

Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Hybrid Meeting (In person in hallway & on Zoom)

Start Time: 9:00 am ET

Attendees: Will Wright, Kerri Randall, Erin Barbossa, Pamela Fine, Emily Chamberlain, April Weber, Ruth Estabrook, Tim McCabe, Tian Gu, Jayme Gherke, Christina Skinsky, Irina Zhang, Cris Alcoba, Jen Stieve-Swarup, Jenifer Fang, Karen Cha, Julie Prussack

1. Principal's Report– Will Wright
 - a. Resource Room teacher is going on maternity leave, in the process of hiring a replacement.
 - b. Science Fair- Wednesday, May 1st. 6-8pm
 - c. Beats and Treats was incredible.
 1. Went through with the pumpkin raffle.
 2. We are interested in exploring the ways that events include and/or potentially exclude families. At some point we would like to have a community engagement event where we have representatives from different parts of our community give their opinions, structured around the calendar. Which parts do you feel honored and included, are there times you do not? Likely to be scheduled until after winter break.
 3. Specific to the Logan community only at this time.
 4. There is strength in a diverse community that does not exclude people. We have the opportunity to expose our children to different traditions.
3. President's Report– Kerri Randall and Pamela Fine
 - a. Teacher Grant Updates/Requests: All teacher requests were supported last month.
 - b. New teacher grant request from Ms. Ellis requesting \$479 for a second Kindergarten field trip.
 - i. Additional \$8 per student, to include all 3 Kindergarten classes.
 - ii. To be scheduled as a science field trip in the spring, offsite.
 1. All other grades have a science field trip that is funded by the district, except kindergarten.
 - iii. Noone opposed. Motion granted.
 - iv. Add to the budget for next year when we do the budget in the spring.
4. Academic Coordinator– Susie Guest
 - a. Toledo Opera- scheduled for next week. Presenting "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?"

- b. No additional events currently scheduled. All in progress.
 - c. "Science Alive" likely in April.
5. Volunteer Update– Erin Barbossa
- a. Discontinued signup genius for lunch time volunteers. No need to sign up ahead of time, just show up. You can email Erin with questions.
 - b. Winterfest (December 8th) update- Bearclaw Coffee set, ice rink time set. In mid-November Erin will follow up to confirm, check in, pay deposits.
 - i. Remind rink to bring more popular sizes of skates, helmets if able, and small walkers.
 - ii. Remind families to bring helmets.
 - iii. Last year Bearclaw requested that we have a school liaison be present to control the line and the crowd.
 - 1. Maybe we make a sign that says "Logan event only"
5. Fundraising– Christina Shinsky & Suzanne Vu
- a. Fun Run Review- hit goal at 164% raising just under \$23,000.
 - i. 70% of the school registered.
 - ii. Still waiting for one of the three sponsorship checks.
 - iii. Fun Run did go over budget. Snow cones and DJ cost more this year. Also, small prizes are no longer sold by the Get Moving crew, they cost more through Amazon and oriental trading.
 - iv. Next budget meeting, consider adding T-shirts to the budget as sponsorships do not cover 100%.
 - v. Consider reaching out to sponsors earlier. Many of the possible sponsors noted that they were at the end of fiscal year and had already allocated their budget.
 - vi. Consider a school goal/reward next year? Need more manpower. Platform is set up for it but we need another person to help with that.
 - vii. Should we have families register at a Logan event? Could we do it at the Welcome Back event? Curriculum night? During Will's presentation?
 - viii. We do not have a co-chair for fundraising yet, should consider
 - ix. Should we have a Fun Run committee?
6. Social Chair Update– April Weber and Tierra Jackson
- a. Beats and Treats Review
 - i. Thank you to the volunteers!
 - ii. For a while we only had 7-8 volunteers. Once a specific email was sent outside of ebackpack, more volunteers signed up.
 - iii. Volunteers felt they needed more information on where to meet. It is difficult to give volunteers much information ahead of time as many people cancel last minute.
 - iv. Inside vs. outside, pros and cons.
 - 1. Negative - it was warm!

- 2. Positive- everything seemed lively. Dancing/lights were easier.
- v. Next year- move tickets away from the pumpkin raffle, maybe toward the entrance.
- vi. Pumpkin contest- first place was Ms. Stewart, second Ms. Jackson, third Ms. Woods.
- vii. Budget- We were just trying to break even. Spent \$1600ish and brought in over \$2000.
- viii. Committee meeting next week re: changes for next year.
- ix. HS students have helped in the past but they were busy this year.

7. PTOC Update– Julie Prussack

- a. Equity Toolkit meeting
 - i. Meeting was more information gathering than sharing of tools.
 - ii. We did get the list of Fun Runs that needed more help. Publicize earlier next year?
 - iii. Do we want to partner winter giving with the winterfest?
 - iv. Food allergies- equity issue. Many events are centered around food. Should we start offering foods that are lower allergy risk?
 - 1. Cheese vs. pepperoni pizza? No need for pepperoni for allergy and cost purposes.
 - v. We will have an internal Logan winter drive. A community wide drive is a good idea too.

8. Secretary Report– Emily Chamberlain

- a. Minutes approved from 10/4/23.
 - i. Many people did not have access. Will make sure to fix this.
- b. Will send final draft to Sonali at Loganptsocommunications@gmail.com

9. Treasurer Report– Tian Gu

- a. Started with \$31,000. With Fun Run, will have a balance of \$45,000.
- b. October is a high spending month (\$13,000)

10. Beautification Update– Becky Matz

- a. Split Your Plants was a success. Becky planted the plants by the Upper El playground.

11. AAPAC Report– Danielle Cabell

- a. Danielle has been joining meetings on behalf of Logan.

12. Parent Concerns– Kerri Randall and Pamela Fine

- a. none

Next PTSO meeting: Wednesday, December 6th (also early release day)