

Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2018
Logan Mini Theater 7pm

Attendees: Stacy Tiburzi, Will Wright, Christina Shinsky, Susie Guest, Christy Landefeld, Tierra Jackson, Carlos Brito, Kerri Randall, Amy Rodriguez, Jonathan Fellows, Aron Butler

Meeting start time: 7:03 pm

Principal Report – Will Wright

- Big thank-you for the Fun Run, which was a very successful fundraiser this year. Also for Beats & Treats, which seemed to have great attendance. The flossing contest was a highlight.
- We've hired Madeleine Fuller as our new resource room teacher. She has experience in special education and self-contained classrooms and has worked as a teacher consultant at the middle and high school levels. She clearly stood out as our top candidate. She will start next week with a couple days of training, so her first day at Logan will be Weds.
- The superintendent has asked schools to form "safe routes to school" committees to look at transportation issues. We did some work a couple years ago to improve vehicle traffic flow in and around our parking lot, and that seems to be working ok. Are there other areas of concern for us?
 - Christy describes a section of sidewalk along Traver that can be quite dangerous during the winter because no one removes ice/snow. In the summer vegetation overgrowth is also an issue. This section borders a wooded area and it's unclear who owns the adjacent property (north side of Traver, west of the school). The city says it's private property, and it's the owner's responsibility to do sidewalk maintenance. We should look into contacting the owner.
 - Positive feedback was given on the parking lot traffic flow.
 - Mr. Wright says ok, so it sounds like our situation may not warrant putting together a committee. Let me know if otherwise. I will check with some other community members as well.
- We should have a new gaga pit installed within the next week on upper playground. Kids will get some instruction from PE staff on activities to do there.

Teacher Report – Tierra Jackson & Chris Culbertson

- Big thank yous for conference night food and all the teacher and classroom grants.
- Student Council has been meeting and getting their activities going, including the Food Gatherers food drive.
- Spirit week is next week.
- Project Unify's first meeting was held, and two more are coming up on 11/9 and 11/16. We also have a bowling trip scheduled for 11/14.
- Safety Patrol is on their second rotation of jobs. They'll be learning about the importance of greeting others, and about how to care for the flags they handle.

- Academic games club has been meeting and participating in tournaments, and doing pretty well. Next tournament is 11/17.

Officer Reports

- President – Susie Guest
 - Please send any Ledger items to Katie by tomorrow. Discussion of difference between Ledger and eBackpack content, echoing what Katie had put in her recent email.
 - Kerri suggests a Ledger article summarizing our teacher grants and other ways PTSO spends money. Others like this idea, so Kerri agrees to draft some material.
 - Discussion of setting up a new book fair, proposing late fall 2019, with proceeds benefiting library/media center. Amy explains that currently the Scholastic book fair benefits the book room, which supports the classrooms. The library gets funds based on how many students we have, but we could supplement this with another book fair. End-of-year timing could fit well with gift-giving holidays. Proposal is to use Follett, whose book fairs are well-reviewed by other librarians. We already use the Follett catalog to buy materials for our library, so there is a synergy with them already knowing our inventory, and they can send the books already cataloged in our system, which is a big labor saver.
 - Question about whether Scholastic fairs have ever provided funds to the library. Susie isn't aware of it happening since she's been involved in PTSO the past several years.
 - Discussion about community support for a second book fair in the fall generally seems positive.
 - Christy says it would be great if we could have more control over the type of books offered, and would welcome a different kind of product from Scholastic's.
 - Suggestion that we coordinate with Jenny Ellis about timing of a second book fair.
 - Amy will find out more about what is required to book a date with Follett.
 - Christy and Amy agree to be coordinators if this goes forward.
 - Parent concerns: School calendar on Logan website appears blank. Mr. Wright says there may be a glitch with public sharing of the master calendar; he will check with Logan web coordinator.
 - Disability awareness workshop planning is underway, but it seems volunteer signups are low. Susie checked in with the coordinators recently, and they said they will reach out if help is needed. Discussion of doing more outreach to 3rd & 4th grade parents to act as day-of-event volunteers.
- Treasurer – Kerri Randall
 - Busy month. Deposits include a few dues checks still coming in; Fun Run in-school donations of around \$1800 (not including the online system); Amazon Smile check for \$56. Beats & Treats net was \$1600, about \$600 more than last year, and it looks like we're at or under budget for the event costs.
 - Payments out include \$390 for Wiard's field trip bus, B&T expenses, Science Alive fee, and teacher vouchers and grants. At the last meeting we voted to cover some new iPads at \$2250, and we have made another payment for \$317 for cases and service

