



District PTO Meeting Minutes

Mar 1, 2023
10-11am

Zoom: <https://lb65-org.zoom.us/j/81523310688>

Superintendent Update: Dr. Lisa Leali

Strategic planning kick-off tonight. First strategic session tonight. 6th and 7th graders are joining. Musical has fully kicked off. 4th graders talked about PAWS at the Board Meeting. Approved staffing plans for lower class sizes. Has impacts on shifts from other sections. Will do an evaluation with Northwestern so that we can access enrichment. There is an impact on how rooms are used to include additional classrooms to accommodate. Middle school is between 12-18 kids per class. There is capacity to add an additional 60-70 students at LBMS. There are efforts ongoing to add additional educational opportunities and are looking at increasing class sizes at LBMS to allow for more peer interactions.

Post card for community members not yet in the district to opt-in to the emails. Birth to 3 kits to connect to families. Plan on adding to 8th grade parents to stay connected.

Teacher appreciation week for week of May 5, 2023. Working with Lauren Hirsh. 8th grade graduation/promotion will be back inside.

Jessie Weinberger will be coming later this spring to discuss online safety, use, awareness. Mental health seminar on Apr. 5 for topics relating to LEAD, Be-Smart (gun safety and storage). High school branch of Mom's Demand Action is helping to align with efforts for gun safety.

Gordan Korman...when is he coming to middle school?

Amanda Ripley: Author regarding polarization/conflict/organizations/community. Looking at this for fall and winter.

DC helped students to feel closer. There were weather delays and everyone was home.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Teegarden



Not provided

President Report: Nicole Elliott

Approval of 01Feb23 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Josh and Megan.

- Sport Court: Next Steps–Officially approved by Village on 2/13/23
- <https://lakecountygazette.com/stories/639286105-lake-bluff-village-board-of-trustees-approves-plan-to-build-sports-court-at-middle-school>
- [Cost breakdown for sport court](#). Exec team met on 2/22/23 and approved eng. and Sport Court midwest costs. Questions/concerns over Mariani costs.
- PTO Slates for 2023-24: Finalize plan for filling vacancies.
 - District Treasurer, District President, District Secretary
 - Potentially will host LBMS meeting at Hansa for evening meeting. April 12, 2023.
- Set date/time to work on chart of accounts in Membership Toolkit

Fundraising/Community Partners: Josh Fox

Have \$2600 from photographer. To give to Steve.

Spring party: Bernie's adult event could be possible now. Can bring in food and drink so Nicole will reach out to Sophia's; Megan to ask about dates. Friday May 19 option?
Update: They do not do evening events.

LBES Update: Megan Hadler

Kindergarten hello event on **Mar 8, 2023**. Will hand out PTO flyers. Provide Hansa date on flyer to promote social opportunities.

Fill A Heart collection has started. Email coming from PTO tonight and school messenger. Financial donation of \$40 to fund spring break box. School will be



packing boxes on 3/10. Will use two classrooms and will rotate classes in to pack boxes.

Testing treats for IAR testing. 4th grade Bingo party on 3/1. Kindergarten is doing a drive-in movie (make cards from Uline donated boxes) and watching a movie on 3/4.

3rd/4th Mousetrap presentation/assembly was 2/28. Many teachable moments with assemblies.

Confirmed with Nate Blackmer to do Suzy Swirl and mingle at LBMS and Bingo for 5th grade Social.

LBMS Update: Allyson Perry

Allyson to talk to the park district about Beach Bash. Boys volleyball in final 4. 7th grade social planned 5/3 at Croya. Full committee meeting for 8th Grade Promotion occurred on 2/22.

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

Communications/Curriculum Enhancement: Rae Dobash

Megan discussed curriculum enhancements. PTO in the Know will go out tonight.

New Families: Kristi Helmer

Bluffer Activities Updates: Melissa Wussow

Coffee cake follow up? Tacos El Norte Redo? Food trucks for Beach Bash.

Alliance Update: Megan McIntyre/New Designee?

Not present.

Spirit Wear Update: Wendy Engelland

Christy and Wendy met yesterday to discuss ideas. Limited with apparel options with Kiddles and need new items. Need school logo with a high resolution school logo. Lauren to send to Wendy.

APT Update: Amy Connell-Donahue



Referendum is Apr 4, 2023 . Referendum tour on Monday, Mar 6, 2023 . Prom is May 6, 2023.

End of Meeting: 3/1/2023 @ 10:56 AM; Minutes taken by Nicole Elliott