



MINUTES

Lakeway Elementary PTO Minutes

November 15, 2018

In Attendance

Lacey Moler, Stephanie Bell, Tinny Widjaja, Jessica Romero, Leslie Kempler, Kristin Kenaston, Mallory Addison, Sam Hicks, Vanessa Malone, Greg Van De Putte, Jon Bubak, Laura McWhorter, Wendy Lancaster, Laura Pavlas, Erin Crofford, Brittney Barnette, Lee Ann Knox, Lindsay Wood, Amy Pany, Katrine Hricko

- I. The meeting was called to order by Lacey Moler at 7:50 AM.
- II. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – The October 2018 minutes were presented, and a motion was made by Greg Van De Putte to approve. Stephanie Bell seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- III. TEACHER’S REPORT – Vanessa Malone
 - Apex money was received.
 - Thank you for the library courtyard. The kids and teachers love it.
 - Thank you for the coffee cart also!
 - 250 new books received for the library through the book fair. Thank you to everyone who shopped at the book fair.
 - Thank you for approving Reflex math!
 - The fifth graders got the bog blue blocks out at recess and have plans to build a castle. Thank you to the PTO for purchasing these.
- IV. Fifth Grade Update – Mrs. Neuse
 - Science Fair is coming up on December 7th. All of the grade levels come through and the fifth graders present their project.
 - To work on recall, fifth graders go through the required math lessons and then redo it.
 - Field trip One World Theater happened two weeks ago. Thank you PTO for providing the buses.
 - During a science conference attended by Mrs. Neuse, she saw an interactive/blow-up earth science activity. The PTO is being asked to approve this and voting will occur later in the meeting.
- V. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Sam Hicks
 - The Thanksgiving Feast was 15Nov18 and went very well. The feast sold out this year.
 - The fine arts department put on a wonderful Veteran’s Day play. 4th grade play happened, 5th grade is coming up.
 - Building Update
 - AC and heating units to be replaced.
 - Most likely all plumbing will be replaced as well. Tile will be updated.

- Smart boards will be replaced and sound systems will be installed.
- Building will be closed. Files will be moved to a satellite location to be confirmed.
- Goal is for budgets to be spent in the next 45-60 days. The PTO does not need to fund any more hardware needs since a lot is covered in the bond. Software is okay to continue be funded by the PTO.
- Technology updates to be done after the building updates are completed.
- 15-18K of the PTOs budget is dedicated to transportation needs. Thank you to the PTO for continuing to provide this necessary expense.
- Classroom Instruction Handout Reviewed. This handout outlines pillars that all classrooms across the district will follow. More information will be posted at school.
- The Independence Day celebration is still being planned. More information will be shared in the next general meeting as planning/approvals progress.
- Reminder that Watch Dog Dad volunteers are welcomed and needed. Half or full day sign up is acceptable.
- Mr. Hicks shared that thank you cards and emails are always really appreciated by teachers. For the holidays or at anytime.

VI. Flu Prevention by Lakeway Pharmacy – Acho Ezirim

- Acho is the pharmacist and owner of Lakeway Pharmacy, a sponsor of Lakeway Elementary.
- Lakeway Pharmacy is a local one-stop-shop for pharmacy needs. They do what the big chains do, but better!
- The best way to prevent flu is to get the flu vaccine, as well as good health habits such as avoiding contact with people who are sick and washing hands. The hands tend to retain germs.
- It is better to wash hands rather than just sanitizing when possible.
- Flu shots are available for 7 years old and above at Lakeway Pharmacy. The nasal mist is no longer available due to controversy over the effectiveness of the mist.
- Most insurance carriers are accepted.
- Lakeway Elementary has one of the highest participation rates for the flu shot.
- Mr. Hicks reminded parents that students should not come to school with a fever or if they are vomiting. With the school renovations, Mr. Hicks is hoping that a hand washing station will be put by the cafeteria.
- Board member Tinny Widjaja also does tea tasting at Lakeway Pharmacy.
- Spirit Night is tomorrow!

VII. FINANCIAL UPDATE & WISH LISTS – Laura Pavlas on behalf of Paula Draughn

- Financial reports were attached to the agenda.
- The wish list process was reviewed. If a teacher wants something (a wish list item), a form is completed. This form is reviewed by Mr. Hicks, then the PTO board, and then brought to General PTO Meeting for approval. The items generally already fit into the approved budget.

November TEACHER WISHLIST for General PTO Approval

- Life Skills – K-5 – Haley Morin
 - \$44.15 – Nitrile Exam Gloves for the bathroom
- 1st Grade – Esther Peckover
 - \$326.70 - Wooden Foam Floor Pattern Blocks, 6 each
- 1st Grade – Lori Riley
 - \$807.00 - Math: Foam number blocks, 3 each
- 1st Grade – Melissa Gidley
 - \$89.94 - Additional mini maker tubes for STEM activities
- All Grades – Jennifer Neuse
 - \$1800.00 - Sparkpoint Big Canyon to come into LWE for a Science Day in March.
 - ***We will be using some of our APEX funding to fund this fun Science day for the kids***

All Items will fit into the Approved Budget

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

The Sparkpoint Big Canyon will be funded through Apex money. Thanks to first grade who submitted all of their budget requests or the year as requested.

VIII. Holiday Movie Night – Mallory Addison

- Scheduled for 30Nov18 6:30-8 PM (Friday after Thanksgiving), kicking off the holiday season. This is a free event. Pajamas are optional. No blankets.
- Elf-themed this year. Two short elf movies will be played.
- Milk and cookies will be provided through the cafeteria. Sing Orthodontics is providing the milk and cookies. Tomasik is sponsoring as well.
- Mats will be laid on the floor. The tables will be arranged in tables and benches.
- There is a new projector screen and sound system in the cafeteria.
- The cafeteria will stay decorated through December.

IX. Mustang Social Update – Lee Ann Knox/Erin Crofford

- Vendors are being arranged. The event is February 8th, 2019 from 6-10:30/11 PM at Star Hill Ranch again. Verde's is catering again.
- Theme is "A Night Under the Hill Country Stars."
- Save the Date is coming soon and an Instagram page is being set-up.
- If anyone has connections to local businesses for live or silent auctions, let us know if there is interest in donating.
- Business and family sponsorship opportunities are being put together.

X. Talent Show Update – Laura Pavlas

- Talent show will be in the spring. Dates are being discussed with Mr. Hicks and district. Applications will be due after Christmas.
- The idea for this year is for the show to be low-key and a fun opportunity for kids to get on stage with little stress for parents.

- More information to come!

XI. Announcements

- This is the last general meeting of the year.
- PTO is providing pies for the teachers this year and a teacher luncheon in December. There will also be a teacher massage day with Serasana where teachers will get chair massages and hot tea. The funds raised by the PTO funded these activities. Thank you!
- The Holiday Movie Night and Mustang Mixer occur before the next general meeting. The Mustang Mixer is for couples and will be used to raise gift card donations for the Mustang Social.
- Upcoming Dates
 - Spirit Night at Lakeway Pharmacy November 16th, 2018
 - Thanksgiving Break November 19th – 23rd, 2018
 - School Photo Retakes November 28th, 2018
 - Holiday Movie Night November 30th, 2018
 - Ultimate Recess rescheduled to December 7th, 2018 (TBD)
 - Winter Break Early Release December 20th, 2018
 - Winter Break December 21st, 2018 – January 4th, 2019
 - Mustang Mixer January 6th, 2019
 - School resumes on January 8th, 2019
 - Next General Meeting January 17th, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 AM.