

Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes
March 7th 2018
Logan Mini Theater 9:00 AM

Attendees: Amanda McMurtrie, Susie Guest, Will Wright, Sarah Jenkins, Lily Guzman, Pamela Fine, Eleonore Zetoune, Pauline McLaughlin, Christina Shinsky, Carlos Brito, Kerri Randall, Aron Butler

Meeting start time: 9:01 am

Principal Report – Will Wright

- Thanks to all the volunteers for a successful disability awareness workshop last Friday.
- Report cards are coming home next week. Included will be personalized learning plans from fall conferences showing updated progress and goals.
- Proposed summer book exchange
 - Summer learning loss is something that affects all students to varying degrees, and one way to combat it is to keep kids reading over the summer. Some students may not have many books at home that are of interest to them, so Mr. Wright proposes a book exchange at the end of the school year (later clarifying that there is no requirement to bring a book in order to get one).
 - To make this work, we'll ask Logan families to take a look at their bookshelves and consider donating any age-appropriate books that they don't expect to use anymore. When he was in Milan the school did this and it seemed to go well. Sarah says that Logan did something similar here a few years ago during reading month.
 - Mr. Wright asks: Can PTSO coordinate this? Will need to make flyers, organize the donation and sorting activities, then pick a "shopping date" toward the end of the year where books will be put out for kids to browse. Susie says, yes, PTSO is happy to help run this.
- There is a national school walk-out being organized for March 14th to protest school violence. Secondary-level kids are quite organized, and AAPS principals and administrators are generally supportive of this exercise of first amendment rights. Expect more details to come from district level, as well as a letter from Mr. Wright.
 - His personal view is that issues around school violence are not appropriate for elementary-age kids, and so he has no plans to hold any discussions at Logan or participate in the walk-outs. His responses to questions from students will focus on the teachers and staff being there to ensure school is a safe place. Any parents who want their kids to participate in protest activities will need to come sign them out.
 - Question: What kind of training Logan does staff have had on this topic? Mr. Wright says that in 2013 he and many Logan staff took part in ALICE training with other Washtenaw County schools and law enforcement agencies. Logan has implemented a number of safety-related measures since then, the main focus being on securing the school perimeter and controlling access via the front door.
 - Additional discussion on concerns about doors that don't close properly on their own, and cleaning contractors propping doors open. Mr. Wright said the contractors are

supposed to minimize door propping, and that some doors are affected by salt and ice in the winter. He made a note to follow up on these.

- Question about how information about a shooter event would be communicated to parents. Mr. Wright says the district has a crisis team that would provide advice, but School Messenger calls and/or emails would likely be utilized.

Teacher Report – Tierra Jackson [via Susie]

- Logan families enjoyed another annual National African American Parent Involvement Day sponsored by our Logan Student Council. Families participated in a parent breakfast, multicultural potluck, diversity assembly, and classroom visits. Parts of our assembly can be seen on Logan's Facebook page. Logan's NAAPID activities were also featured in the February 12th MLive Ann Arbor News! We are so excited to carry on Joe Dulin's vision of community and celebration of diversity each year.
- Logan students are participating in Spread the Word again this year. Students & staff will sign a pledge to treat everyone with respect and use kind words. For more information about this campaign, you can visit <https://www.r-word.org/>.
- WIDA testing is taking place during February & March. This is the state assessment for students qualifying for ELL support, similar to MSTEP.
- We kicked off March is Reading Month with presentations in our classroom. This month students will participate in READO BINGO, Guess Your Teacher's Bookshelf, and A Reading Spirit Week. We will end the month with our celebration assembly on Friday, March 23rd at 3pm.
- Student Council Report: With the help of the Logan Community, we were able to raise almost \$4000 for Pennies for Patients. We still have online donations coming in! Mr. Yenor's class won the Olive Garden party by raising \$963.
- Science Olympiad: Teams have begun practicing and attending workshops. We have 9 weeks until the competition.

Officer Reports

- President – Susie Guest
 - Second grade movie night scheduled for March 16th from 4-6pm. Plan to use PTSO popcorn machine, but Susie asks that someone check to make sure it is in working order ahead of time. Sarah says Rosi also has a popcorn machine she can bring, and expects popping will start the night before.
 - Thanks to Lily for cleaning out Lost and Found. Any items remaining next Friday will be donated.
 - Birthdays on the lawn sign: We have had several parent questions about how to get their child's birthday up there. Many schools offer this for a donation, but per our discussion at an earlier meeting, we prefer to make it a raffle basket prize. Let's plan to put a clarifying note in the upcoming E-backpack.
 - Parent concern about lunch supervisors being on their phones. Mr. Wright says there is written guidance for lunch supervisors prohibiting this, but he will follow-up during his next meeting with them.

