District PTO Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023
10-11 AM
District Office

Approval of Apr. 12 Minutes: Approved by Melissa Wussow, Megan Hadler, and Rae Dobash (with update to add Melissa Wussow as attendee on 4/12)

Attendees: Dr. Lisa Leali, Nicole Elliott, Josh Fox, Carleigh Goldsberry, Mallory Jorgenson, Allyson Perry, Megan Hadler, Rae Dobash, Cristy Winston, Wendy Engelland, Julie Bell, Christy Dunnick, Melissa Wussow (In Person); Lauren Armstrong, Adrienne Murrill (on Zoom).

Superintendent Update: Dr. Lisa Leali

- Strategic Plan is progressing on target:Last survey is done. Reviewed at the last board meeting. Final review and approval scheduled for May 23 board meeting.
- Mark Barry's last meeting was during the last meeting and there was a fantastic reception; Laura Breakstone gets sworn in May 9
- May 9 Board Meeting: Will discuss financial commitment to musical and financing.
- Working through lighting concerns with the neighbors regarding parking lot
- Roof work and ventilation will be done in the summer
- 8th grade promotion planning is going well. Promotion is June XX
- 6th graders in Springfield 5/4
- 6-8th field trips for next year were approved on 4/25
- Intervention and enrichment enhancements will occur next year

Financial Update: Steve Teegarden

President Report: Nicole Elliott

- Dr. Leali threw out the first pitch at the inaugural 12 U LB Travel Softball game on 4/30–thank you!
- Sport Court–waiting for Village Permit; Regional Permit has been received; Materials are in for sport court, so will schedule as soon as all permits are final. Nicole to work on signage as well.

- Storage Unit: Contracted for a 10 x 15 Unit (#1312) at Life Storage next to Target; will move all items over in the next coming weeks.
- Financial migration to Toolkit/Dashboard Report: Nicole to meet with Steve T to begin the migration process.
- Executive Team Meeting: Nicole to set up within next two weeks
    - Will meet to help establish timeline for when pertinent things need to happen; We need better documentation of who needs to do what when
    - Need to solidify big dates/events for next year
        - Pumpkin Chase Oct. 28 (Bash Oct 27)?
        - Golf Event for next Spring?
    - Finalize slate for all areas
    - Will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at Noon at Nicole's
- Beach Bash-June 7: After school gets out?
    - Pizzeria Deville guy-Nicole to call
    - Allyson Perry and Lauren Armstrong to work with PD on confirming shelter
- Final PTO Meeting/Celebration: May 31st at Hansa Coffee or Mimosas 🙂

Fundraising/Community Partners: Josh Fox

- $3000 more was received from sponsorships. Josh–sponsorships will start in August for next year.
- Forest Ortho wants to do something during Teacher Appreciate;
    - LoMastro and Jenny's Dance are ideas for next year sponsorships

LBES Update: Megan Hadler

- April growing up events occurred; boys had twice the attendance of the girls; 4th graders next year; a pediatrician can help for next year (Dr. Bauer can provide one). Get this on the calendar for 2024.
- Bookfair: 5/17-18, money is sent for kids
- Time Travelers on 5/25
- Clap off and picnic for 5th graders-icy truck and volunteers
    - Room moms for clap off signs–5th grade signs
    - Megan will work with others for a giveaway (metal water bottles with Bobcat logo)
- 5th grade social/6th grade May 10: Tables and trash cans; PTO owns bingo now; gift cards for prizes. Cut off is this Friday for sign up.

- Get any event dates for May to Megan for social media
    - 8th Grade Grad Reminders-Christy Dunnick to send to Megan
- Link Tree for Instagram is updated with calendar events, school lunches, etc. It is an incredible resource (thanks Megan) that we need to publicize more.
    - How do we link to the website?

LBMS Update: Allyson Perry

- Slate is looking great.
- Mallory Jorgensen came to the meeting.
- PTO yearbook rep is needed for middle school; Stephanie Rickmeier for middle school?
- 7th Grade Social-Dance at Croya (80s Theme) on 5/4
- Amazing Race-Week of their promotion (6/2 after school)
- May 18-Art Fair: Need to add line item in budget for 2024 (gift cards)
- 8th Grade Graduation: 141 Planters sold; Kudos, etc. due on 5/5; Graduation is 6/6 in the gym.
- Kick off to a reading program; prizes in the fall
- Gordon Korman: $541.62 for Travel expenses; was a success. Ms. Jogenson has ideas for next year, perhaps an illustrator or graphic novelist, someone who reenacts a story or is interactive - Rae saw something similar at showcase; will share with Mallory

Teacher/Staff/Administration Appreciation: Lauren Hirsh/Alex Benz

- May 8-12! PTO will be providing (not in this order):
    - Lolos Bowls
    - The Waffle Guy
    - A snack candy/cart
    - Crumbl cookies
    - Hansa Coffee
- Forest Ortho wants to fund a Teacher Appreciation event. Josh to work with Lauren and Alex for how to support.
- Chalk the walk or notes of thanks to start the week for Monday, May 8?

Communications/Curriculum Enhancement: Rae Dobash

- Wheel of Wisdom occurred at LBES on 4/28. It was shared that there is the desire to do this for LBMS again next year. It is a way for the students who have earned bluffer cards to be rewarded and middle schoolers really enjoy it.
- Rae and Melissa Wussow attended a Premier Showcase on 5/2–Thank you!: Many ideas were shared/demonstrated, ie. kickoff to summer w/ portable roller rink, interactive traveling theater, etc.

New Families: Kristi Helmer

- No new family updates

Bluffer Activities Updates: Melissa Wussow

- $200 for El Norte.
- Desire to do Charleston Wrap next year; Rae can send Melissa info
- Working to finalize bigger Bluffer events for next year (Pretzels, Pies, etc.)

Alliance Update: Megan McIntyre/New Designee?

Spirit Wear Update: Cristy Winston & Wendy Engelland

- Sticker Mule: School logos on keychains ($4) and stickers ($2)
- Good spring/summer colors for T-shirts and hats: Live today through Kiddles; will allow for delivery the first week of June; will put on social media and website.
- Pop up tables at all events going on–Middle school band and chorus

APT Update: Amy Connell-Donahue

- Not able to attend.
- Foundation Lunch was on 4/28 and raised over $65k; Prom is May 6th and graduation is June 3rd.

End of Meeting: 5/3/2023 @ 11:15 AM; Minutes taken by Nicole Elliott