

Logan PTSO Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 (via Zoom)

Participants: Will Wright, Kerri Randall, Aron Butler, Christina Shinsky, Tierra Jackson, April Weber, Becky Matz, Erin Barbossa, Jayme Gehrke, Jennifer Stieve-Swarup, Julie Prussack, Karen Chou, Rosi Torres, Sonali Pradhan, Yim McCabe, Simona Butler

Start time: 9:17 am ET

Spiritwear : Jaymee Gehrke

1. Happy New Year everyone. Over the break, I was in contact with Spiritwear contact so as of December 31st we were at \$624 so far. And just a reminder in order to get the profit-sharing we have to hit the \$1000 minimum purchase. Spiritwear contact feels we will reach our goal. But if we don't make it then we won't be able to participate in the Spiritwear for next school year. We post it in the newsletter and website.
 - We have 2 weeks of free shipping coming up in March, March 7 through 21st. So maybe we can put a flier in going-home folders to remind people about it. But if anybody has any suggestions or thoughts on how to meet the gap between where we are now and the year-end \$1000 mark. Please let me know I am open to suggestions.
 - Christina Shinsky: How frequently do we hold Spiritwear days at school? This used to be every Friday. That would be one way to help families feel excited about ordering it if there were regular days promoted. And then the other thing I was thinking is if we come close to not making it then we can catch the balance of \$100 or \$200 potentially and use it for giveaways and prizes and not lose the opportunity.
 - Kerri Randal: We had talked about Spiritwear for teachers as part of Teacher Appreciation. And so we could take advantage of the free shipping weeks in March and have a plan for that. That would certainly get us over that \$1000 mark and makes sense to spend it as we will get a portion of it back.

Principal Report - Will Wright

1. We had an eventful start to this New year here, not quite what we expected. So Welcome back and Happy new year to everybody. You all have seen the messages and I would like to reiterate some of what Dr. Swift's messages were. So everyone has a good sense of what to prepare for and as you talk to people in the community let them know this as well. So obviously we started the year in virtual mode and we are back in person.
 - I want to reiterate here our default is going to be in-person learning. The goal is to have kids in school and run schools every day.
 - If school closed for some reason, if we closed a classroom or grade level or school, by the way, that would be the order we look at to mitigate by closing a classroom or mitigate closing grade level then ultimately if we do not have enough staff then we

would be looking at closing the whole school. It would be an immediate shift to synchronous learning and we do recognize the challenges that can potentially create for families.

- The links would be the same and staff have decided that kids would continue learning what they learned that previous week. Schoology pages have been set up so students can get back to the same links. Our youngest kids were not using Schoology in K because those teachers had to transition from their personal leave
 - A parent who is a teacher at Clague worked with the Washtenaw county health department to get a huge supply of KN95 masks donated. So we have those in place and the district is also providing high filtration masks now. The staff at Logan are wearing a high filtration mask.
 - In my newsletter also I put a request to families about what you can do to help us. There are 3 important things:
 - AAPS continues to encourage vaccination for everybody who is eligible and boosters for anybody who is eligible. Clinics are available throughout AA and also offered by schools.
 - Talk about masking with your kids and make sure they know that masks go over their noses. Helping them with a well-fitted mask with no gaps and if you have high filtration masks like KN95 consider using those. We as a district are working to get those masks widely available to students. We do have surgical masks for students now.
 - If your kids are sick please keep them home. Really think about the things you would not have kept your kids home for in the past like they have a runny nose or have a little bit of sore throat. Those are the times you should be keeping them home and getting covid tests. The rapid antigen test is fine. Lynx is a great resource in our community and it is free.
 - You will be receiving new guidelines as the Washtenaw county health department released new guidelines for schools. We are already following the updated guidelines. There should be communication coming from the district regarding it.
2. Buses are a particular challenge right now. Currently, at Logan, we have two bus routes that are canceled through January 21st. Because of the bus cancellation school, our parent pick-up line at arrival and dismissal has been crazy. We have essentially 60 to 100 kids who do not have bus options and so we have a very long dismissal line. Please be patient with us and we will resend driveline numbers to families of bus riders.
 3. We will be doing winter NWEA testing and those reports will be shared in the spring report cards.
 4. Questions:
 - Volunteer support to keep the school open? As of now, no volunteers are allowed into the building. Substitutes have to be certified to supervise a class. Logan has 5 building subs.
 - Are the bus canceled routes posted somewhere? Bus route 110 (am/pm) and 94 (am) for Logan school. It is difficult to find on the AAPS webpage.

Teacher Report - Tierra Jackson

1. Thank you from the teachers for the Coffee machine in the work break room.
2. No updates for Academic games. The state championship is in March in Ann Arbor but Logan will not be competing. As we were not able to practice and participate in the regional competitions.
3. Science Olympiad is postponed till June, to allow for outdoor competition. Waiting to get updates on parent volunteer requirements.
4. No further updates about the Talent show.

Committee Chair Reports

Beautification - Becky Matz and Rosi Torres

Will Wright:

- Upper EL playground has a brand new shed installed during winter break. The facilities department installed and paid for the concrete slab and paid for the shed. PTSO fundraising for outdoor projects will be used to purchase recess supplies.
- [Picture of shed shared on zoom]
- Shed has a lock. Plan to set up a system where teachers and lunchroom supervisors will have access to it.
- Shed will store all playground equipment for the upper EL playground and the lower EL playground will have equipment in the book room area.

