



## **District PTO Meeting Minutes**

Feb 1, 2023

10-11am

**District Office**

### **Attendees:**

Dr. Lisa Leali, Tracy Roehrick, Megan Hadler, Lauren Armstrong, Melissa Wussow, Rae Dobash, Christy Dunnick, Allyson Perry

### **Superintendent Update: Dr. Lisa Leali**

Tracy Roehrick attended to request funding for Jessie Weinberger, who is a social media expert/speaker and will talk to 5th-8th grade students about social media use, risks, etc. Will also do a survey and will present data to parents. Total cost is around \$7k. Stated that we have about \$4k in budget for curriculum enhancement and some has been allocated for social studies You Tuber. Will need to get back to Tracy to finalize funding available.

Tracy also proposed the idea of having PTO helping to fund educational baskets for new babies-K children in the district. The thought is to help provide resources for K readiness and child development and to provide information about the district. These packages have been put together and were previously funded with a state grant. There is not an immediate need, but a request for future potential funding. They are about \$50 per basket. The team's thought was that this is a great idea, but doesn't align directly with the PTO Mission as these kids are not yet in the district. Discussed potentially partnering with Lake Forest NW Hospital, LB Library.

Dr. Leali gave a general update of events including the 8th Grade trip to DC. Also spoke generally of LFHS Referendum, as questions were posed about the need for it. Generally, it is needed for infrastructure and security. Overall, all going well from a district perspective.

### **Treasurer's Report: Steve Teegarden**

1. Bank Balance 1/31/23: 225,693
2. All bank statements and financials are located here: [LB 2022/23 Monthly Financials - Google Drive](#)
3. Interest Income on Cash Reserves



- a. Steve is opening a 2nd account at Lake Forest Bank. Plan is to earn 3%-3.5% interest on reserves and allocate to capital projects as needed.
4. Jan23 P&L: 4,364 Income
  - a. (3,495 was sent from School District for yearbook income - confirming)
  - b. (1,185) Expense due to \$800 paid to CARA Race Certification (Pumpkin Chase), \$280 to Wight (Sport Court)
  - c. = 3,179 Net profit for month
5. YTD P&L:
  - a. 84,682 Income
  - b. (113,898) Expense but 62,834 is capital projects (60.3k courtyard, 2.5k Sport Court)
  - c. = (29,216) net loss but +33,618 profit when excluding capital projects

#### **President Report: Nicole Elliott**

**Approval of [11 Jan 23 Meeting Minutes](#):** Motion to approve by Megan and Allyson.

- Sport Court: Next Steps–Meeting on Feb. 8 with engineers, contractors and admin. Will incorporate ideas from gym teachers, Nate, etc. to finalize lines on courts. Need to find a sign vendor and also determine sign placement. Mr. Tanner’s paved path was also approved, which will connect Circle Ct. to the sidewalk of LBMS (privately funded by Mr. Tanner–Looking for work efficiencies (i.e. excavation, etc.,) to help reduce cost.
- PTO Slates for 2023-24: Need to discuss roles that will be open:
  - District Treasurer, District President, District Secretary?

#### **Fundraising/Community Partners: Josh Fox**

- Tax Letter Update. Ready to go out today. Need to review [spreadsheet](#) to ensure we have captured all of the giving.
- Letters were mailed successfully. Thank you, Josh!

#### **LBES Update: Megan Hadler**

Grade Level Socials are in full swing:



- 1st grade had their Hot Cocoa event 1/26 - it was cold and snowy, but successful.
- 2nd grade decided to throw a last minute event 2/1 to take advantage of the snow. They're having a sledding party at the Park District. Event includes: sledding, snowman building contest, cocoa and cupcakes.
- 3rd grade Social is scheduled for this Friday 2/3 from 6-8pm in the LBES gym. There will be a DJ, games and treats for the kids to take home.
- 4th grade is planning a Bingo afternoon at LBES on 3/1. There will be bingo, pizza and prizes after the early release that day.
- Kindergarten is planning a "Drive-In Movie" on 3/4 from 2-4pm. Kids will decorate "cars" and then watch a movie; popcorn and water will be served.
- 5th grade is planning a park event in May with popsicles.

We are still coordinating dates for the spring service project with Fill-a-Heart and LBES.

#### **LBMS Update: Allyson Perry**

- Graduation planning is underway with committee chairs in place and members being recruited. Currently there are 13 people involved - off to a great start! Need to consider budget increases as a result of inflation.
- DC trip is happening this month after a hiatus. 92% of the 8th grade class will attend. Those not attending will have related programming local (Holocaust Museum in Skokie, for example).
- 8th Grade counselor meetings will take place at the end of Feb.
- Aladdin the Musical has started this week! Performances will be April 14 and 15.

#### **Teacher/Staff/Administration Appreciation: Lauren Hirsh/Alex Benz**

- Hand warmers—thanks Megan!
- Tacos El Norte for Conferences on 2/9: LBMS will receive lunch and LBES will get dinner.

#### **Communications/Curriculum Enhancement: Rae Dobash**

- Communications:
- Curriculum Enhancement: Rae is going to an Assembly Showcase on April 28, 2023 w/ Mary Hogan—thank you!

#### **New Families: Kristi Helmer**

- No report



**Bluffer Activities Updates: Melissa Wussow**

- No immediately planned events. Looking for a date to repleat Tacos El Norte.

**Alliance Update: Megan McIntyre/New Designee?**

Needs to transition her role due to work schedule; seeking new representative.  
Thank you for your help, Megan!

**Spirit Wear Update: Wendy Engelland**

- No report

**APT Update: Amy Connell-Donahue**

- No report, as meeting is on 2/2. Will update at next meeting.

**End of Meeting: 2/1/2023 @ 10:54 AM; Minutes taken by Nicole Elliott**