

## **Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes**

November 4, 2021

Meeting 7:00 pm ET

Attendees: Will Wright, Kerri Randall, April, Rosi Torres, Simona Butler, Pamela Fine, Becky Matz, Yim McCabe, Laura Emmer, Aron Butler, Erin Barbossa, Susie Guest, Julie Prussack

### **Principal Report: Will Wright**

- 1) Families interested in A2 Virtual are able to do so at the marking period. Now is your time. You may have new kids in class after Thanksgiving.
- 2) Vaccines for students are now available! We have at least one student vaccinated. With the availability of vaccines, there is one change. The guidance for fully vaccinated students is that there is no required quarantine. Testing 3-5 days. Hoping that after winter break we will need to quarantine less students.
- 3) Report cards going out after Winter Break. Going out digitally unless your child has an IEP. Those reports are on paper.
- 4) We have a new PE teacher. He goes by Coach. He's a 30 yr veteran teacher and he's doing great. Moved to A2 to be closer to family. It's great news!

### **President's Report: Kerri Randall**

- 1) Literacy Budget: Has traditionally gone to the book room. Book room is coming to a close, so we are going to form a literacy committee. We need a PTSO volunteer to sit on this committee that helps determine where the money is spent. There's \$3530 carryover funding on the line item right now. Perhaps Aron wants to sit on the committee as treasurer? Laura Emmer is volunteering to sit on the committee - a great choice! Still need an Upper EL representative.
- 2) Outdoor Space Fundraising: Where are we directing these efforts? Rosi, Carlos, Becky and Will have discussed. On the list:
  - Shed/Storage Space on the Upper EL playground with recess supplies with a padlock to keep it secure.
  - Discussion regarding a similar space on the Lower EL playground or book shelves in book room. Alternatively, outdoor.
  - How much funding is available? \$1700 directed funds
  - We need a foundation (poured concrete or gravel). A rubbermaid shed or a wood structure.
  - Rosi is looking at prices.
  - Benches for upper EL. Eating spaces is another consideration.
  - Requirements include 30 feet from building and distance from property line.
  - If we have volunteers, we can save on labor.

- Goal: Getting information together and then having it ready for the spring? If we are pouring concrete, we need to wait for it to warm up. We should shoot to have it done this year. We can also review fundraising if needed.
  - Sean Smith or Bernie Rice are Facilities contacts.
  - Next steps: Determine what we want, pricing and getting it done this year.
  - Article for the Logan Ledger - here is the plan and how to volunteer to update outdoor space.
- 3) Sign Coordination - Karen Chou - Request to replace file folders and letters for the sign. Less than \$100. Affordable and the box needs replacing. Spend from balance as long as we have a healthy balance. Approved.
  - 4) Sonali - Request for Logan Ledger. Teacher interview response has been very low. PTSO members are encouraged to sign up their children. How to increase participation? Any other ideas? Perhaps we can offer an incentive. Families and staff are feeling pretty stretched and it can be hard to recruit extras. We need to publish it and put it out there. A recorded Zoom interview can be linked to the newsletter. Kerri to share feedback.
  - 5) Events - Anything else we can do as a PTSO? Outdoor events or academic enrichment? PTSO sponsored skating night. Something to encourage community. Does not seem like we will be able to have everyone indoor somewhere. Sledding hill/ Huron Hills for a sledding meetup (by the golf course). We have the funds to get everyone together in a safe way. Let us know your ideas!

**VP of Communication Report: Kerri Randall (Sharing for Sonali)**

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**Treasurer Report: Aron**

- 1) Latest report was shared via email.  
Starting Balance of \$36,827.46  
\$1800.00 in income in October  
Still waiting to transfer funds (\$5200.00) in Paypal  
Sponsorship from Brust for Balloon arch  
Teacher Vouchers (\$2800.00 - ¼ of funding so far utilized)  
Grants (\$3100.00)
- 2) Grant - BrainPop - this is a recurring subscription and Aron discussed it with them. People are utilizing BrainPop so not cancelling yet. Can we see who is using BrainPop? Library is utilizing it. It's an add-on and not attached to the curriculum. Does PTSO want to continue sponsoring it? Will survey the staff to determine who is using it.

- 3) Transition from TCF to Huntington in mid-October. We have new account numbers, log-ins, etc. Aron would like to order new checks. Costco has the best deal (about 20 cents for security checks vs. 8 cents for a regular check). We write about 100 checks/year for reimbursements. Difference between regular and secure checks is difficulty to copy/more secure. Standard checks are currently used and consensus is that those are ok moving forward. (Expected cost of \$45 for 600 checks and \$30 for a binder to organize.)  
Huntington is a participant in Zelle so we can consider virtual payments.
- 4) Consider getting an Amazon Business account (tax-exempt; \$179 cost/year). Signed up for a trial basis to see what they may want to charge us. Two big advantages are the sales tax exemption and that the account with all the purchase history would be transferable to the next treasurer. Great idea! Makes sense moving forward.

**Secretary Report: Pamela Fine (sharing for Catherine Archibald)**

- 1) October Minutes Shared & Approved

**Fundraising Report: Kerri (sharing for Christina Shinsky)**

- 1) A super fun and amazingly successful Fun Run!
- 2) Net proceeds to PTSO of \$16,240!
- 3) Really positive experience! DJ made it a lot of fun. Kona Ice truck was such a hit. Shout-out to Beautification!

**Yearbook Coordination: Rosi Torres**

1. We are introducing a custom cover for the Yearbook. Request PTSO cover the cost of the custom cover (\$175). Approved.
2. How will it work? Students will have 2 weeks to create a custom cover (due November 22). A great way to showcase the students' art. Then, kids will vote on the cover. Narrow down to one per class. Having the runners-up showcase in the Logan Ledger. Deadline will be December 1. Rosi to get Will the parameters as soon as possible to put on social media. Motioned to approve \$175 from balance.

**Teacher Report & Social Chairs: April (sharing for Tierra)**

1. Raised \$700 from Pumpkin Voting. Thanks to pumpkin helpers April & Kerri.
2. Conferences are continuing.
3. Student Council went well and we have 2 reps/class for 3rd - 5th grade.
4. Beats & Treats: More Volunteers requested. We will have dancing and lots of fun at Beats & Treats!

**Question: Yim McCabe**

Is there an opportunity to recognize the teachers? Is there any budget for teachers to show them how much they are appreciated. While we have blown through the budget, let's determine how we can support our teachers. Perhaps a sign-up for breakfast treats on Fridays for families. Drop-off coffee and donuts sign-up. Bearclaw truck may be a great treat. April is happy to get it started for Friday mornings. Perhaps Bearclaw can be moved up. Since we had great

fundraising, let's go ahead and take the initiative to take care of it. Both sides to the discussion - let's see if we get a response. In terms of making it happen, let's try it a few times and see how it goes. Maybe Spirit Wear is a good idea based on budget. Staff gift at the end of the year. Let's start with a small gift now and then revisit. Monthly agenda item addition - teacher appreciation. Replenishing the coffee is always appreciated. Let's keep this on the agenda and bring ideas. Everyone needs to feel extra appreciated these days.

*Meeting adjourned: 8:0 pm ET*

*Next meeting is Wednesday, December 1 at 9:00 am ET*