

Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2018
Logan Mini Theater 9:00 AM

Attendees: Susie Guest, Aron Butler, Christina Shinsky, Kerri Randall, Christy Landefeld, Will Wright, Chris Culbertson, Lily Guzmán, Eleonore Zetoune, Pauline McLaughlin, Rosalba Torres

Meeting start time: 9:03 am

Principal Report – Will Wright

- Kindergarten Roundup is Feb 7th. We will get materials out shortly, but feel free to start spreading the word to friends and neighbors. This event is important to help us get a count of incoming students.
- We got a check from Hungry Howie's, but it's made out to Logan Elementary. Suggest we try depositing it in the PTSO account instead of going through the district account. Kerri says she thinks this has worked in the past.
- Update on school photos:
 - Some parents had expressed some customer service concerns with the current photo and yearbook company.
 - Mr. Wright asked three vendors (including the current company, for comparison) to submit price plans and options for next school year, including a requirement that the cost structure covers a free yearbook for every student. Mr. Wright circulated a summary sheet of package options and prices and he highlighted key differences such as options for digital downloads, backdrops, student ID printing, and rebate levels to school. He would like some initial feedback from us.
 - Christina says that the third option seems to provide the most flexibility.
 - Kerri says we might also consider how useable the yearbook software interface is. Mr. Wright points out that each company offers to produce the yearbook if there is no school volunteer willing to do the layouts, etc.
 - Susie says we should not forget about customer service on picture day. On this point, Mr. Wright says his impression is that the first picture day is often like "mass production" just to get through all the kids, and then retake day is where they can take more time to get better pictures for those who want them.
 - Mr. Wright says Company A (on the handout) is the previous company we used a few years ago. He's heard from another principal whose school has used this company for several years that the company went through some management transitions and are a better company now than earlier when we had decided to drop them.
 - Mr. Wright intends to do a one-year contract this time, especially if we change vendors. Let him know any follow-up questions or suggestions.
- The new furniture is in, so take a look in the classrooms if you haven't seen it yet. He's received positive feedback from the teachers.

Teacher Report – Tierra Jackson & Chris Culbertson

- Mr. Culbertson says new furniture is very flexible for configuration, and "very cool" overall.

- NWEA testing starts this week.
- Science Olympiad is Saturday May 12th at Pioneer. Logan orientation meeting is tonight at 6:30 in the mini-theater. Coordinators are needed for each grade level. We also need to assemble a raffle basket, so we're looking for a coordinator for that.
- Talent show is Thursday January 18th at 6pm, with dress rehearsal on January 16th starting at 4pm. We still need some volunteers to help out with these events, so email Mrs. Jackson if you can help. There will be a surprise staff performance again this year.
- Heritage Festival is Thursday April 19th. There's a planning meeting Tuesday January 16th at 4pm in Mr. Culbertson's classroom. He acknowledges that this is the same time as the Talent Show dress rehearsal, but that shouldn't be problematic.

Officer Reports

- President – Susie Guest
 - Goals Committee meeting is set for Weds March 14th at 6:30pm. Budget planning meeting will be scheduled soon after.
 - Nominations for 2018/19 Officer and Chair positions will be accepted beginning in March. Report of slate to be shared at the April 2018 PTSO meeting and finalized in May.
 - Lily had asked about creating a mini-library somewhere near Logan, like exist in other neighborhoods around town.
 - Discussion of what kind of books it should contain, and whether donations of used books would be sufficient to stock it. General consensus was that it could have a mix of genres for children and adults and purchasing books should not be necessary.
 - Discussion of ways to cover the cost to build, estimated at \$200-400, including drawing from the Beth Trossen Fund, doing a change drive at Book Fair, and/or asking for sponsorship from Carpenter Brothers hardware. Mr. Wright suggests we could probably save significant cost by downloading free plans and asking for some parent volunteers to build it with cost reimbursement. He thinks the facilities staff would be willing to put up the finished product for us.
 - Discussion of optimal location, benefits of being nearer the building for students versus nearer the street for more public neighborhood access. Consensus seemed to be for nearer the street, like just up from the crosswalk on the SW corner of the school property.
 - Lily will do more research on designs and costs and present some options at the next meeting.
 - Parent concerns about busing: Is anyone aware of Logan students missing their stops or getting hurt on the bus? (No one present indicated they were.) There have apparently been a number of complaints across the district against Durham (the bus company), and this topic is on the agenda for the January 17th school board meeting. Discussion about whether PTSO should send something out school-wide about this. Since no one present was aware of any specific incidents with Logan students, consensus was that PTSO didn't need to elevate the issue at this time.
 - Susie will be out of town on the date of the February PTSO meeting. She will set the agenda and Christy Landefeld will run the meeting.

