



# MINUTES

## Lakeway Elementary PTO Minutes

November 7th, 2019

### In Attendance

Alyssa Palmer, Heather Weatherford, Catherine Sanchez, Martina Oze, Torie Pearce, Ann Mitchell, Leslie Kempler, Paula Draughn, Jessica Romero, Kristin Kenaston, Greg Van De Putte, Stephanie Bell, Erika Finch, Laura Pavlas

The meeting was called to order by Kristin Kenaston at 7:50 AM.

- I. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – The October 2019 minutes were presented, and a motion was made by Stephanie Bell to approve. Laura Pavlas seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- II. Welcome - October was a really exciting month, thank you to all of our committee chairs that helped with all of our events over the month of October.
- III. Teacher's Report - Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. Mager
  - Mrs. Crenshaw - Kindergarten wants to say thank you for the buses that were provided to Crow's Neck Farm.
    - o Coffee cart was a wonderful addition on the field trip day.
    - o Kinder has already started using their Apex money, thank you so much for all of that.
  - Mrs. Malone - Thank you Stephanie Bell for the coffee cart.
    - o Coach Judson would really like to thank Allysa Palmer for everything she did for Track and Field Day.
  - Mrs. Mager - Thank you for everything the PTO does for the school we know you are here a lot and we really appreciate everything that you do for us.
    - o 2nd grade just had their field trip to Meadows and had a great experience.
    - o 2nd grade is beginning their Pioneer unit this month.
    - o Thank you for the coffee cart is was the highlight of the day.
    - o Thank you for all the STEM items we are excited to use them after we finish up our Pioneer unit.
  - Stephanie Bell - Our school is doing a pie drive for teacher appreciation.
    - o The cut off is November 11th to order pies from Hill Country Bakery.
    - o We have 35 pies and we need 70-75, please consider making or ordering a pie for our teachers.
    - o We will also be doing a gift of time drive, teachers can bring in 3 gifts and we will wrap the gifts for them.
- VI. Principal's Report
  - One of our biggest events of the year is our Thanksgiving feast. Please sign up online if you plan to attend.

- We need some more W.A.T.C.H Dogs please encourage dads and grandfathers to get involved.
- With the re-zoning we are working on a detailed plan to have students from our school and from other schools visit the different campuses. This will allow each new student to familiarize themselves with their new school.
- 5th grade transitions into 6th grade can be nerve racking, get involved at the middle school by going to different events so that your kids start to feel comfortable on campus.

V. Speaker: Food and Nutrition Services – Ryan Mikolaycik

- All the snacks we provide at schools are free of high fructose corn syrup, artificial dyes, MSG, and trans fat. There are no nut ingredients at the elementary schools.
- A lot goes into the menu that is sold at the schools. We have two hot items and one classic item, a lot of what is served has to do with the costs of the items and what funding is available to our school.
- We have lots of new menu items: all juices we sell now are all natural juices. We now serve Cool water beverages, whole grain Cheetos, rainbow goldfish, burger patties, fresh bread from Kurz, and have switched all of syrups over to the natural brand.
- We now offer kids a birthday coupon each month instead of the birthday celebrations in the classroom.
- Marcie Kissko - District Dietitian and Marketing Coordinator
  - o Teach my plate to help kids choose a balanced and healthy lunch.
  - o Johnson's Backyard Garden, we brought in fresh produce to Lakeway Elementary, this was a fun way for the kids to try some fresh produce and new vegetables.
  - o The district does a lot of research on food allergies and we take food allergies very seriously.
  - o Last day to purchase tickets is Friday Nov. 15th for the Thanksgiving Feast.

VI. Financial Update & Wish Lists - Paula Draughn

- Spending update - we were able to get the Math dry erase board for grade 3,4, and 5.
- We got approved for the Gaga pit shade and the shade structure for the outdoor picnic area.
- The district approved a new Marquee for the school and they are going to pay for it! They are going to run it into the budget for the new schools being built so we are hoping that we will get that sometime this summer. They are hoping the marquee will be digital if the community approves it.
- Amazon Smile, is a way to give money back to our school. Go to Amazon and choose Amazon Smile and then choose Lakeway Elementary.
- We are doing really well on our budget for the school year.
- We currently have a situation where we have had the same chairs for 18 years! These chairs are used for Kinder Circus, Talent show, and all of our big events on campus. The current chairs are heavy, hard to stack and we do not have enough

of them. So we are proposing, that with our additional budget, we purchase new chairs for the school. The chairs are industrial grade chairs and they come with a 12 year warranty. The total cost of the chairs and the carts is \$16,000.

- All budget items were approved. All wish list items were approved. The motion was made by Laura Pavlas and seconded by Stephanie Bell.

#### VII. President Announcements and Adjournment – Kristin Kenaston

- We have decided to not move forward with the holiday movie night but instead we are going to do a big family picnic in the spring. If anyone is interested in being on the committee please reach out to us.
- Our last general meeting of the calendar year will be December 5th.
- We need volunteers to help with decorating for the Thanksgiving feast, they will be decorating on November 20th.

#### X. Announcements

- 11/4-11/7.....Lakeway Book Fair in our Library
- 11/7/19.....4th Grade Musical
- 11/11/19.....Veterans DAY
- 11/20/19.....Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/21-/11/22..... Pie Collection days for our teachers. Pies can be brought to the front office no later than 10:00am on the November 22nd.
  - o sign up to donate a pie: [www.bit.ly/LWEPIES](http://www.bit.ly/LWEPIES)
- 11/21/19.....4th Grade Field Trip to the Science Mill
- 11/25-11/29.....School is out for Fall Break. Happy Thanksgiving!
- Holiday movie night will be replaced with a Spring Picnic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.