

# Locke PTO Meeting: 01/10/2024

6:30 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.

## Attendance:

Anthony Garas (Principal)

Kara Kent

Christina McLaughlin

Katie Malone (Secretary)

Stephanie Haley (Treasurer)

Danielle Kent

Jacqui Chaffins

Andrea Toomey

Danielle Leavitt

Mr. Kevin Sharkey (staff: guidance)

Dawn Deveau

## Introductions

## Notes:

- Minutes approved from last meeting
- Treasurer's Report (see attached)
  - Trinket Sales went well
  - More fundraising to come
- Fundraising
  - Casa Blanca - Jan. 11
  - Chipotle - March 5 - they will make their own flyer - must bring to cash in
  - Dawn D. will take on the Scrip account
  - Trinkets - could do a Valentine's Day say; tiny hands were a big hit
    - Tues. 2/13 & Wed. 2/14
    - Mr. Sharkey shares that they are a distraction in the classroom after lunch (have the kids put them into their lockers as they walk to next class); some teachers will confiscate
    - What about the families that don't want to purchase
  - Penny Wars - 1 week, week of January 29
    - What are the rules: pennies & dollars are positives; other coins are negative
    - We need a prize: trinket coupon? Pizza party? Incentive? Maybe a popsicle party? Donut morning?
    - Pizza party for TOP Class for each grade will get a pizza party
    - Need more of the clear buckets for collecting the money 24; Christina has acquired 4... Danielle Kent will look at Ditson supply
    - Need a pretty flyer for the containers: Katie will make
  - Ice Cream Social - Feb 15; 6:00-8:00 in the cafeteria
    - can also sell the trinkets at this event;
    - Kyle McLaughlin will MC - if he's not available, he will make us a playlist
    - Christina has connected with Nutrition Services about the cost

- Sell tickets ahead of time - \$5/person (ice cream or slush)
  - Will need volunteers?
  - FLYER: BRRRRRR - it's cold outside - always room for ice cream! Hah
  - Raffles? No - with FUN RUN coming, we will wait to ask people in March to donate to the FR. First ever family event
  - In the future do in the fall - meet & greet - buy spirit wear - get your CORI
  - Matt Spolidoro - reach out about the PWHL
- Locke School gear: Spirit Wear
  - Jacqui reached out to Amie D. that does the Ditson spirit wear: high quality, but really tough turn-around time
  - Gulf Island Promotions - 15% back from all purchases
  - Pop Warner uses Squad Locker
  - Stephanie has a contact (Jack) in Billerica who may be able to do it for \$7 or \$8/shirt
  - Hoping for pajama bottoms & hats
- Fun Run - March 11
  - DKent & Mr. Garas have a meeting coming up with the company
  - What level of support do we need from BoosterThon? DKent can take lead with support and volunteers to lower the support need
  - Do we need to order the prizes? Let's switch to an incentive opportunity. Can use some of the prizes that the Ditson has left over - Moon Boots, helicopter flyers
  - Parents can do the morning announcements; celebrating where the donations come from; amping the kids up
  - There is a daily video that teachers will show anytime through the
  - Sponsors: need 6-8 sponsors (different prices for the size/spot of the ad) - DK will
- Facebook access:
  - Janine Pagliuca is managing now; other admins are from long-ago
  - Hoping to create a new Locke PTO gmail as well
  - We can create a new FB page and post on the existing
- How much does 7th grade need? (about 180 kids)
  - They could do their own Chunky's fundraiser
  - Look into Dave & Busters
  - 7th grade has a Class Day: awards (plaques - cost \$800ish), parents attend, t-shirts, outside party w/Kona truck or slush or ice cream, get yearbooks, etc.
  - Class shirts
  - Trip to Canobie Lake
  - Yearbooks for every student (current producer makes them for \$15/book; Christina has a contact that can make them for \$7/book) - the art teacher puts them together
- Book Fair update
  - About \$1600 profit for library

- For the Spring: hoping to improve the selection of books we bring in and have available
  - Would like to have in May - push some of the summer reading selections
  - Set up a teacher wishlist; PTO will promote the teacher wishlists! Encourage parents to add to teacher wallet
- District Parent/School Organization meeting on Jan. 25: Katie and Amit are on the invitation list