

2023-11-1 General PTA Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order - Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Financial Report of Treasurer - Ian Isaacs

- a. Harvest Festival under budget by \$300
- b. Teacher grants from last year, those checks finally deposited
- c. Executive Board voted to put money into CDs - \$30,820 left in account, interest earned should cover operating costs

4. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Holiday Giving - Senia Lee

- Gathering items from November 13-December 11 for Carmen to give to families in need. Gift cards, journals, Lego sets, stickers, pens, etc. can be purchased from Amazon Wishlist.

Harvest Festival Committee - Kellena Collier

- 500+ people in attendance, \$300 under budget due to using supplies from past years and getting donations from Fred Meyer and Safeway (cupcakes), T&R Backflow (pizzas), Jennie Hill photobooth

5. Existing Business - None

6. New Business

- **Rhiannon Newhouse - Girl Scouts**

- Informational meeting being held on Thursday, November 16 from 6-7 PM at Lowrie, if enough people are interest, could form troupe at Lowrie

- **Katie Singer - American Heart Association**

- Healthy Heart kick-off on Friday at the morning assembly. Families can go online to register and complete challenge assignments and collect donations - 10% of donations go back to the school for PE supplies. Schools that participate are also eligible to apply for grants.

7. Announcements

November Calendar Dates

Wednesday, November 8 from 4-8 PM - Chipotle Fundraiser

Friday, November 10 - No School, Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 14 - Picture Retakes

Friday, November 17 - Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

November 20-24 - No School, Thanksgiving

December Calendar Dates

Wednesday, December 6 from 6:30-7:30 PM - December General PTA Meeting

Friday, December 8 from 6-8 PM - Holiday Movie Night

Thursday, December 21 from 10-12 Open Gym Day

Thursday, December 28 from 10-12 Open Gym Day

December 18-January 2 - Winter Break

8. Discussion

2023-2024 PTA Goals and Focus - Elevate literacy and celebrate cultural diversity

Lowrie Primary PTA Mission Statement:

The Lowrie PTA serves with the purpose of *celebrating, strengthening, and bringing together* Lowrie families, staff, and the Wilsonville community. We provide Lowrie families and staff with: events to strengthen and build the Lowrie community and celebrate our commonality and diversity; information about Lowrie programs and events; financial support to enrich student learning; and opportunities to be involved with meaningful events that serve the Wilsonville community.

Lowrie Primary PTA Vision Statements:

- The Lowrie PTA will continue to grow our membership and will have an active and diverse organization that is representative of our community.
- We will be an organization with “open arms” that is inclusive and inviting to all members of the Lowrie community.
- We will foster and develop collaborative relationships with Lowrie staff so that the support we provide teachers is truly beneficial and enhancing to their professional effectiveness and contentment.
- The Lowrie PTA will maintain accessibility by keeping costs low and providing events that have no cost.
- We will be an informational hub that parents, staff and the larger community can rely upon for accurate and timely information about school events and student life.
- The Lowrie PTA will be a voice and will be an advocate of Lowrie students and public education in general.

9. Principal's Report on School Work Plan - Christy Freeman**10. Conversation Between Parents and School**

What are your hopes for your child's...

- literacy development this year?
 - Parent comments - A desire to read, longevity (life-long reader), internalize (text to self connection)
 - On library day, parents wish children would bring home books at their level that they will read at home
 - Book Club?
 - 5th Grade Favorites - 5th graders display their favorite book in the library with a write-up like they do in book stores
- math development this year?
- social emotional development this year?

11. Parents offered ideas during discussion

- Could PE, Music and Library teachers present at next year's curriculum night?
- Could these Specials teachers include their lesson plans in the grade level newsletters that are emailed so parents know what children are learning?
- Social-emotional Growth - What is it? What is our focus? And what are the resources we can give parents?
 - Could character trait examples/video links be included in monthly Pack Posts?
 - Could the character trait of the month be listed on the reader board outside the school so parents can know it?
 - Could the Anxiety 101 class or other parenting classes meet over Zoom or share resources via email?

12. Adjournment