval of February minutes. Approved by Kerri and seconded by Will.
2. Goals meeting will take place in April as we have a better sense of how to proceed regarding in-person events, volunteers and field trips moving forward.

### **Presidents Report - Kerri Randall**

1. Update from Julie Prussack, PTOC. A reminder that Bus Driver appreciation should be included in upcoming appreciation plans as our Bus Drivers are often forgotten. PTOC will be continuing the discussion about equity in PTSO fundraising in March discussions.
2. Parking Lot - Parent concern about parking lot safety. It's common to see violations of left-turn rule, handicap parking, people honking at others unloading. Can we get police officer presence occasionally? Can we get the new crossing guard to regulate pedestrian flow in a way that helps reduce backups? Parents prefer principal and teachers to be with students, not directing traffic, so we need some other ideas. What about using some cones or other devices to deter left turns? Chani Dickson is the contact for parking lot safety. Will responds that he is very aware of the challenges of the increased car volume, and has sent several email reminders recently. He also talks to drivers to encourage them to follow rules where he sees problems. He is wary of getting teachers into negative interactions with parents in the lot, so tries to handle these duties himself. They have now started releasing kids a few mins early when the parents are in the carline. He feels overall that there have been improvements in flow and behavior recently with these measures. But we can't control everything and there is a balance between enforcement and good relationships with parents. We are hoping the busing issues can be sorted out soon.

### **Treasurer Report - Aron Butler**

1. Aron summarizes February financials, says he plans to send out a note to teachers who haven't spent any vouchers yet. Kerri says, yes, good idea, and recommends giving a deadline like May 30. In past years there is usually a wave of year-end requests.

#### **Hospitality Report - April Weber**

1. April raises a question about whether cups purchased for the coffee station can be taken out of the paper products budget item. Aron says he thinks that item was intended for school events. After some discussion, consensus is that it's ok to use the paper products item, and we can expand it later if needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 am ET

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 6 at 9:15 am ET