

MINUTES LWE PTO General Meeting **Date**: 09/07/2023 **Time**: 8:05 am

Current Board: Samantha Bloomquist | Brittany Barnette | Ann Mitchell | Jennifer Suehs | Mei Dragoo | Carmen Beck | Cassie Reynolds | Kristin Murphy | Heather Davis

Opening - Samantha B.

- Housekeeping items: April 2023 Minutes Approval
 - o 1st Jennifer S.
 - o 2^{nd} Heather D..
 - o APPROVED
- New Bylaws Vote to Approve
 - o 1st Heather D.
 - o 2nd Mei Dragoo
 - o APPROVED
- Beginning of the year Updates:
 - New furniture in hallways
 - o Spoiled teachers with lunch boxes and journals
 - Bingo night for teachers
 - Lots of purchases
 - o New PE equipment
- Reminders:
 - o Konstella please sign up all communication streamlines through that

Principle Report – Sam Hicks

- First priority is safety of students and building
- Lakeway PD very responsive
- New requirement that all schools have full time police officer
- Welcome Officer Howell, our new officer on campus
 - o 15 years LWPD and Houston before that
- Duties: no discipline, just positive interaction with kids
 - o Prevent intruder from hurting our children
 - o TOSA is disciplinary person

- We are smallest campus in district but have the most volunteers and raise most money in all the district
- Without our volunteers, we cannot do all the events
- Come with all your ideas to the board
- PTO honors teachers well, do so much for the school
- See something, say something for safety

Treasurer's Report – Mei D.

- PTO pays for:
 - o classroom subscriptions
 - o field trip busses
 - o staff support (TA events)
 - o classroom needs and supplies
 - o stock the lounge
 - o laptops for team leads
 - o walkie talkies for teachers
 - o continuing education and conferences
 - o much more
- For students: campus activities like father/daughter, pumpkin party, mother/son, etc
- Able to do all of this because of great sponsors, generous parent volunteers
 - o Need help with our large fundraiser event, Mustang Social
 - o Apex fundraising event: Would love all kids to participate

Kardaras Speaker Update – Heather D.

- Speaker coming Dr. Nicholas Kardaras to speak on mental health
- Waived all travel fees and coming to speak here
- Psychologist and professor in NY
- 9/21 6:30-8pm
- Written 2 books: Glow Kids (screen addiction) and Digital Madness (technology effects on mental health)
- Would love a great turnout
- Will be resending an invite for accurate headcount
- Adults only, spread the word

Pumpkin Party Update – Callie H. and Corey G.

- Party moved to 10/20
- game truck
- Vendors
- Cotton candy
- Pizza and gelato for purchase
- Lawn games
- HBMS NJHS kids as volunteers to run the games
- Need parent volunteers from 4-7pm
- Costume parade and dance party
- Family fun, lots of free fun

Apex is Coming! – Sam B.

- Fall fundraiser
- Obstacle course, pledges
- Area director Ben will be here
- Video intro
- Apex Power theme

Closing - Samantha B.

• Mustang Social a giant need for us, please inquire and sign up to help!

Meeting adjourned and Volunteer fair starts 8:30am