

Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018
Logan Mini Theater 9am

Attendees: Will Wright, Cindy Fellows, Sarah Jenkins, Tierra Jackson, Eleonore Zetoune, Pamela Fine, Jen Stieve Swarup, April Weber, Jisun Sukpraphrute, Rebecca Lazarus, Carlos Brito, Kerri Randall, Susie Guest, Aron Butler

Meeting start time: 9:04 am

Principal Report – Will Wright

- Last week I attended the MEMSPA conference to meet with other principals and do some professional development.
- Recap of disability awareness workshop last month. We had great volunteer support from coordinators Marisela and Jisun plus many others.
- The email from our superintendent last week about lead testing wasn't great news, but we are in the process of mitigation. There are two action levels: 5 ppb is the AAPS standard and 15 ppb is the federal EPA limit. Any AAPS water outlet found above 5 ppb is taken out of service for remediation. Results showed 18 test points at Logan above 5 ppb, and these have been closed for remediation.
 - Question about which faucets are being tested, with concerns that kids may be drinking from, or filling water bottles from, bathroom sinks. Same question about the lunch kitchen taps. Mr. Wright doesn't think bathroom sinks are being tested, since drinking from them is not expected, but he will investigate exactly which points were tested and ask teachers to communicate to kids not to drink from bathrooms. His advice is to send your kids with a reusable water bottle and tell them to use the bottle filling stations.
- Want to let folks know Sheila Fitch, a longtime staff member, will be out for a while following cancer-related surgery. We understand the surgery went well, and she is recovering at this point.
 - Question about whether there is anything she needs, any support we could provide. Tierra says that Logan staff have been working on some items, but will let us know if there is something more.
- It would be a good time to think about purchasing the next round of fifth grade planner notebooks and locker locks, assuming we have the means. Kerri says yes, we have a budget line item. Mr. Wright will send the order form to PTSO.

Teacher Report – Tierra Jackson

- Busy month. PLTW is up and going for all grades. Student Council arranged donation of 689 items to FG. Fifth grade Safety Squad learned about putting flags at half staff. Academic games club is still going strong, and have upcoming meetings and tournaments. FLL and FLL Jr represented Logan well at their competitions, we're very proud.
- Talent show auditions are complete and we have 26 acts set to go. Dress rehearsal is Weds January 23rd and we'll need some volunteer help there. Talent Show is Friday

January 25th.

- Science Olympiad is Saturday, May 11th. Registration went live on November 18th. Parent meeting was last Weds, and the slides are available via Logan's Science Olympiad Shutterfly site. We're still looking for grade level coordinators and a raffle basket coordinator; you don't need a student participating to take one of these roles. Susie suggests these volunteer requests be sent to Christy for the weekly volunteer email.

Officer Reports

- President – Susie Guest
 - Brief recap of the fall book fair discussion from last time. We're still waiting for tentative dates.
 - Parent concern about kids getting very dirty playing in the gaga pit. The ground surface inside is currently just dirt/mud. A paved surface seems too dangerous, but other options might include plastic tiles or sand, though sand might slow down play too much. Another factor is that we plan to move the pit when the footpath is relocated next year, so let's revisit this discussion when the path is done. In the meantime Mr. Wright will try to close the pit if it looks too muddy. Also a good idea for kids to have a change of clothes in their backpacks.
 - Parent concern about a student mentioning that their parent was on the PTSO, apparently in an effort to exert influence in a situation. Discussion of how any appearance of favoritism must be avoided.
- Treasurer – Kerri Randall
 - Recent deposits include \$10,100 for Fun Run online donations (after fees and next year's registration), PTSO Thrift Store proceeds of \$300, and checks from FIRST Lego League registration and Busch's.
 - Recent payments include teacher vouchers, FIRST Lego League costs, and field trips.
 - Current account balance is about \$44k; this is about \$4k higher than last year, so that's good news.
 - Discussion of need to increase the hospitality budget items. April reviewed recent expenditures, highlighting conference night and staff appreciation week as the biggest outlays. She expects she could use at least another \$100. Proposal is made to shift some money between staff appreciation and hospitality budget items to finish this year, and then increase both items to \$700 for next year. **VOTE to adjust this year's budget by a total of \$350 PASSED, none opposed.**
 - Discussion of expansion of Science Fair activities as outlined in the committee report section below. Dave requests another \$250 to cover materials. **VOTE to increase by \$250 (for \$300 total) PASSED, none opposed.**
 - Discussion of making FIRST Lego robotics program into its own nonprofit organization to manage its own funding, grants, etc., separate from PTSO funding structure. This new entity should have a dedicated staff member, rather than a parent volunteer that changes every couple of years, so let's think about who that might be. We could consider running a year-round Lego robotics club to maintain interest and have a group of kids ready to jump into the fall season FIRST projects.

- Secretary – Aron Butler
 - Asked for questions or comments on November meeting minutes, none was heard. **VOTE to approved PASSED, none opposed.** Will send out the finalized minutes shortly.
- Fundraising Chair – Christina Shinsky *[from Susie Guest]*
 - Reminder about Barre Code fundraiser next month. Flyers came home, and it was mentioned in December e-backpack. We've had several folks sign up already.
 - Also working on Dad's night out in February at Rappourt. Suggestion was made to highlight the non-alcoholic and vegetarian food options for any who might be concerned about the venue.
- Academic Coordinator – Sarah Jenkins
 - Michigan Arts and Humanities Council grant application has a submission timeline window that follows a certain time after the event (rather than specific calendar dates) so I'm working on that.
 - An idea for another program might be dancing. Sarah has a contact who described doing school programs where the kids would learn some steps and then perform a brief routine at the end, a bit like how Drummunity works. Is this of interest? We would have to figure out how to make the time and space requirements. Discussion suggests there is support, so Sarah will explore further.
 - Wubben is looking for new smocks (made from old adult T-shirts) and scratch paper. How should we publicize? Shirt request can go in the volunteer request note; for scratch paper we will place a box in the copy room.
 - There might be an upcoming opportunity for us to attend a Scholastic book fair seminar and earn some money for the school.

Committee Chair Reports

- Science Fair – Dave Randall *[from Kerri Randall]*
 - Discussion of expanding science fair to include some in-school sessions of small group projects for students who aren't able to do projects at home. These could be run by volunteers, possibly parents or university students, most likely during lunch time. Discussion of getting in touch with engineering and nursing school societies/groups to run projects in their fields. Consensus was generally supportive of the idea, with next step being to work out some tentative dates/times with Mr. Wright, then begin recruiting volunteers.
- Yearbook – Rosi Torres *[from Carlos Brito]*
 - We still have around 40 art card sets available, which make great holiday gifts. You can buy them from me any time, and we will be working on publicizing this.
 - Yearbook group candids will happen in February. Website for parent uploads requires account creation, so if you don't want to do that you can just email them to Rosi.
- Disability Awareness Workshop – Jisun Sukpraphrute
 - Event was successful overall. One tip for next time is to avoid scheduling the workshop during a holiday week, as it's very hard to get volunteers. Also it would be good to get parents to come back multiple years so they are experienced. Discussion of some ideas

for increasing parent participation.

Adjourned at 10:01 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 9th, at 9am in the Logan Mini Theater.