

Lucas PTO Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Tara Hoadley
Tara Martin
Michael Tilley
Kathy Jenkins
Aprille Clark
Michael Shaw
Kirsty Gardner
Ben Grimm
Mike Groff
Risa Dotson Eicke

Introductions

Minutes from previous meetings approved. Bella moved and Mike Groff seconded.

MMD Fundraiser: MMD \$1,877. Panera dine out \$65.80. Next dine out is 2/25 – Jimmy Jack's. Bella will be stepping down as fundraising chair next year

President's Report – Participation has been down for most schools, so glad to have the PTO participation that we have.

DPO Meeting on Wednesday 2/10 – Topic is Avid – vulnerable population support Website link for reference:

(<https://www.avid.org/what-avid-is>). It is also time for scholarships; we will need to appoint a retiree to honor at Lucas.

100% in person begins 2/15 after no school on 2/12 for in service day – discussion of providing a box lunch for approximately 30 staff for the in-person day. Tara M. motioned and Bella seconded to set aside waiting time to approve the PTO providing the financial assistance. Bella moved and Kirsty seconded providing the staff lunch for in-service.

Principal - yielded time to Ben Grimm for the playground update.

Playground Update/Ben Grimm: we need to create a fire lane for the PreK/K – Ben shared an illustration; old asphalt will be removed and new concrete poured. 50-100% of the front parking lot will be closed for construction work this summer; lots of work to be accomplished in a short amount of time but hoping to have things completed by Fall. Design committee will work on a wish list and we need to let Ben know about the climbing wall. Fencing on the south side will be replaced with a taller, slatted privacy fence. New basketball hoops, possibly a tetherball pole will also be added. The playground committee meeting is on Thursday at 3:15. Anything extra in the rubber fall zone – we will need to make a decision soon, but the committee hadn't suggested anything extra. Climbing wall and gazebo are the only additional items that have been suggested at this point, but those decisions are urgent. We have approximately \$17,000 budget left after swings are purchased. Michael Shaw mentioned that the playground committee may be a good opportunity for recruitment of new PTO members. Obstacle course and tube slide are also outstanding items that we need to save money for. Mike G. moves that the playground committee use a portion of funds for the rubber fall zone items if they determine there is an item of interest; Tara H. seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report – income received \$1,059 and \$2,785.83 in expenses. We are expecting another teacher reimbursement request.

Pride week discussion – online options are best; here are the days:

1. Lucas Pride Day (wear your Mighty Hawk gear)
2. Wear your favorite mask (or decorate and show your favorite mask)
3. 15 second videos of you singing your favorite (appropriate) song
4. Crazy Hair Day?
5. Crazy Sock Day?

Michael Tilley will reach out to Ms. Abrams and student council to see if they would like to be involved. Parents would post to the Facebook Group rather than the PTO Facebook page.

Michael Tilley discussed the issues facing the 5th grade in person class due to their large class size. It is suggested that parents email the superintendent and district to advocate for the 5th grade and ask for more staffing.