

Lucas PTO Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014
7:00 pm

In attendance: Anna McComas, Andrea Gugliuzza, Joe Bell, Brooke Hill, Pam Ehly, Karrie Merriweather, Helene Volkert, Mike Moore, Jen Sherer, Stacy Tompkins, Joan Taylor, Marielle Schmitt, Adam Thomas, Gary Glenn, Nancy Cassady, Renee Speh, Leslie Veit, Sarah Holmes, Denny Crall, Sarah Galloway, Joe Pavelich, Mary Kenyon

Action items

1. Nancy Cassady: take photo of Ben the crossing guard for yearbook
2. Andrea Gugliuzza: send email to all staff letting them know yearbook deadline is March 10
3. EVERYONE: send candid, group photos for yearbook to Aprille Clarke, clarke.crall@gmail.com
4. EVERYONE: save your paper towel and toilet paper rolls for Fun Night activity
5. EVERYONE: Send suggestions of strong girl superheroes to Fun Night committee (Stacy Tompkins, stacygrovetompkins@gmail.com)

Welcome

- Approval of Minutes from December meeting DONE

Principal's report

Current enrollment: 426 students

Transferred in since Dec. 9: 13 students

Transferred out since Dec. 9: 12 students

Thus our overall enrollment remains steady even as our population shifts every month.

Mike Moore, 5th grade teacher and 6th grade safety patrol supervisor

- Iowa City native
- Central College graduate
- longest tenured Lucas teacher (since 1992-93 school year)
- ([report attached](#))

Pam Ehly, ICCSD, director of instruction for district: her job is to help decide what to teach, how to teach it, and measure whether the students learned it

- overview of Iowa Assessments: how they're used; ([notes attached](#))
- National test (called Iowa assessments b/c developed at U of Iowa);
- we can compare and contrast individual strengths and limitations; usually child doesn't have equal skills in all subject areas;
- what do we do with scores?
 - a. look at growth over time of individual and group of children
 - b. growth over time for cohort group in school (eg graduating class)
 - c. at district and school level, identify strengths and limitations--when we get to units of study can go into greater depth or spend more time;
- why test is given in fall? by giving in fall we can use the data within the same school year
- [Common Core State Standards for Language Arts & Math](#)
- Why is the test given:? local school board rules call for achievement data; state code chapter 12 requires; federal TITLE 1 and No Child Left Behind requirement

- 8th grade test gives a projected ACT score
- Mike Moore: we use info to help guide what we do as a grade level

President's report- Renee Speh

- Short's Burgers Dine Out to Help Out \$245.36
- Volunteer hours value \$17.00
(http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time#sthash.KcKaUw7G.dpbs)

Treasurer's report - [attached](#); [Current budget](#)

Discussion Items:

- Family Supper - Leslie Veit,
 - Renee Speh's neighbor made a quilt to donate to the auction (value \$255, incl. volunteer time)
 - order forms home this week;
 - silent auction 15 items confirmed donated, expecting a few more
- Fun Night
 - We are collecting paper towel and TP rolls-- containers will be in office; also small toys (happy meal-ish) and books;
 - 13 game rooms;
 - looking for good girl superhero suggestions

Committee Reports:

- Free Family Night -- great success! Lots of families attended and had fun
- DEED
 - Women's Basketball game: we had an assembly to promote Lucas night, which is Saturday, 1/25; players are very accessible; get there 30-45 min. early, come down to court to take a picture, some players will talk to the kids;
 - spelling bee March 11 (1st/2nd & 5th/6th & March 13 (3rd/4th) 6:30 pm
 - Mother's Day luncheon notice in April, event May 3, Saturday before Mother's Day--childcare by DEED dads at River Church
- Newsletter - Deadline of Jan.17 for next newsletter.
- [LOEPI](#) -
 - we got \$5,000 Lowe's Toolbox grant--yea! will use for prairie and outdoor classroom;
 - applied for garden grant thru HyVee \$750 should hear by March 1;
 - also submitted proposal to 1st Ave. HyVee for garden;
 - will apply for \$500 grant with SoilMates (NewPi);
 - Jan. 24 mtg 3:10 in library
- Yearbook:
 - mostly need candid shots for yearbook, send to clarke.crall@gmail.com
 - need photo of Ben the crossing guard--Nancy Cassady will take;
 - Halverson will take club photos on Jan. 22 (student council, ORFF, etc.)
 - Deadline is March 17 to Jostens; need info by March 10; email to staff (Andrea)
- DPO- similar info to Pam Ehly's report tonight

Committee Chairs needed for 2014-15:

- Co-presidents elect -Please consider this very important position
- MMD/Fundraising

Upcoming meeting dates: February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12