- Treasurer – Kerri Randall
 - Kerri distributed a summary update on finances. We got a donation check from Kroger for \$308, a \$23 refund from Cinemark for unused field trip movie tickets, also some other restaurant fundraiser checks. End-of-year donation drive resulted in four \$100 checks. A few voided checks related to teacher vouchers were also noted. Most outgoing cash flow was related to First Lego League activities.
 - Update on bus requirements for Storer YMCA camp field trip. Trip coordinators are asking for parent volunteers to haul luggage in private vehicles, with the expectation that we can limit hired transportation to a single bus each day.
 - Mr. Culbertson asks whether we ordered a multipurpose room flag for Saudi Arabia. Kerri says we have several flags waiting to go up, but still need to order one for SA. She will take care of that. Mr. Culbertson says the others should be hung shortly.
- Secretary – Aron Butler
 - Nothing to report.
- Fundraising Chair – Christina Shinsky
 - Family social night fundraiser at Airtime indoor trampoline park is this Friday January 12th from 3-11pm. Cost is \$10 for 2 hours of play time, with PTSO getting \$1 for each participant. Airtime is located near Whole Foods on Eisenhower.
 - Three volunteers have stepped up to help solicit donations for the silent auction at the Carnival spring social (Friday June 1st). Ideas discussed were tickets to events (sports games, shows), passes to family activities (Greenfield Village, swimming pools, Learning Express, Hands on Museum), or parent outings like spas, restaurants. Some folks mentioned having seen binders at some businesses showing their history of donated passes or credits including Liberty Athletic Club and Planet Rock. Please forward any ideas or leads to Christina.
- Academic Coordinator – Christy Landefeld
 - A Logan family contacted Ms. Lower to suggest a visit by Karim Nagi, an arabic music performer. His website looks great, and he tailors the program to the age groups, so looks very good. Two performances have been scheduled for Thursday April 12th, one for upper and one for lower el. Cost is \$750, and some of it may be sponsored by the family that suggested the program. If PTSO covered the full cost, we'd have \$465 left in our enrichment budget for the school year. Since we probably can't expect a program to come to the school for this little, we could roll it over to next year or consider moving it to field trip busing to help cover a projected shortfall there, as discussed last time. **Kerri moves to transfer surplus performance/enrichment funds to field trip busing. Susie seconds and the motion passes.**
 - Deadline for getting student writing samples back to Brainstormers is next Tuesday. Brief discussion about some teachers feeling like they are having trouble fulfilling this request. Mr. Wright will emphasize that existing composition material is sufficient, it doesn't have to be something newly created for this purpose.
 - Planning meeting for Book Fair family night is next Wednesday January 17th at 8:15am in the art room. Hoping to get some book readers from Logan staff, possibly something else. Event date is March 21st.

Committee Chair Reports

- Hospitality – April Weber
 - From Susie: Still looking for coverage of snacks at upcoming staff meetings. Email April or see PTSSO Help Wanted email to sign up.
- Box Tops – Karen Wasco
 - From Susie: Doesn't seem like many folks are using the app yet. It does provide some extra benefits, so it's worth trying. More details are in email.
 - Classroom prize this month is extra electronics time.
- Lawn Sign Coordinator – Lily Guzmán
 - We're wrapping up posting of student birthdays won as silent auction prizes. Discussion of whether and how we might continue to do this through the end of the school year.
 - Suggestion that student council could make it a fundraiser.
 - Mr. Culbertson says that pay to play seems ethically problematic. Mr. Wright points out that funds raised by this pay to play in this case go on to benefit all kids through PTSSO-funded programs, classroom materials, etc.
 - Discussion of other ways to recognize birthdays, including on the hallway screens, recognition at assemblies. Someone points out that some families don't celebrate birthdays or want to keep the date private.
 - General consensus that silent auction is ok, as it allows families option not to participate as well.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Tiffany Beckerleg and Ana Grbic
 - From Susie: Still need some volunteers to help with Talent Show dress rehearsal on January 16th starting at 4pm. Please use sign-up via email or contact Mrs. Jackson.

Adjourned at 10:09 am.

Next Meeting Date: Feb 1st at 7pm in Logan Mini Theater.