

Locke PTO Meeting: 02/14/2024

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

Attendance:

Anthony Garas (Principal)

Christina McLaughlin

Andrea Toomey

Katie Malone (Secretary)

Stephanie Haley (Treasurer)

Jacqui Chaffins

Amit Gandhi (Vice President)

Notes:

- Minutes approved from last meeting
- Treasurer's Report
 - PENNY WARS:
 - Over \$4k raised with Penny Wars - but it was a tedious process; the bank stayed open late for us
 - Had to cut open the smaller Crystal Geyser 1-gallon bottles - DON'T USE AGAIN next year
 - 5-gallon jugs are being stored in the closet
 - Random items: foreign coins, old coins, plastic, etc. Stephanie will check with bank on some coins; Will hold onto old coins in case a family is looking for them.
 - Pizza Parties - Friday - March 1 (one 7th grade class is organizing a consolation): Mr. Garas will check on allergies, etc.; we can do Danny's (will they deliver?) or Sal's; will get a case of water for each class
 - Trinkets:
 - \$250 made already on day 1
 - More items still for tomorrow
 - Halloween and Christmas items still in closet
 - Family Nights:
 - Casa Blanca - loves doing it and easy to deal with; let's do a night in Sept and again in the spring
 - Chipotle - 3/5/24
 - Mangia Mangia - Tues, April 2
 - Cookie Monstah - Fri., May 3
 - UML Basketball - Katie will follow-up on getting the money
- New Facebook Page: send the link to Mr. Garas
- New Email Account: Andrea set up a gmail - will share password and Katie will set up folders with all the docs.
- Spirit Wear:

- Link can stay open as long as we want it - let's keep it open so incoming 5th graders can purchase
 - Direct shipping to families
 - Jacqui assigned the prices
- Ice Cream Social:
 - Teachers have said they will scoop ice cream
 - Pre-ordered enough ice cream for 100 people through Food Services
 - Can buy at MB if there seems to be many more people
 - Andrea purchased the cases of water
 - Katie has QR codes for Venmo
 - Will need 3 tables total - for trinket sales and entrance
 - Need an adapter for music
 - Keep promoting!
 - Christina has the idea to put a sticker on random ice cream cups to get a free trinket!
- Fun Run
 - Mr. Garas & DK met with reps today - all set to go!
 - Will be posting the link the week we get back from vacation
 - Event: March 20
- Looking ahead
 - Mr. Garas took a look at some expected costs
 - How much does 7th grade need for their class day?
 - How much for each class
 - Need to find out if we are paying
 - Would we want to do another community event that we can invite the Kennedy & Ditson families?
- Teacher Appreciation
 - Many many donations
 - Need \$750-\$1000 for food/luncheon
 - May 6-10
 - Amit can organize photographers for this
- Field Day
 - Can we buy and make the shirts in bulk?
 - Would be able to do sizing in the classrooms - teachers can ask the kids
- Family Engagement Committee
 - Katie & Amit attended
 - Lowell Family Resource Center
 - Town has a Family Engagement position open