

Meeting Minutes

Lake Travis Middle School PTO

Executive Board Meeting – January 10, 2017

Location: LTMS Library Classroom

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Denise Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with President being the Chair and Vice President Megan Brunson taking minutes.

2. Principal's Report

State of Texas released ratings in 4 different areas graded A thru F based on scores.

1. Student Performance—on standardized test. Our score was an A.
2. Student Progress—last year vs this year. Our score was an A.
3. Closing Performance Gap—compares students with free and reduced lunch. We scored a B. We need to know who these kids are, make teams aware and offer support academically and well as emotionally.
4. Post-Secondary Readiness—which is made up of two categories (1) Absentee Rate –18 absents or more, not medically challenged students and (2) Dropout Rate—Principal will be personally making phone calls to parents of kids withdrawing from school in hopes that we will know where to transfer records. We scored a B. 30 to 40 kids miss more than 18 days.

Ms. Villemaire discussed some of the items LTMS would like the PTO Wishlist to fund.

- Certain number of devices per classroom for kids that forgot or don't have technology on their own suggesting 5 devices per classroom and starting with core classes first. Chromebooks suggested.
- Learning center between 6th and 7th grade halls needs table and large trees.
- Stage lighting for performances.

3. Officer & Standing Committee Reports

President - Denise Hamilton

Ms. Hamilton discussed UIL, and asked if there were volunteer needs for LTMS as in the past. It was discussed that the school hosting provides volunteers and since we are not hosting this year, no volunteers are needed.

A question was posed to the group about instituting a deadline date for Teacher Stipends to be submitted. The board decided to impose a deadline of March 1, with reminders to be sent out January 31 and February 15.

The board discussed working with the principal on the presentations for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders for the next year to get PTO front and center. Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Seawright possibly will participate in the LTMS events and promote PTO. The board also discussed attending (in person) 5th grade PTO meetings for each of the feeder schools to get those parents involved prior to Round UP.

Ms. Seawright asked if it would be possible to create a new family packet that could be given to Ms. Jones to hand out to the new families throughout the year. The board thought this was a great idea and would like to get these created and handed out - the discussion continued to include another new parent event and pizza party for the students. Ms. Hamilton will communicate with Shannon Cordray to help with this activity.

Ms. Hamilton indicated that we have signed a one year contract for School Supplies with Sprouts, the vendor we used last year.

Vice President - Megan Brunson

Ms. Brunson reported that there are no longer tickets available for the Screenagers event on January 20. They are trying to get more space and tickets may become available, signage will be placed at the school soon.

Secretary - Shannon Johnston

Ms. Johnston was not in attendance and had no report.

Treasurer - Dina Holstien

Ms. Holstien provided an update on December financials. The balance in our account is \$70,801.57. We received a check for Spirit Night at Angels for \$305. We also received contributions to SAC.

6th Grade Rep - Kim Yancey

Ms. Yancey was not in attendance and had no report. Ms. Hamilton to follow up with her on Kazaam to see what the date will be.

7th Grade Rep - Jamy Bailey

Ms. Bailey was in attendance and reported not many things going on for 7th grade, because activities are in May. Important Dates to Remember: Field Trip to LBJ Ranch—May 15th, May Day—May 30th

8th Grade Rep - Sherry Sanders & Raquel Knox

Ms. Sanders and Ms. Knox had a meeting with the reps from Hudson Bend Middle School and have booked the DJ for the 8th Grade Luau. They are continuing to work on all 8th grade events, they are late in the year.

May 19—Luau

May 30—Schlitterbahn

May 31—breakfast

Membership - Shaeli Walton

Ms. Walton was in attendance and had no report.

Communications - Laura Fischer

Ms. Fischer was not in attendance and had no report.

Fundraising - Christina Seawright

Ms. Seawright indicated we will receive payments from Amazon Smile twice a year with the changes in how they pay out. Ms. Hamilton asked her to follow up and find out the details so that we can plan for next year's budget on when payments may come in.

Ms. Seawright is currently working on additional spirit nights, looking to work with All-Star Burger, Chick-Fil-A, Angel's, and Raising Cane's.

Ms. Hamilton indicated that in the next month we will need to gear up for the Art Contest which Ms. Seawright will take over this year.

4. Special Committee Reports

None at this time.

5. Other Business**School Board Recognition Month**

January is School Board Recognition Month. Ms. Hamilton drafted a letter and the board approved it. The letter will be sent to the School Board.

Nominations

Looking ahead, we need to prepare and begin looking for members to be on the Nominations Committee. This committee will help in the search to fill our PTO volunteer positions for next year. We are looking for members that have ties to all four feeder schools. If you would like to be a part of the nominations committee, please see Ms. Hamilton.

6. Announcements**7. Adjourn**

President Denise Hamilton thanked everyone in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

In Attendance: Megan Brunson, Sherry Sanders, Suzanne Kelbaugh, Denise Hamilton, Shaeli Walton, Dina Holstien, Raquel Knox, Christina Seawright, Jamy Bailey, Jodie Villemaire

Respectfully submitted on January 10, 2017
By Megan Brunson, LTMS PTO Vice President