



# MINUTES

## Lakeway Elementary PTO Minutes

October 3, 2019

### In Attendance

Kristin Kenaston, Jessica Romero, Leslie Kempler, Paula Draughn, Sam Hicks, Torie Pearce, Ann Mitchell, Erika Finch, Greg Van de Putte, Mitra Campbell, Sophia Leakas, Jennifer Baldacchino, Alyssa Palmer, Christine Young, Martina Oze, Lauren Crouch, Catherine Sanchez, Jen Brinsmade, Shannon Billeau, David Green

The meeting was called to order by Kristin Kenaston at 7:48 AM.

- I. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – The September 2019 minutes were presented, and a motion was made by Paula Draughn to approve. Jessica Romero seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- II. Welcome- We are so excited about the start of this year! Thank you everyone for coming out and being here to support our school.
- III. Teacher's Report- Vanessa Malone
  - Thank you for finding a way to give us money back from the Apex fundraiser, it was a wonderful surprise.
  - Teachers love the coffee cart and really appreciate it, thank you for the pick me up and treat.
  - Grading period is coming to a close and parent teacher conferences will be Friday, October 11th.
  - Math is a Big Deal is coming up and will be 6-8pm in the gym
  - Coach Judson says thank you for making Apex so much fun in the gym this year. Thank you in advance for the support of PE's biggest event of the year, Track and Field Day, which is coming up on October 18th.
  - Mrs. Prochnick: the 4th grad musical "American Heroes" is November 7th at 6pm in the gym.
  - 4th grade is now using Think It Up Math curriculum. Thank you to the PTO for approving this.
  - Mrs Larrew school reading program has begun, each kid can level up and earn prizes.
  - Fall book fair is coming up next month and sales will begin Nov 5th.
- IV. Counselors Report – Mrs. Monahan
  - Kindness month has started our theme this year is "Ride the Wave of Kindness"
  - Thank you to all of the Home Room moms for decorating doors
  - Next week is anti-bullying week, kids will wear orange and they will sign a pledge to end bullying.

## V. Library Update – Mrs. Mclead

- Tracy Mclead - We have already sold 161 yearbooks! We only order and receive the books that parents order. The nice thing about this company is if you ever lose your yearbook you are able to go back online and order a new year book at anytime.
- Year book committee will be starting sign ups very soon.

## VI. Apex Update - Kristin Kenaston

- We did such a great job with Apex this year and our school gets to keep \$91,000
- Our kids ran a total of 25,000 laps
- We had pledges from over 47 states and only 27 percent were from parents at the school. The reason we are able to raise so much money is that 73 percent of our donations are raised from people outside of the school.
- 10 percent of all the money we raised will go back to the teachers! Each teacher gets \$324 dollars for their classroom needs.

## VII. FINANCIAL UPDATE & WISH LISTS – Paula Draughn

- We added to our budget this year thanks to the success of Apex!
- Teacher wish list items
  - Each teacher has a class budget that they are able to use to benefit their classroom, they will send us their wish lists, and then we will bring them to the PTO meeting for approval.
- Reflex Math package. This is a wonderful program to help enhance the Math skills of our students. If we pay upfront for the first 3 years we will save 15 percent. We will pay for the entire package up front and then after the first year we will not have to worry about this expense going forward. The board approved \$8,402.25 for this program.
- The school will be saving 15 percent or \$494 per year.
- All budget items were approved. All wish list items were approved. The motion was made by Jennifer Baldacchino and seconded by Leslie Kempler.

## VII. Principal's Report – Sam Hicks

- This is Mr. Hicks 19th year as principal of Lakeway Elementary
- Thank you for a very successful Apex Glow Run.
- Math is a Big Deal is a great family event. Please encourage attendance to your friends and family!
- Construction update: We are near the end! Mr. Hicks is so thankful to work in such a beautiful building. We still have a few remaining issues we are working on including plumbing, technology, and coverups.
- Parents will no longer be getting hard copies of the kids report cards. We will now receive an e-mail notifying us when report cards are ready and they can be accessed online.
- What is Ultimate Recess? Students get to play during specials on this day. Our PTO provides activities for students to participate in.

### VIII. President Announcements- Kristin Kenaston

- Ryan Mikolaycik the districts Director of Food and Nutritions Services will speak at the November 7th PTO meeting.

### IX. Flu Prevention Strategies - VIK Complete Care

- CDC will give recommendations for Flu season and a lot is based on the previous year.
- Flu is a virus and there are two strands: Strand A and Strand B
- Symptoms of the Flu can last 3-4 days and up to two weeks.
- Prevention tips: wash you hands, cover you mouth, avoid contact with people that have had the flu.
- Get the flu shoot early, it is recommended to get the flu shot early to mid October because the flu shot takes 2 weeks to be fully effective.
- There were 186 pediatric deaths from the flu last year and 80 percent of those did not have a flu shot.
- You are contagious with the flu 2 days before you even have symptoms, you are contagious while you are symptomatic and while you have fever.
- The flu shot cannot give you the flu, if you do get the flu you were probably exposed to the flu before you got the shot, or directly after you go the shot because it takes the flu shot 2 weeks to be fully effective.

### X. Annoucements

- 10/10.....Ultimate Recess
- 10/11.....No School
- 10/15.....Math is a Big Deal at 6:30pm
- 10/17.....Kindergarten Monarch Migration 10:00am
- 10/18.....Track and Field Day K-5
- 10/25.....Pumpkin Party
- 11/4.....Book Fair

The meeting was adjourned at 08:38 AM.