**Little River K-8 PTO Meeting**

**Monday, Janauary 9, 2023**

**Attendees:** Angelieque Jeter, Wa’Quita McCauley, Seronda Robinson, Julie Kent, Jessica Rider, Michelle Christensen, Cory Hogans, Elizabeth Evans, Easley Schack, Kayley Talbert, Lesley Watson, Martha Camacho, Elizabeth Evans, Lynette Williams, Mary Ross, Christina Randall, Maren Schreiber

1. **Welcome**
2. Follow us on FaceBook for PTO updates
3. **Committee and Event Updates**
4. **Hospitality:**

Gift cards:

* + Did not meet goal.
  + Currently have 21. Need 85 to cover entire staff.
  + Have money on Cheddar up to purchase some additional cards.
  + May give to teachers for Valentine’s Day or Teacher Appreciation week.

Teacher Lunch

* + Did not have a lunch for teachers in December.
  + Will have lunch for teachers on Wednesday. (Sandwiches, salads, chips, cookies, drinks)
  + Need volunteers on Wednesday to help replenish food and take lunch to teachers in their classrooms.
  + In the future, would like to move away from lunches and provide nice treats that are easier to execute. Any ideas are welcome. Perhaps have a photo booth in February.
  + January 31st Hot Cocoa Cocoa Day. Crockpot with aromatic herbs in a crockpot to offer nice smell when teachers walk into the room. Any volunteers to put this together are welcome.
  + Pick up lunch from Costco and have at school by 10:00.

1. **Dine Out Nights**

* Alpaca miscommunication and they thought it was in Raleigh location.
* Did not receive check from Zaxby’s in December because there was no PTO signage there. We need volunteers to be at Dine Out nights for entire time. Will send out sign-up sheet for next Zaxby’s. Need to now let cashier know that you are with LR when placing order. Must have at least 20 orders.
* 1/17 Hog Heaven 4 – 8 PM (moved from 1/10 due to water main issues in area).
* 2/13 2/16 at Elmo’s Spirit “Mursday” 4% of all in-house dining sales.
* Dine Out committee suggesting Zaxby’s for March and May and Pomodoro for April.

1. **Little Shops at Little River**

* Great turnout
* Goal was $1,000
* Total profit was $1,979.02
* 52 booth/lunch preorders $2,002
* Food Sales $704
* Chorus received $50% of food sales $352
* Raffle Tickets $455

1. **Spirit Wear:**

* Still have socks available for $10/pair; See Maren for purchase.

1. **Penny Wars:**

* Suggested dates: Monday, 1/23 through Friday, 2/3.
* Goal $750.
* Sneak Attack function on CheddarUp.
* Winning grade level receive Pop Its, teachers earn month of priority parking, and hopefully a cool incentive from Mr. C!
* Need 10 large water bottle jugs to provide to each grade.
* Need volunteers to help count money (perhaps in morning after drop-off, must be paid PTO member and one board member). Sign up genius will be sent out.
* PTO has a purchased coin counter!

1. **Comedy Worx:**

* Thursday 4/20 (during book fair) @ 5:00pm or 6:00pm.
* Will cost $1,000, but would like to offset with Penny Wars. Will be no cost to attendees.
* Would like to have popcorn machine and cotton candy machine.
* Will need to promote show and will need volunteers to photocopy flyers as well as with book fair. Also need volunteers to during the event.

1. **Crayons2Calculators**

* Two shopping days left this school year.
* Need volunteer shoppers to pick up school supplies on 3/14 and 5/2.

1. **Science Night:**

* Thursday, March 16th 5:00PM – 8:00PM.
* Open to entire community.
* Need 30 volunteers; no science experience necessary.

1. **Spring Carnival:**

* Propose to drop spring carnival due to lack of volunteers.
* Instead, team up with Mangum/Lucas/Carrington on upcoming 5K Festival on Friday, March 3rd at Coffee Ranch in Bahama.
* This event is already planned, so no work up has to be done on our end.
* Pricing for just 5K $25 - $30 person/for all activities and dinner $25 for kids, $50 for adults.
* Can pick and choose which activities, so pricing will vary based on activities. Discounted tickets will be available to allow more people to participate.
* When registering for event, you will need to provide school name. School will get percentage of registration fees will go to school.
* Recommend wearing Little River gear.
* Vote passed.

1. **Volunteers:**
2. **Upcoming Volunteer Needs**

* Penny Wars
* Crayons2Calculators
* ComedyWorx
* Book Fair
* Communications

1. **Committee interest to continue into 2023-2024 school year:**

* GoPlaySave: 1-2 volunteers
* Silent Auction 2-3 volunteers
* Little Shops at Little River
* Will discuss upcoming board positions in February meeting.

1. **Financial Update:**
2. Healthy financial report. Less than $7000 away from annual goal.

* 2022-2023 expected expenses $20,348.00
* 2022-2023 YTD expenses $5,097.84
* 2022-2023 expected revenue $20,348.00
* 2022-2023 YTD revenue $14,713.25

1. **Q&A with Dr. Hogans:**
2. **Proposed Boundary and School Assignment Updates for 2024-2025 School Year**

* Proposal will be made to the board 1/12 at a Work Session. The proposal will consider proposed rule changes on next Thursday, 1/19.
* For middle grades program, current fifth grade cohort will be final middle grades cohort.
* 2024-2025, Montessori program begins.
* 50% neighborhood and 50% applications.
* Four primary classrooms, at least one lower el, and one upper el.
* 2025-2026 additional 3 lower el and second upper el.
* Most likely will be 4,4,4 and school should be maxed out at around 600.
* Priority for lower and upper el will be given to students currently in Montessori who will be displaced due to redistricting.

1. **Will siblings of legacy students be guaranteed a spot at LR?:**

* Siblings are not guaranteed a spot, but can apply and list LR as preference.
* Difference in legacy and transfer students.
* All of LR middle grade students are considered transfer students.

1. **Does LR Have a Formal?**

* If parents and students are interested in having a formal, parent group can organize.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm by Maren Schreiber

Minutes submitted by Lesley Watson