

Little Chute Elementary School
Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)



Board Meeting Minutes

November 14th, 2023, • 6:30 PM • LCES Library

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting Attendance:

Megan Schommer, Amber Weyenberg, Jaimie Schuh, Martina Hunt, Lisa Klein, Emily Bons, Amy Vanderloop, Megan Sjoberg, Lindsay Fenlon, Ashley Nick, Amber Hermsen, Missy Hietpas, Mollie Luedtke.

2. BUDGET UPDATE

Overview: Are there any changes? (Jaimie Schuh, Amber Weyenberg)

Please refer to the [board meeting agenda](#).

3. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

a. OLD BUSINESS

● **LCES Apparel Sale** (Melissa Barribeau) (October 17th - 26th)

Orders have arrived at the school and will soon be sent home. Gifts are available for pickup at the school office.

● **New Playground**

The cost of new playground equipment ranges from \$25,000 to \$60,000. Repairs were budgeted for \$10,000. The PTO needs to decide whether we want to expand the grounds and, if so, where these additions should be made. Subsequently, we'll need to present our plans at the Village board meeting and request approval for the expansion. **If anyone is interested in joining the small committee overseeing playground improvements, please inform the PTO soon as possible** and we will connect you with Ms. Yuska. The next building leadership meeting is scheduled for December 5th.

Mrs. Lisa Klein will reach out to Ms. Yuska to gather more details about the construction or repair schedule for the new playground.

- **Popsicles on the Playground (October 12th, 3-4 pm)** (Melissa Barribeau)
Went well.
- **Fall Book Fair** (Megan Schommer)
Ms. Yuska is set to have a phone meeting with the PaperPie representative in mid-December. She will provide us with more information in January. Following our meeting, we will need to post updates on our Facebook page to inform parents.
- **Family Fun Walk / Steps of Gratitude Patriotic Walk (November 9th)**
(Megan Schommer)
Everything went well, and we raised \$175! Perhaps next year, scheduling it a bit earlier in the season could help boost participation even more.

b. NEW BUSINESS

NOVEMBER

- **Snack Sale #1 (November 16th)** (Lindsay Fenlon, Amber Hermsen).
Everything went well.

DECEMBER

- **Reach for the Stars Reading Program** (Usborne/PaperPie - new name)
This school year, we have decided not to proceed with it.

JANUARY

- **Classroom Book Sales** (Lisa Klein)
Mrs. Klein will gather more information from her coworkers to see if they would be interested in creating a Google Form to list all the classroom sales.
- **Snowflake Social (March 1st)** (Megan Schommer)
We're considering changing the name, with 'Spring Fling' as one idea. To improve visibility, we'll ensure the lights are on throughout the event since parents had difficulty seeing their kids. Safety precautions will be implemented around the DJ's equipment to prevent people from climbing on it.
All donations collected will contribute directly to our new playground. Martina Hunt will inquire with the Little Chute Free Pantry group about accepting food donations from our event. **Additionally, anyone is welcome to approach local businesses for donations to support our raffle baskets.**

- **Penny War**

Mrs. Klein will check with Mrs. Francis to see if she plans to organize a Penny War for this school year.

- **Families in Need** (Megan Schommer)

Megan will check with our counselors (Mrs. Alft, Mr. Wiedenbauer) and Ms. Yuska to see if anyone requires assistance during the holidays.

4. QUESTIONS AND CLOSING

- **Fang Reading Night** (Mrs. Thyssen asked)

Megan Schommer will gather additional information from the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers for our upcoming meeting.

The next PTO Meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 6:30 pm in the LCES Library.