

Lafayette Preparatory Academy PTO

November 14, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. in room 105

Meeting called to order by VP Brett Spencer at 6:04 p.m.

Attendance:

Head of School: Dave Bosch,

PTO Board Members: Dana Cartier, Brett Spencer, Audrey Brown, Vinny Borrini, and Kristin Conwell

Caregivers: There were 10 members in attendance.

Officers' Reports

Vice President: given by Brett Spencer

- Welcome, and ice breaker.

Head of School's Report – given by Dave Bosch

- Head of School Hiring
 - o Phone interviews finished
 - o 11/13-12/1 – in person interviews on site @ LPA (Full Day)
 - After initial screening we have 7 applicants that have moved on to phone/in-person
 - o In person interview – first will be on November 15
 - o Parent Interviews on Site @ LPA and on Zoom(2 – hours) - 12/4-12/8
 - o 12/11-12/15 – executive director follow-up interviews (as needed) and reference checks.
 - o Where is job posted?
- Enrollment Season Kick-Off
 - o In person tours will be given. We encourage that they be given during the day.
 - o 82 lottery applications received; 58 applications confirmed; 8 are sibling applications.
- Nutrition + Food
 - o Snacks –
 - each class grade level has an allotted time for snack. Students are asked to bring a snack from home but snack will be provided for those who forget or cannot provide it.
 - There are not state and federal guidelines for snacks brought from home, but there is for snacks served in schools. We have a healthy eating policy related to food and snacks brought from home. It is in our family handbook.
 - Is there a more efficient use of money that we could do to address the constant need for snack? (buy large quantities and use gloves to create small bags) – **possibly!**
 - Are there any grants that could help reduce snack costs? **School is looking into it!**

- o LUNCH
 - The usda has nutritional standards and regulations for school breakfast and lunch served in us public schools. All providers must meet these standards.
 - We contract with an organization called American dining that provides meals to our students. They create the monthly menus. The cost of breakfast is \$2.75(\$0.75). the cost of lunch is \$4.00 (\$2.25). milk is \$1.00. breakfast is served from 7:0-8:10 AM Daily.
 - The food options can be found on the monthly menus that are shared at the bottom of the weekly parent email + salad or sun butter sandwich.
 - Lunch is 25 minutes. Administrator and teachers support lunch. Teachers also pull daily lunch bunches.
 - Nutritional information can be found on the American Dining website.
 - When students get lunch or breakfast, they are required to take all of the food items on the menu for that day.
- Elevate Joy
 - o 20 = field trips in the first semester
 - Arch + riverboat, the Sheldon, SLAM, Cahokia Mounds
 - o 91% = Attendance for ES Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - o 83% = Attendance for MS Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - o 21% = of active families have logged 20+ volunteer hours
 - Ask the front desk to print out your hours if you need to know how many you've logged.

Light the Square Committee

- Square lighting, pet parade - Saturday Dec 2 3-
- Holiday market – Sunday Dec 10th – 10am-4pm
- Bake sale, hot chocolate and holiday decorations from LPA Students
- Needs – baked Good volunteers

Communications: given by Audrey Brown

- BIG ASKS
 - Spring Dance Committees
 - Light Up the Square

Treasurer: given by Vinny Borrini

- \$6,835.40 raised through bobos
- Double good popcorn – mid January
- Dance-a-thon – date to be confirm
- Stadium concession stand – need parent lead/committee
- Please submit your fundraising ideas to the PTO.

Committee Reports

Belonging & Access: given by Rebekah Liscwe & Jackie Gold

- Aim – to foster community within LPA.

- Committee will have park meet ups – starting September 29.
- Coordinated events – Back to School Picnic, t-shirt, park play dates, BYOC – coffee and community Friday mornings, etc.

Family Resources Committee: given by Dana Cartier

- Introduced Saffiyah Poole – she is leading the uniform collection and giveaways
- Contact Lpafamilyresources@gmail.com for more information

SEJC: given by Dana Cartier

- No set meetings; action/event oriented.
- It is confidential – safe space to work through issues/situations.

Teacher Liaison Report – given by Erin Mikel

- Fall festival – went well
- 11/16 – children’s grief awareness day –
 - o November 27 – Dec 1 – STEAM week
 - Star wars themed
 - Bridges to our future –
 - Monday – dress down day like they are heading into space
 - Tues -technology day
 - Wed – engineering day
 - Thurs – art steam challenge
 - Friday – map day – the force is calling to you. Students can dress in a steam career outfit.
 - Speaker for elementary – world wide technology employee; seeking someone for the middle school.
- Winterfestival – starry winter night (12/15)
 - ASKS - Winter light donations and glow sticks

Next meeting is on in person and virtually.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Kristin Conwell, Secretary