- Susie asks whether there are any updates on the playground work. Mr. Wright says last word from Matt Campanela (playground equipment company contact) was they were thinking of doing a bunch of summer installations, but he will get in touch and let them know we are happy to start this spring if that works for them. We can request they do one playground at a time so the kids will have someplace to go during construction.
- Treasurer – Kerri Randall
 - Income: Amazon Smile support is small but growing. Big check from PTSO Thrift Store. Also raffle sales, Busch’s rewards. Payments out include Coopers Fun Run field trip, AAHOM program, teacher vouchers, and art supplies including cork strips. Still waiting to see how field trip bus costs turn out.
- Secretary – Aron Butler
 - Nothing to report.
- Fundraising Chair – Christina Shinsky
 - Carnival silent auction:
 - Solicitation is underway and we are starting to get some items in response including: Liberty Athletic Club spa and swim class passes, Learning Express basket, restaurant gift cards for nearby, family pack movie passes. American girl doll request was submitted. Teacher experiences were very popular last year, so we have about a dozen of those. Also have happy birthday lawn sign postings, one per month during school year (summer months go up in June).
 - Some other ideas still on the list to try: Ann Arbor parks/livery passes, family photo packages from local photographers, passes to Greenfield Village, Rolling Hills water park. Lily says she works for Washtenaw county and will ask about county parks passes. Discussion of corporate offerings, including some details about Disney items.
 - Question about whether there is a committee. Christina says no committee, but Christy is helping and she welcomes other volunteers.
 - Question about how the AirTime fundraiser turned out. Due to the reschedule, we didn’t get a big turnout, so we are still negotiating on what they will end up donating. May ask them for donation of silent auction item in lieu of percentage of attendance at earlier fundraiser night. Was very easy to set up, so we should consider doing it again.
 - Kerri asks whether we need a state permit for upcoming raffles. Amanda says that if a ticket is purchased (money exchanged) and there is a drawing (winning by chance), then it is considered gambling by the state and we should seek a license/permit. There is up to 6 weeks leadtime for the license, and paperwork is filed afterwards showing the profit after expenses. Tax may be due if profit is above certain amount.
- Academic Coordinator – Christy Landefeld [via Susie]
 - Karim Nagi performances:
 - Mr. Nagi will be visiting on the morning of Thursday, April 12, 2018. He will be giving 2 presentations - one for K-2 and one for 3-5 grades. Karim is an established musician and performer who will be visiting several Ann Arbor schools.
 - April is National Arab American Heritage Month. Karim’s presentations will provide cultural exposure to traditional and modern Arab music and dance. I encourage Logan families to check out his website - this is sure to be a unforgettable performance!

- Question for Kerri: Have we gotten an invoice for this? We were expecting it to come in February. Answer is no invoice yet, but we did get the donation from the sponsoring family.
- Book fair: volunteers Sunday 3/18 from 12-3pm to help set up, then it runs M-Thurs the following week. Thanks to Mr. Wright and Yenor for helping make arrangement. Looking for no need to email. Book/art extravaganza planning is going well, looking for volunteers to help with event. Look for flyers/emails.
- Book fair:
 - Our Scholastic Book Fair run from Mon. 3/19 - Thurs 3/22. Set up will be Sunday, March 18 from 12-3pm - Thank you Mr. Wright & Mr. Yenor for helping us arrange weekend setup!
 - With the new furniture we are looking to borrow 6-8 long folding tables from Logan families for the duration of the Book Fair. They should be dropped off Friday after school (aware of movie night) or between 12-3 on Sunday. Storage in PTSO closet is fine. Discussion among a few folks present suggests they can provide the tables without need to make further requests.
 - Flyers for the book fair will be delivered to teachers by Thursday morning for Friday Folder distribution.
- Planning for the Great Art & Book Extravaganza is going very well. A Sign-Up Genius for this event will be sent home this weekend looking for several volunteers to assist with snack distribution, craft assistance, and book fair help. A flyer for this event will be given to staff next week for Friday Folder distribution on 3/16. Many staff members have been recruited to help with the literacy stations but we just need one more "celebrity reader."

Committee Chair Reports

- Beautification – Rosi Torres & Carlos Brito
 - Carlos circulates ballots to vote for 12 of 20 choices to be used in the art card fundraiser. PTSO members attendees vote. Childrens' names are masked here, as they will be on the cards.
- Yearbook – Rosi Torres [via Susie]
 - Mr. Wright says choice of company was made to a clear winner, one who will give a yearbook to each child and 20% back to the school, plus Rosi liked their layout software. Just did a 1-yr agreement for 2018 since the contract was a little vague on some points, so we want some flexibility.
 - Rosi has uploaded a lot of photos and is working with teachers to get additional materials. Also looking for parent volunteers to help with yearbook.
 - Carlos has 350 stones ready for family art night, during which they will be painted for placement along the path to the upper playground and possibly elsewhere in school gardens.
- Goals & Bylaws -- Pamela Fine
 - Goals meeting is Weds March 14th, at 6:30pm in the mini-theater. After the meeting she will summarize goals and send them out to PTSO for review. She asks Mr. Wright to circulate it to staff as well.
 - Officer and chair positions for 2018-19 are open for nominations now (let Pamela know).

Goal is to finalize slate by May.

Adjourned at 9:56am.

Next Meeting Date: April 4th at 9am in the Logan Mini Theater.