



MINUTES

LWE PTO Board Meeting
Date: 11/5/2020 Time: 12:00 pm

Current Board: Paula Draghn | Heather Davis | Tonya Boggan | Brittany Barnette | Ann Mitchell | Samantha Bloomquist | Margaret Green | Alyssa Palmer | Jennifer Suehs

Discussion:

General Welcome/President Report - Paula

- Welcome everyone to our November Zoom. (12:02pm)
- We are trying out a new time – 12pm. 4:30 was tough.
- Approval of October minutes.
 - 1st – Alyssa Palmer
 - 2nd – Tonya Boggan
 - Approved!
- Exciting news! Apex Results are in –
 - We hit \$60k. Goal was \$50k
 - \$233 GC for all teachers to Amazon
 - Donations were made from all over the US including 44 states.
 - We were able to cover the budget, add the outdoor garden, and give money to our teachers!

Principal Report – Mr. Hicks

- Apex – We have one of the smallest campuses but raise the most money! Thank you!
- Snacks & soft drinks are provided for the teachers. If you would like to contribute snacks or drinks, it would be greatly appreciated. (I.E, diet cokes, La Croix, etc) Leave them in the foyer with a note.
- Things are going well with in person learning.
- Continue sending shout outs to let the teachers know how much they are appreciated! You can thank anyone on the staff – custodians, teachers, etc.
- We need substitutes! Please sign up!
- We are having our extra recess next Friday. 11/13. Sno-cone truck will be there.
- We haven't had to send out any letters for Covid cases yet. No names are shared.
- Illnesses in the school are reduced. The mask & social distancing seem to be working. Haven't had as many tummy bugs, strep, flu, etc.

Teacher Report – Esther Peckover (1st grade)

- Thank you for the money from Apex. The teachers always appreciate getting this!
- Thank you to the PTO for providing Razz kids.
- In honor of Veteran's Day, we will have speakers for the classes. Both virtual & in person.
- We are trying very hard to keep both the virtual & in person students doing the same things. I.E. first grade is attempting to do a stem activity from home. Very excited to try and add this for the students at home.

- Working hard to keep in person traditions going in spite of being home.

Counselors Report - Michelle Monahan

- Money from LT Fund for a sensory area/room. This will be great for students that struggle with sensory issues. Looking to have a sensory pad both inside the building and outside.
Need PTO's help (Margaret Green) to stencil the area outside. If you are artist and can help, please volunteer.
The indoor room will have a lot of sensory lights, toys, songs, etc.
Hoping to have this rolling by December!
- Update on Kindness Week - it went amazing! We did the best we could to do providing fun things for both in person & remote students.
The fundraising for this event was amazing! We raised over \$1000 for this! Texas Central Food Bank provide 4 meals for every dollar raised.
Remind the kiddos - it's great to always show kindness!!
- The Veterans program - hearts in the wall.

Treasurer Report – Tonya Boggan

- To review the budget, go to the new website.
- We have 4 wish list to approve.
- Mr. Hicks - \$16,721 create/resurfacing a track for the students
 - Motion to Approve – 1st Heather D, 2nd Alyssa P
 - Approved
- Mrs. Monahan (counselor) - \$122.09 for fidgets for the sensory lab.
 - Motion to Approve – 1st Heather D, 2nd Samantha B
 - Approved
- Mrs. Mallon (5th grade) - \$237.08 for science experiments for remote students
 - Motion to Approve – 1st Jennifer S, 2nd Laura P
 - Approved
- Mrs. Mallon (5th grade) - \$215 to provide STEM for remote students
 - Motion to Approve – 1st Alyssa P, 2nd Margaret G
 - Approved

Community Relations Report – Samantha Bloomquist

- Next Wed 11/11 – First Spirit Day. From 8a-4p stop by Austin Tea Exchange. They will give a portion back to the school.
- Pie Day - pies must be store bought. You can order directly thru Austin Tea Exchange for \$27 or you can buy from other stores and you can drop off in the carpool line. You can also Venmo the PTO to contribute to buy pies. You have until the 16th to order from ATE

Vice President Report – Heather Davis

- Shout out to a few special volunteers!
 - *Teacher Appreciation Team – Casey McArdle, Sarah Carroll, & Lindsay Tomasik. They organize all the things we do for the teachers! Lunch, birthday breakfast, pies, etc.
 - *Social Media Chair – Kelly Bucheru. She has been amazing! She makes all our social media look great!
 - *Decorating Chairs – Denise James & Lauren Crouch. They work on decorating for all the school activities. Apex, Kindness Week, Back to School, etc!
- We still need a few more volunteers! We need an auction chair for the Mustang Social. We aren't sure what the social will look like but we will definitely have a silent auction. Natasha Colley will chair the event.
- We have a new committee that comes along with the new outdoor garden. If you have a green thumb, please volunteer to help with the new garden. Probably starting in the spring. Reach out to Jennifer Suehs if you are interested.

Guest Speaker – Nurse Neal

- The masks seem to be working well.
- We are starting to see a little bit of flu & strep throat but not nearly as much as the past. It is happening around the district.
- Overall things look good. The district updated the district dashboard. The numbers look good. Impressed that #s have stayed low. What we are doing as parents/staff is working. There is only 1 staff and 3 students that currently have Covid.
- Get your flu shot!
- Moving forward as we approach thanksgiving. After the holiday numbers might tick up- please wear the mask, wash your hairs, watch your distance. We might have more after holiday.
- Thank you to the parents that have been so cooperative with the doctor's notes, test, etc.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

