



MINUTES

Lakeway Elementary PTO Minutes

September 6, 2018

In Attendance

Lacey Moler, Stephanie Bell, Tinny Widjaja, Jessica Romero, Leslie Kempler, Mallory Addison, Greg van de Putte, Kristin Kenaston, Sam Hicks, Kristin Endendyk, Amber Clowe, Carrie Kitchen, Rebecca Smith, Kelly Bucheru, Jenny Cokins, Sheri King, Philippa Ford, Lucy Faro-Ber, Heather Fernandez Stoll, Alpa Patel, Melissa Hawkins, Lauren Wagh, Preston Hambu, Kathleen Sumrall, Daniela Nolz, Sara Smith, Amber Cambridge, Kate Schweiger, Mara Castro, Paula Martinez, Laura McWhorter, Jonathan Bubak, Dana Darnett, Kate Carr, Deanna Aguilar, Kellie Vugrincic, Erika Finch, Angela Emory, Alice Flournay, Jessica McAndrews, Heather Hohn, Corey Garcia, Kaveri Mathur, Katrine Hricko, Samantha Bloomquist, Jessey Abraham, Darlene McLane, Erin Shore

I. The meeting was called to order by Lacey Moler at 9:02 AM.

II. TEACHER'S REPORT – Vanessa Malone

- Mrs. Malone is the PTO teacher representative. Each general meeting we will also invite a grade level teacher to provide an update.
- Thank you for the teacher appreciation lunch and Michael's gift card. The teachers were able to use the gift cards to purchase items for classrooms.
- The start of the year has been great.
- Ms. Monahan met with new students and explained the buddy bench, where they can get help, and how she can help as the counselor.
- Apex is off to a smooth start and students like the leadership lessons. The students are enjoying the leadership cube process and picking a student to have the cube each day.
- Ms. Lindenman – 4th grade provided an overview of 4th grade.
 - Math – working on place value starting with decimal place value. This can be a more difficult concept for kids. If you have a 4th grader, Ms. Lindenman suggested relating it to money.
 - Language Arts – working on subjects and predicates, compound sentences.
 - Social Studies – talking about Texas and landscapes and regions.
 - 4th grade is so appreciative of the money raised by PTO for IXL and Lexia. In a lot of schools, only struggling readers have access to Lexia, but it really helps all readers.
 - Lacey stated that ~\$35,000 from the PTO funds those technology platforms, which is ~\$50/child.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Sam Hicks

- Safety lockdown drill through the district will be done. District representatives will be evaluating the process. The rule for cell phones is that they are turned off and in backpacks. When the lock down drill is over, the kids can use their

cellphones. The school communicates through Marco Alvarado when lockdown drills are started and stopped. 911 response time is very quick. Travis Country Sheriff Department and Lakeway Police Department are involved in the lockdown drills.

- Bad weather and fire drills are also practiced. Fire drill planned tomorrow dependent on weather.
- Fieldtrip funding is also provided by the PTO (~\$18,000 last year), as well as tutoring. Because our scores are so high, the tutoring budget through the district was removed. The PTO now provides funding for tutoring.
- Mr. Hicks thanked the volunteers.
- Reminder for parents to not get out of the car when dropping off in the drop off line. Please do not park in the numbered spots. These are staff parking spots.

IV. FINANCIAL UPDATE & WISH LISTS – Stephanie Bell

- Financial reports were attached to the agenda. Reports will be posted with the minutes as well.

