Locke PTO minutes- 1/21/2026

Attendees:

Amit Gandhi (VP)

Katie Malone (Treasurer)

Kelly Swieck (Secretary)

Katelyn Palomaki

Laura Bulmer

Mr. Garas

Mr. Smith

December meeting minutes

Approved (6 for, 0 against)

VP

Wicked Wings- made $200, the owner said that did really well and offered us another date in February. Will reach out about doing it week of school vacation (Weds/Thurs 2/18-19).

Chipotle- March/April

Cookie Monstah- May

Mentioned Mexica, but Katelyn shared that the Kennedy PTO has been struggling to get paid for their fundraiser from a year ago.

Treasurer:

Incoming :

Box tops- 163.00

Verallo orthodontics- 25.00

What the Fork- 132.00

Wicked Wings- 200.00

Total – 520.1d

No expenses in December

Balances

Previous balance - $28, 749.24

Balance as of today: 29, 269.34

Upcoming fundraisers- Penny Wars, Fun Run

Large upcoming expense- staff appreciation, field day, 7th grade activities

5th grade teachers requested money for 4 buses- $1800

Discussed allocating a specific amount for 5th and 6th grade- up to $2000 per grade, sponsor buses and give any surplus to fund field trip.

Motion for PTO to allocate up to $2000 each to 5th and 6th grade for field trips

6 for, 0 against

Katie will write something to share with Mr. Garas/staff to outline what we will provide.

Kelly/Katie to create infographic re: fundraising, should do this before fun run

Trinkets- February 10/11, 10-12:30

Kelly will create sign up and social media posts

Before sharing with the broader school community, send to PTO first. There should be one PTO member present for each shift.

Fun Run- March 18th

Upcoming meeting 2/8

This year, they are using a new tool/software

Prizes/gift cards- we should start thinking about this now since at the end, there is usually a lot of running around. Katie has a list of vendors that donated in the past, we have a letter for soliciting donations. Amit said that BATV and Enterprise Bank give cash donations.

Student incentives- homework pass for signing ups, coupon for trinkets at the spring sale

Donut parties for top fundraising classrooms, candy buffet at lunch in weeks leading up to event.

Possibly have a separate fun run meeting to discuss planning and logistics

Sign up genius for parents- Zoom brainstorm meeting

Katie will share notes from last year

Penny Wars

January 26-30

Homeroom with the most points wins a donut party (one per grade)

Jars were collected at the end of the week

Kelly to update flyer and send to group, Amit will print (24 total jars). Put jars into the classrooms on Friday. Mr. Garas will share with teachers ASAP.

Next meeting- 2/11

Meeting adjourned: 7:45