- plans. Also some FIRST Lego League money going in/out.
- Discussion of whether we need to increase the hospitality budget. April is not present, but Susie conveys a message from her that she is happy to take more funding if we want to grant it. Kerri says she's currently well under-budget, so let's hold off until she expects to go over. If April is here next month we can discuss it again.
 - Stacy asks how we set the PTSO Thrift Shop income item in the budget. Answer: The current value of \$1500 is based on past years' experience, but it can vary from year to year depending on TS income.
 - PTSO can now use AAPS discount at Office Depot.
 - Secretary – Aron Butler
 - Asked for questions or comments on October meeting minutes. None heard. Called a vote to approve the minutes and it passed. Will send the finalized minutes to Rebecca for posting to our website.
 - Fundraising Chair – Christina Shinsky
 - Fun Run transactions are done except for a few last checks and prizes to give out. Still waiting on final net proceeds, but it should be around \$12k after vendor fee and re-registration for next season. They offer a discount for locking in next year's registration, and given our positive experience it made sense to do it. Will look into other services they offer, but we feel like this level of involvement worked pretty well. We exceeded our \$7500 goal by far, and got some good data from their platform. We had 53% of students registered, and 50% donated, which significantly exceeded last year. Comments from others about how easy it is to share links for online donation.
 - Discussion of a possible fundraiser event with Barre Code (located just south of Logan on Plymouth). We'd cover two instructors at \$45/each, then PTSO gets \$20 per participant for up to 32 people.
 - Discussion of other possible fundraisers. Could try a yoga event at the nearby Ita Studio. Could do complementary mom's night at Barre Code and dad's night at Rappourt. Rappourt has hosted fundraisers for Thurston and Clague. Discussion of possible dates in Jan and Feb.
 - Volunteer Coordinator – Christy Landefeld
 - Please try to get any volunteer help wanted requests to me by Friday morning.

Committee Chair Reports

- Stacy Tiburzi – PTSO Thrift Shop coordinator
 - We will get a check for \$340 from Veterans Day from raffle sales. Susie says great job, this seems like more than usual.
 - Stacy reviews the three fundraising programs run by the Thrift Shop for anyone who may be unaware. One is the Veterans Day raffle for up to \$500. The second is to include ads for their quarterly promo in our newsletters, which earns \$50 per newsletter up to \$500 per year. The third is called "show your support" where anyone who makes >\$5 purchase at the Thrift Shop gets a token that can be entered into a competition with other schools where the one with the most tokens in a certain period wins cash. They post on their website which schools are competing during which weeks, something we

- could pass along in one of our publications to let families know it would be a good time to shop there.
- Aron asks to clarify that these programs raise funds in addition to yearly Thrift Shop proceeds disbursement to the schools. Answer is yes.
 - Science Fair – Kerri Randall
 - We have set the Science Fair date for Thursday Feb 21st.
 - Social Events Coordinator – Tanya Whelan & Tierra Jackson
 - Attendance at Beats & Treats was great, with over 200 people. The new solar lights worked well for the walkway behind the school. Seemed like all the prizes and pumpkins made it home with the right people.
 - Talent show audition dates are set for Thursday 12/6 and Friday 12/7. Flyers are going home tomorrow to sign up, also in eBackpack. Event date is Friday 1/25, with the Weds before as dress rehearsal. Will need several volunteers to help with auditions.
 - Aron asks about food sales. We switched to chips last year to simplify; we could try to use our new popcorn machine if we want to commit to setup/cleanup.
 - Discussion of other logistical details from last year, including whether to limit number of acts one person can participate in. Normally we give 3 mins; could consider limiting this but notes from last year suggest most acts are less than 2.5 mins.
 - Science Olympiad is May 11th (Mother's Day weekend) at Pioneer High School. Online registration goes live on 11/18, and is when kids pick their top three events. There is a parent meeting on 12/6 where we will try to recruit coaches. We are happy to have Rebecca Totsuka as our event supervisor.
 - Sarah says the Michigan humanities grant will be available soon, which could cover up to 40% of cost of the Drummunity event (date in January). She will hold off on scheduling any additional events until after January. If anyone is familiar with grant-writing and wants to help, that would be great.
 - Yearbook – Rosi Torres *[from Carlos Brito]*
 - Picture retakes today went smoothly. Had roughly 3-4 kids per classroom.
 - Mr. Wright says please send him any feedback on school pictures. We haven't yet committed to another year with this company, and would like to see how the yearbooks turn out before doing so.
 - Tierra says getting each class through the process on picture day did move slower than usual, but probably because they seemed to spending time to make sure the photos looked good.

Adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 12th at 9am in the Logan Mini Theater.