TEACHER WISHLIST for General PTO Approval – September 2018

- 1st Grade
 - \$400.00 – Buses for field trip to Austin Aquarium & Bee Cave Park
 - \$600.00 – Buses for field trip to Sweet Berry Farm
- 2nd Grade
 - \$600.00 – Buses for field trip to The Meadows in San Marcos
 - TBD – Buses for field trip to Exotic Zoo
- IST – All Students
 - \$125.00 – classroom rug
- 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades
 - \$6233.00 - IXL Site License
 - \$142.87 – Shade for area around Gaga Pit
- All Students
 - \$7,500.00 - Lexia Reading Program Subscription Renewal
 - \$3,305 – Campus Security – 10 Handheld radios (walkie talkie)
- Kindergarten
 - \$1,265.94 – Listening Centers for Literacy Centers
 - \$1,008,40 – Alphabet Sounds tubs for teaching letters/sounds
- 2nd – 5th Grade
 - \$7,150.00 - Newsela Subscription Renewal – for student use
- 5th Grade
 - \$189.00 - Science & Math Word Walls

All Items will fit into the Approved Budget

Motion to approve by (B) Mallory Addison and seconded by (S) Kristin Kenaston. All in attendance confirmed their agreement. No opposed.

V. Apex Update – Lacey Molder

- Big Time Ben came to speak to the PTO. We are crushing it so far! Apex is a 2-week leadership program that is also paired with a fundraising fun run. This year’s theme is STRONG. The Apex team is on campus all-day through next Friday.
- Apex is an inclusive program. Every student gets a shirt and every class is their own team (in addition to individual prizes).
- Ben can be contracted directly at benm@apexfunrun.com.
- One of our missions this year is to educate parents on fundraising activities and where the money goes. The below breakdown was discussed. This doesn’t include the family fun nights, father/daughter dance, etc...which is an additional \$29.42/child.

	TOTAL BUDGET	PER CHILD
Classroom	18000	\$26.09
Tutoring	8000	\$11.59
Technology	34588	\$50.13
Science/Stem	3600	\$5.22
Field Trips	16000	\$23.19
		\$116.21

- Over 50% of the donations so far are from non-parents.

VI. Volunteer Fair – Jessica Romero

- Why volunteer?
 - We can’t be a PTO without parent volunteers.
 - Be like Big Time Ben when you are here!
 - Volunteering helps you get more involved with the school and community.
- How to volunteer?
 - Set up a school login with Ms. Lisa.
 - Always log in as a volunteer. The more volunteer hours we have, the more funding we get from the district.
 - If you record more than 100 hours, you get tickets to 2 district events and are entered for a summer camp raffle.
 - Create an account on the PTO site. If you completed the blue volunteer sheet, this is entered in the PTO website.
- Volunteer opportunities
 - Low hour needs: Apex day of volunteers, hearing/vision screening, picture day, teacher appreciation committee
 - Committee chair needs: ultimate recess (after Apex), holiday move night
- Immediate volunteer needs
 - Apex fun run – day of volunteers needed for fun run for water station and lap marking
- Introduction of Committees and Committee Leadership
 - Committees and committee chairs were introduced.
- Committee Chairs

Book Fair	Christina Colwell
Character Counts	Kristin Endendyk

Family Fun Night	Brandy Morgan/Kristin Endendyk
Father Daughter Dance	Heather Treuil/Kristen Kaufman
Library Coordinator	Amber Cambridge
Hearing & Vision Screening	Neal Shotwell
Mother/Son Kickball	Carolyn Hall/Jess Romero
Mustang Social	Chairs: Lee Ann Knox, Erin Crofford Fundraising: Heather Davis, Ann Mitchell
Watch Dogs	Greg Van der Putte
Talent Show	Laura Pavlas
Teacher Staff Appreciation	Amber Clowe
Track & Field Day	Antonia Jones
Ultimate Recess	TBD

VII. Announcements

- Don't forget to wear crazy socks on Tuesday, September 11th
- Smoothie King Spirit Night is Wednesday, September 12th
- Apex Fun Run is Thursday, September 13th
- Family Math Night is Tuesday, September 18th. More details to come in the Mustang Messenger.
- A new monthly printed calendar is being organized by the PTO and will be sent home monthly.

VIII. Next Meeting – PTO General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 4th, at 7:45 AM in room 408.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 AM. The volunteer fair continued until approximately 10:15 AM.