



# MINUTES

LWE PTO Board Meeting  
Date: 9/2/2021 Time: 8:00 AM

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**Current Board:** Paula Draughn | Heather Davis | Tonya Boggan | Brittney Barnette | Ann Mitchell | Samantha Bloomquist | Jennifer Baldacchino | Kelly Bucheru | Jennifer Suehs

## Discussion:

### General Welcome/President Report – Paula Draughn

- Welcome everyone to our first PTO Meeting of the 20/21 school year.
- Ideally we will move back to in person - follow us on social media for updates on meeting location.
- Thankful we got to start the year with some fun events before the school was closed to visitors/families.
  - Kinder Play Date
  - Welcome New Families Breakfast

### Principal Report – Sam Hicks

- Update on when visitors will be allowed back in the school – each time we drop in stages the board will discuss allowing volunteers & visitors back in.
- We need volunteers so we will reschedule Volunteer Fair as soon as we can
- We are still having Apex. The Apex team will be allowed in the school but no parents
- Still trying to decide on dance party or the obstacle course - waiting for mid Sept to make a call.
- LWE is down a few key employees - secretary, teacher's assistant, & bus drivers. If you know of anyone, pass this info along.
- Please understand the challenge we have this year is the rules of Covid exposure have changed - we are following exactly what the school board requires.
- There is a sub university coming up - please sign up! We need subs!
- We will be having field trips but not in the fall semester. Planning them for the spring.
- We really hope that we can take the 3rd grade to the Nutcracker!
- Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!
- Capturing Kids Hearts - program has been added from the PTO. One of the big things is affirmation - thank you for the PTO!

### Treasurer Report – Tonya Boggan

- Review the new budget that was approved in May. You can view on the PTO website.
- We moved our bank over & everything is all set.

### Vice President Report – Heather Davis

- Update on the Maker Space!! This is a new classroom that is set up so kids can work together, collaborate, build. Stem material.
  - worked with Brekka on how this would be used/what is needed
  - kids are going to love it when they start using it. Some classes already have!
  - robots, lots of legos, sewing kits, marble runs, etc

-We have some bins in the front for recyclables - egg cartons, plastic containers (i.e butter, sour cream), bubble wrap, etc that kids can use in the maker space.

### President – Paula Draughn

APEX - biggest fundraiser is starting at the end of Sept! We keep using them because they do such a great job with the kids & with the fundraising! This is how we raise the majority of our money! This is how we create things at the school from our budget. We give our teachers 10% of what we raise back for their classroom!! We pay for field trips, tutoring, classroom needs, etc.

\*SHOWED APEX VIDEO!\*

Follow our social media - you will get lots of information coming up!

### Principal – Sam Hicks

Prior to Apex we would sell cookies, wrapping paper. We did a lot of different fundraisers. Apex eliminated all these needs to fundraise! The energy these young people bring into the school is incredible! It really lifts the entire staff/campus's spirits!

**This meeting was adjourned at 8:28am**