LAWTON PTO Meeting
September 27, 2016

Meeting brought to order at 7:33pm
In attendance: Kristin Whitcomb, Kristina Bark, MaryAnn Ryan, Michael Ryan, Kate Schumacher, Deanna Boehm, Lisa Emery, Linda Ansara, Sarah Greenburg, Jessica Gilbert, May Lu, Mary Jo Cuppone, Eileen Hoekstra, Scott Weber, Sarah Schairbaum, Laura Donoghue

1. Welcome and Introductions: This will be Sarah and Mary Jo's last year as co-presidents and they are looking for (co) president elects.
2. President's Report
    a. Recap of last year - Fundraising goals were met and exceeded; extra money was used for purchases such as tables
    b. This year's goal is to keep up the momentum with fall fundraising
        i. 10/1-11/30/16
        ii. Donations received through check, cash, or PayPal
        iii. Suggested amount is $120/student
3. Principal's Report: District resources from last year's millage passed last year include extra personnel support (possibly behavior specialist) to work with Lawton staff.
4. Treasurer's Report - present 2016-17 PTO budget
    a. Allocated funds at approximately $5,000
    b. Fundraising details 2016-17
        i. Net fundraising $31,550: see handout for specific budget numbers
        ii. Smileamazon.com - fairly new program - can designate Lawton to receive percentage of your purchase dollars
        iii. Donate 50% Run-a-thon funds to John R. Crosby foundation
        iv. Book depository - new - donate books to classrooms
        v. We increased field trip funding this year and hope to increase even more in 2017-18 when we are no longer responsible for Franklin Covey (Leader in Me) dues
        vi. Added funding for Handwriting without Tears program
        vii. Added funding for Theater Arts program (Mary Jo to spearhead this)
        viii. Increased mini-grant budget
        ix. Increased teacher discretionary fund from $200 to $275
    c. Sarah moved to approve 2016-17 budget, Mary Jo seconded the motion - approved
5. Committee Reports
    a. Run-a-thon
        i. participation was down this year - looking for ideas to increase the numbers for next year
        ii. Minimal t-shirt sales - suspect parents don't know to register and purchase tees
        iii. Will try to get info out on website for 2017 RAT

    b. Fundraising
        i. Shopping - we are still receiving money from purchases at Kroger, Busch's, and Arbor Farms
        ii. Looking into Scripps program as a possible trial holiday program - would have to pay cash
    c. Garden - meeting this Thursday at 4:00 in Jackie Ross' room
    d. Spirit wear - Kate Schumacher will run this year
6. Old Business: none
7. New Business
    a. Maria Laberteaux - requested we purchase baskets to organize the lost and found; Mary Jo moved, Laura seconded, approved
    b. Gaga pit - mulch versus playground approved rubber nuggets
    c. Questions
        i. Does bond from last year's millage cover cost of playground renovation? Yes
        ii. Does PTO pay for furniture, books, etc? No clear answer - will look into this.
8. Adjourn: 8:50pm