

Landrum PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15th, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Landrum Middle School

Board members present: Regan Cartwright, Jessica Sellers, Tiffany Neal, Sarah Ritchie, Erica Connor, Jill Tant, Sarah Schulz, Jamie Day, Ardelle Potter, Kristin Lunsford, Lynn Dostaler

Additional attendees: Troy Kasting, Kelly Gibian, Denise Verheul, Melissa Robinson, Elisha Munago, Geeta George, Edie Williams, Natalie Jamieson, Katie Felts, Dawn Huffer, Mital Patel

Administration Updates:

Mr. Kasting

- Now have 2 assistant principals (1 is part-time)
- New PE paraprofessional starting today
- Hired new ELA teacher for grades 6/7 to replace Ms. Carver (she is on leave this year, may transition to teaching at FLVS next year)
- Thank you for the teacher mini-grants!
- Calculators for testing: provide the specific types of calculators approved for testing so that all students have one available
- Dr. Asplen doing a video at Landrum this Wednesday to showcase the school

Ms. Gibian

- Textbook adoption: ELA is up for a new textbook next year, parents can get involved
- Dec. 2: PVHS will make presentation to 8th graders about Academies

1. Welcome and Introductions - Regan

-New Board Members recognized: Jamie Day, Community Partners Co-Chair and Ardelle Potter, Hospitality Chair...THANK YOU!!!

-Still looking for a Membership Co-Chair

2. Event Highlights - Regan

Staff Lounge Fall décor and snacks

-set up to kick off the fall season and used some new décor. Pictures were taken, and I put them in a clear bin labeled 'Fall Décor' for next year's setup. Aiming for healthier snacks like popcorn and granola bars.

6th-grade Beach Bowl Event

- Super successful event! Parents who missed out would like to see another event in the future. Event sold out super early (at 6th grade orientation), so we did not continue to advertise it
- We were able to pass out many of our membership-level swag items
- Discuss 7th-grade date (Oct 27th) for next Beach Bowl event and have Kara put down the deposit (flyer will need to be updated, and we will need a lead contact - Jessica and Sarah). Will send a save-the-date before opening signups (noting that tickets are limited).

3. Treasurer's Report – Kara and Heather

- Any receipts for Heather - give to Regan
- Anglers club funds - \$500 to start the club
- Need to find easels or buy some.
- Need to vote on the \$716 for the 2 iPads and cases for the ESE classes - motion passes
- Calculators needed for testing. Plan to vote in the future once we know how many are needed and the total cost.

4. Membership - Sarah

- 2 new platinum members from the Beach Bowl event
- Reminder to all Board Members to join the PTO, goal is 100%
- Need to send emails to all gold level members with the spirit wear coupon code. We have the code and will send it out soon. Vendor also has the list of gold members to verify.
- Need to sell and encourage membership at the upcoming Fall Sports Spirit Night (take postcards and signage with QR code), online blasts
- Please pick up your Membership Level items from Sarah today after the meeting

5. Community Partners - Regan

- 2 New Partners: Full Circle College Prep, InFocus Eye Care
- Total \$ raised (kind and in-kind) \$47,750
- Still looking for a vet and a pediatrician to partner with PTO
- Just ordered "All Partner" banner for gym

6. Secret Pal – Sara

- Weeks are October 13, January 26, and April 20
- Got info from all but 2 teachers
- Need to change permissions to access form responses, Elisha will help Sara
- SignupGenius to select teachers, all staff will be covered

7. Spirit Wear/Gym shirts – Abby and Brenna

- Spirit Wear and PE sales update
- Everyone has their PE uniform
- Will have a holiday theme shirt available soon

8. Communications Team – Lisa, Kristin, Jill, Kristin

- Please continue to send pictures from events: communications@landrumpto.com

9. Web Master updates – Jen

-Send Jen schedule for your kid's sport

10. Mini Grants – Heidi

\$2,084 approved for 12 requests.

*Fishing supplies, prizes, line readers, calculators, printer, subscription, organizers, iPad and case

*3 grants pooled to pay for 2 teacher days to complete 8th grade gifted progression process and parent meetings

11. 8th Grade Activities

- **8th Grade Sign:** We're currently in discussions with the vendor, with the goal of launching sales in November.
- **8th Grade Pool & Family Picnic:** We're considering Sawmill Lakes as a potential location in March.
- **8th Grade Experience (Last Day of School):** We're coordinating with the teachers to define the stations, awards, games, etc. For lunch, we're considering options like Chick-fil-A or Papa John's.

12. Staff Appreciation Week *(No Friday)*

Theme: TBD

Tentative Schedule:

- **Monday:** Millie's – Coffee
- **Tuesday:** Tropical Smoothies (possibly with Chick-fil-A – Regan is working on this)
- **Wednesday:** Parent Potluck
- **Thursday:** I Noodle – Buffet style

13. Calendar Planning for the year – Hospitality Committee

-PTO meeting dates will be the third Monday of the month at 11 am for the first half of the year, then switch to the second Monday of the month for the latter half.

-Review the Hospitality Events Calendar for the next three months

HOSPITALITY EVENTS REMAINING 2025

SEPTEMBER

1. TBD - Hospitality meeting to discuss Candy Bar, Science Fair, Holiday Luncheon menu and décor. Ardelle to set date

OCTOBER

1. 10/1 – Fall cookout (provide food only – staff does the cookout) – Regan ordering
2. 10/4 – LMS Cross Country Meet – PTO providing waters (not snacks)... Erica Conner and Ardelle Potter are chairing the event (need to get the tent from the PTO closet the day before)
3. 10/6 – All Fall Sports Spirit Night
 - A way to honor all Landrum students in all fall sports
 - Kids in their jersey get a gift card to Bravos
 - Add tables and chairs outside on sidewalk to allow for more attendance, need volunteers around 4:30 and 7:30
4. TBD - Hospitality meeting with Mr. Kasting to discuss LionFest
5. 10/31 – Halloween Candy Bar in staff lounge

NOVEMBER

1. 11/21 – Science Fair (Provide small catered breakfast and light lunch for 25 judges)

DECEMBER

1. 12/17 - Staff Holiday luncheon in multi-purpose room, give gift cards, catered lunch, decorate room

14. Open discussion and action items

- Discuss other events for 6th grade – Bravoz, movies, bowling again
 - Approx 250 students
 - Weekdays are less busy at the venue
 - Plan later in the year after 7th grade event
- Spread the word for Fall Spirit Night at Trasca, having Mr. Kasting send out