

Logan PTSO Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2021 (via Zoom)

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

Start Time: 9:02 am ET

Principal Report - Will Wright

1. Hope the extra days off over Thanksgiving were relaxing. We recognize it may have been challenging for many families.
2. We now have a full staff back in the building. Mrs. Meier and Mrs. Bloor returned from maternity leave. This means we have 5 full subs in the building, including Laura Emmer and Joanna Kerr (sp?). Logan is in great shape from a staffing perspective.
3. Report Cards went home on November 30th. If you did not receive it, please let Mrs.Landefeld know.
4. This week is Hearing & Vision.
5. Beats and Treats was a success - thank you!

President Report - Kerri Randall

1. Beats and Treats was a success and so much fun to be together as a community. Thank you for April and Tierra!
2. Follett has discontinued their Book Fair so this is no longer on the calendar.
3. Susie looked into Buhr Park for a social and they are booked for the season. Open to other ideas or another location.
4. Talent Show - Discussion on how to make the Talent Show happen as Parent Volunteers are not allowed in the building. Let's mitigate the need for tryouts and allow all students to participate by posting talents to a KudoBoard or FlipGrid. This will allow timing to remain the same so not all events will be pushed to the Spring. We can have a time limit (2 minutes) and limit of performances (1 personal submission, 1 group). Discussion will continue offline.

Teacher Report - Tierra Jackson

1. It would be nice to have at least some of the Talent Show in-person, even though the format would have to be modified due to covid. Perhaps some students could record their performances at home and send them in, and others could do their performances one at a time in the cafeteria, and have their performances recorded at school instead of at home.

Board Reports

Sonali - Logan Ledger - Thank you for all of your suggestions! Video interview now. We have two students signed up for now; which is great. The link will be in the newsletter.

Pamela - Minutes approval - Approved (Kerri - moved to approve; Sonali seconded).

Treasurer - Aron

1. Beats and Treats - Net proceeds are \$1650; Great turnout.
2. Fun Run - Net proceeds are \$16,264; Very successful as well.
3. Amazon Smile is yielding higher donation amounts than usual, in part because PTSO has made several teacher voucher purchases via Amazon that contribute via Smile.
4. Will talked to several teachers who use Brainpop regularly, so can PTSO maintain ongoing funding? Discussion of covering the \$405 annual fee under the digital subscriptions budget item. Motion to reset that item to \$2400 passes. Will to announce to staff.
5. Discussion of how to increase staff appreciation activities, given the fundraising levels. Several folks voiced support for the importance of making staff feel valued, especially amid the challenges of the past year. April proposes doing a monthly "special event" like bringing in donuts, lunch, etc., plus ongoing upkeep of the coffee station. Motion to increase funding level to \$3750 passes. May consider increasing further later if we want to do spirit wear gift cards, etc.
6. Discussion of ways to try to increase spending, given the great fundraising we've had. Kerri reminds us that bylaws specify a target reserve of 10%, intended to avoid accumulation of cash year after year. The challenge is advertising and getting staff to use grants and vouchers. Can also continue to make bigger and better events moving forward. Also remember that when we return to having more normal field trips, transportation costs will be higher than in the past, so consider some reserve for that. Will to communicate to staff that the mini-grant program will remain open, doing away with deadlines moving forward, but staff should run ideas by him first to determine where the request should be directed (ie if it's curriculum vs. PTSO).

Committee Reports

PTOC Rep - Julie Prussack

Equity meeting at the PTOC council meeting. Nothing is going to happen retroactively.

Evanston pooled funds from all schools. PTOC council is happy to hear voices about thoughts on equitable pooling of PTSO budgets - pro/con or anything else.

Beautification - Becky Matz

We have been thinking about sheds. 4 items to discuss:

1. Will the shed be for upper and lower EL? Upper EL only at this point.
2. We believe we want to go with the resin/plastic option (\$15 - 27/sq ft). Resin maintains better than other versions.
3. Size - 30 - 120 sq ft options. What range of size do we want? Needs to be large enough to include soccer nets. Consensus to make it larger vs. smaller. 8 x 15 is ideal.

4. Approximate budget: \$1500 - 2000. All would include a concrete slab or foundation and we need to add on shelves, hooks etc. Also, consider the cost of permits (\$24-\$68).

Will - thank you to the beautification committee for all of the hard work. Concrete slab would be ideal. Location next to the blacktop is preferred. District quote to create slab vs. outside quotes. Will to contact Bernie at Facilities.

Regarding investigating outdoor space for picnic spaces. We do have a line item in the budget for outdoor sports. Will - Please hold on picnic spaces for now and direct towards sheds and playground equipment.

Online AM meeting time change request

- PTSO agrees to move to a 9:15 am start to give those who need extra time after drop off to make the meeting, but also allow enough time for those who have 10 am meetings to participate.

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:20 am ET