**AUGUST 2021 LITTLE RIVER PTO MEETING – PROPOSED BUDGET**

Monday, August 16, 2021

**Meeting began 6:00 pm**

* Maren Schreiber, conducting meeting
* Welcome and call for introductions
* *Attendees introduced themselves, their children, and year(s) at LR*

Attendees:

1. Cory Hogans
2. Cassie Lewis
3. Maren Schreiber
4. Kayley Talbert
5. Seronda Robinson
6. Christina Randall
7. Easley Schack
8. Melissa Neil
9. Jason and Theresa Torian
10. Julie Kent
11. Andy Crutchfield
12. Jamie Demby
13. Jeremy White
14. Michelle Rawlins
15. Martha Camacho
16. Tracy Byerly
17. Debbie Boone
18. Angelique Jeter
19. Kim Perry
20. Miranda Freeman
21. Sarah Friskney
22. Lynette Williams

**EXPENSES**

Instructional Expenses $8,525

* Each teacher/classroom is eligible to receive reimbursement funds from the PTO for supplies and materials that are used to benefit the students in their classrooms. Funding is allocated based on the average number of students in the classroom.

Special Expenses $2,600

* Specials classrooms

Administrative Expenses: $1,673

* Supplies, bank fees, taxes, insurance, Cheddar Up

PTO Program Expenses: $2800

* Beautification, glow dance, grad parent allocation, hospitality, leadership grants, science day, talent show

**Leadership Grants – up to $300 value**

Julie Kent explained the idea behind the leadership grants – four grants per semester

* Individual student or student group (with a teacher sponsor) will come up with an idea for school improvement, research the cost, the materials, etc., write up a proposal and fill out an application to receive funds from the PTO to implement their idea
* December PTO meeting these projects will be presented (two projects selected from applicants)
* New submissions in March PTO meeting (two projects selected from applicants)
* Which of the seven habits will this project address (as a Leader In Me school)? How will it benefit all or most of the students?

TOTAL EXPENSES: $15,598

**INCOME BUDGETED FOR THIS YEAR**

PTO Membership $900

Priority Car Line Raffle $500

* September 1st - renew your membership and purchase priority car line pass raffle tickets
* September 3rd - drawing for priority car line pass

Box Tops and Shopper Loyalty (Harris Teeter, Kroger, etc.) $600

Amazon Smiles $500

Family Nights (Dine out at Zaxby’s, Panera, Pomodoro, Early Bird Donuts, etc.) $2,000

* Zaxby’s Dine out Night Monday, September 13th

Book Fair, Quarter Auction – Fall, Good Morning Beaver Nation Raffle will not happen this year

Silent Auction – Fall $2,000

* Bigger ticket items in the auction
* August 27th and run for three weeks
* Priority car line passes for the rest of the year’s quarters

Go, Play, Save $500

Flower Power ($1k in fall, $1k in spring – brought in $1250 last year in the spring) $2,000

Fun Pasta $500

Vendor Show – December (outdoor, parking spaces bought per vendor) $1,500

Misc. Revenue (PTO debit card was stolen and charged – the funds were put in this line item last year – no funds will be anticipated to go into this line item this year)

Penny Wars will not happen this year

Quarter Auction – Spring $2,000

Spring Carnival $1,500

Fundraiser (to ensure we do not have a deficit if we need an additional fundraiser) $1,098

Any fundraisers that anyone would like to volunteer for, please do reach out to us via email – we would love to have you volunteer.

TOTAL INCOME: $15,598

**2020-2021 PROJECTS**

* Canopy covers (4) – rainy days in car line
* Picnic tables (32) – purchased and put together outside of classrooms for lunch, outdoor learning, etc.
* Hand sanitizer stations – posted throughout the school, outside media center, outside cafeteria, etc.

**LITTLE RIVER K8 WORKDAY**

* Saturday, August 21st 9am-1pm
* Grounds beautification
* Picnic table assembly and placement

Email: Andy Crutchfield if you are coming [Andrew\_crutchfield@dpsnc.net](mailto:Andrew_crutchfield@dpsnc.net)

**LR OPEN HOUSE**

* Monday, August 23, 2021
* K-2nd: 9am-12pm
* 3rd-8th: 12:30-3:30pm
* Floating times set up

**2021-2022 PTO BOARD**

President: Maren Schreiber

Co-Vice Presidents: Cassie Lewis & Julie Kent

Treasurer: Easley Schack

Financial Secretary: Seronda Robinson

Co-Secretaries: Stacey Swanson and Kayley Talbert

Need confirmation of teacher list of all teachers, will send proposed budget in excel to all members, to last year’s membership and this year’s membership as well

September PTO meeting - do final approval vote on budget

Gratitude was expressed to the outgoing board members and those who are stepping up for this upcoming, academic year.

**Q&A WITH DR. HOGANS, LR PRINCIPAL**

Welcome to a new school year. Not out of the woods yet with covid, but we will continue to be careful.

* Parent Portal
  + Go about your errands, going to grocery store, conversation with fellow LR parents, ask them if they have their parent portal up to date
  + Primary way to dispense information
* Good Morning, Beaver Nation - Dispense information
* School website- dispense information
* Same covid protocols
* Masks
* Handwashing
* Distance
* Managing cases and respond – target case, contact tracing, how we respond, non-mitigation strategies
* Questions, Comments, Concerns
* Car rider numbers assigned – numbers will be kept from last year, new students assigned first day of school or at open house
* Will cafeteria be used for lunch? Lunch will be eaten in classrooms or outside (weather permitting) to promote distancing
* Kids that have to quarantine: is there an option for synchronous learning from home? Instruction will continue remotely.
* Do kids have to stay home if they have a sibling that gets exposed and isn’t yet vaccinated? Possibly. There are scenarios in which there are exceptions. It depends on contact of covid. Siblings will remain at home if under the same roof, but in case that exposed sibling came from grandma’s house, the siblings would not.
* Are you in need of hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes? We will always take those items!
* What is the waiting period before a child can be tested and returned to school if it’s negative? Not certain it is a 5-day wait, but if a negative test, they can return.
* Once they are vaccinated, if they have been exposed but show proof of vaccination, they can return? Students under 12, late fall or early winter should be able to be vaccinated. Attempting to keep students in school and actively engaged as much possible while staying healthy.
* Symptom monitoring, wellness checks, no longer necessary. Parents should do so with their children at home. Nothing official to be done.
* Vaccination rates of our teachers and staff: DPS employees are not required to reveal their vaccination status – that is private. We are not tracking that information. DPS has encouraged staff to be vaccinated.
* Chromebooks: when are they going to be distributed? First day of school they will receive them
* Chromebooks: They will be expected to bring them home each day and return them the next. (Pre-k and K may have different expectations.)

Thanks to everyone, for coming back! Email Dr. Hogans with more questions.

Check PTO FB page

**Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm**

*Minutes taken by: Cassie Lewis in collaboration with Easley Schack and Kayley Talbert*