Question:

- How do we decide what supplies need to be purchased?

Becky Matz:

- Google doc with a supply list has been created with total cost.
- Picnic tables are the expensive items on the list.

Rosi Torres:

- We have 2 options for picnic tables - round and rectangle shape
- 1 large picnic table for students or families to sit at.
- The material is heavy gauge steel (Picture shared)
- Lower EL already has a picnic table, so upper EL needs a sitting area.
- Jennifer Stieve-Swarup: Suggestion would be to get 2 tables for upper EL, as that playground is also used for after-school sports.
- Kerri Randall: PTSO could fund the remainder amount needed for 2 picnic tables. Filling the sheds could be covered with the Outdoor fundraising balance. PTSO funds can match up to cover the picnic table cost.
- Aron Butler: We have \$1800 from outdoor fundraising donations and \$100 from the beautification budget. If PTSO needs to match the price then it has to be put up for PTSO vote. PTSO has a very healthy balance, around \$50k, as spending on field trips and activities has been low during the past year.
- Will Wright: One issue we have in the placement of picnic tables is drainage issues by the sidewalk and on the path to the upper EL playground. We could put one by the rope climber and basketball court. But not sure where the second one would fit in.

- A suggestion would be to have a second by the shed and swings area, as it is flat ground.
- Aron Butler: Estimating the price for 2 picnic tables would be around \$3200 including taxes
- **Motion to spend from balance \$3500 for two picnic tables. VOTE PASSES and none opposed.**
- Rosi Torres is going to look at the choices and place the order.
- Becky Matz to make a list for recess-quality soccer balls and other types of equipment.
- Also, some anchors to support goalie posts during winds. The principal will look at the current requirement for posts.
- Kerri will look into repairing damage to one goalie post.

Officer Reports

President - Kerri Randall

1. Current PTSO secretary Catherina has resigned from the position. Thank her for her volunteering. Pamela is unable to cover this meeting so Sonali is taking the minutes for today's meeting.
 - So the position is open and if anyone is interested in taking the position within the PTSO they can do so. Sonali can send it out in an ebackpack to promote the open position.
2. Follow up on teacher appreciation from April Weber, if she needed any help or volunteers for January teacher appreciation.
 - April Weber: I am all set for the teacher appreciation delivery tomorrow.

Treasurer - Aron Butler

1. Income this month from a fundraising check from Kroger for \$391
2. Expenses for several teacher vouchers and staff appreciation.
3. Another expense was for the 4th-grade mini-grant for the geography book which was shipped to the school. Mrs. Asher received all of the shipments, with the possible exception of one set of books still on the way.
4. Benevity donation platform: Our membership has been renewed and our bank transfer info has been approved. We expect to get matching funds for a Google employee next month.
5. Tax receipts for dues and donations: Some folks requested tax receipts, and Aron plans to send those out by the end of January.
6. Any follow-up on the Book Fair/Book Room funding committee? Will Wright will set up a meeting with the staff to discuss this and provide an update later.

DECEMBER Meeting minutes approval: Kerri Randall

- **Motion to approve the last meeting minutes. Minutes APPROVED.**

QUESTIONS: Jennifer Stieve-Swarup

We use the school playground after school so that kids can run and play. People from the neighborhood take their dogs to the playground and dogs are off-leash while kids are playing. During the pandemic I had a dog try to physically attack me while my kids were playing the playground. I feel it has become a free place for dogs. Also if there are any issues with dog messes. So I am trying to look out for the kids' safety and what we can do.

Will Wright: In terms of during the day nobody is allowed to use the school property. We have had some people trying to walk or play with their dog and we had staff or I request them to leave.

They do become public parks after hours and there is no supervision at these times. I will look into seeing if there are any restrictions on leashes or if we can make it leash only. New developments around the school property may be an unintended consequence of having a walkway in the school area.

QUESTIONS: Karen Chou

Had questions about opening and closing the signage door. The key gets stuck and there is the possibility the key may not work at all. Is there a way to replace it or what is the policy for fixing this?

Will Wright: I will place a work order and have the locksmith come out and see if they can fix it.

QUESTION: Aron Butler

Is there an official policy prohibiting field trips at school during these times? Or is there an individual judgment call on it based on a building basis?

Will Wright: Right now the only approved trips are the Environmental Ed trips. Every class goes on this trip and is bused trip. Allowed to do some walking trips like walk to a neighborhood park. They are not approving any other bused field trips right now due to COVID mitigations strategies, and also there are manpower issues with busing.

QUESTION: Kerri Randall

Is it the same policy for activities inside the building, like Science Alive or symphony orchestra?

Will Wright: Yes, all these activities are on hold. All these are going through the AAPS partnerships process but due to current conditions, everything is on hold. No way to predict what happens with cases.

QUESTION: Jennifer Stieve-Swarup

Are there any chances for overnight 3rd grade camping trips? If we wait till spring or summer?

Will Wright:

This year we do not anticipate approval for overnight camping trips. We can be potentially ready for some other options like the Lansing trip or the 5th grade trip to DIA. Those are relatively

easy to plan and to get bus requests in. It is difficult to predict what will be and won't be approved, though. Bus trips need at least 30 days advanced notice, but nobody is doing that right now and there is no setup for bus requests right now.

Meeting adjourned: 10:10 am

The next meeting is Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 pm