

Loomis Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, October 11, 2017.

Introduction of new board and all in attendance.

Minutes from the May 2017 meeting reviewed and approved.

Officers' Reports

President's Report:

We have had a successful September. Lots of volunteers. Thank you to Wednesday folder, Welcome Back Breakfast and Homeroom Parent Tea volunteers.

Rocky's Pizza was used for BTS night.

Upcoming Dates: Bag Bingo, Youth Night, Red Ribbon Week, Fall Festival, PJ Kickoff, 76ers Event, Board Insurance Renewal, Volunteers for Library, Fall Social Volunteers.

Treasurer's Report:

\$4,000 profit was mostly from members dues.

Member asked about this year's dues compared to last year. Similar to last year, dues were not received from all students. Notices and emails have been sent for students who have not paid.

Member asked about the income for ads and where are the directory ads placed now. They are on the My School Anywhere app.

Treasurer's report approved.

Committee Reports:

- Spirit Wear - Jeanine Faggiola
 - Spirit wear is in and will be delivered tomorrow.
 - Hooded sweatshirts were a big hit.
 - No more hats and magnets. Families were reimbursed.
 - Open to suggestions on other items.
- My School Anywhere - Nicole Calamia
 - 199 Families (269 students) have enrolled.
 - New enrollments still coming in.
 - Some students dues are paid but parents have not registered them.

- Putting a class list together for teachers was discussed.
- Bag BINGO - Dana Chirico
 - 260 tickets sold already. Capacity is 300.
- Caring Quilt
 - Patricia Rizzi is asking for someone to shadow her so this can be passed on to someone else.
- Fall Festival - Allison Dezzi and Amy Miller
 - Need more volunteers. Maybe an email blast.
 - Vote is needed to add previous snack money to gifts.
 - Guestimation announcements discussed.
- Fall Social - Volunteers needed to decorate.
- PJ Drive - Noelle Newton
 - Goal is 500.
 - All schools will team up.
 - Volunteers needed to help set up and pack pajamas.
- Tiger Trot (Walkathon) -- Jen Lauletta and Michelle Patrick
 - Picked out 2 designs for T-shirts. Orange suggested instead of white.
 - Parent volunteers needed.

Principal's Report - TJ Gretchen:

Great start to the school year. Thank you to the PTO board. Thanks members for making him feel welcome. Back to school night was very well attended. Saved by the Bell breakfast for teachers was wonderful. BTS Bash was a huge success.

Professional development session discussed. Effort and hard work assembly discussed.

Dr. Pitone, ELA supervisor, notified Mr. Gretchen that Loomis has won an award for making high progress in student achievement. 2018 Title I award.

A classroom assistant (former teacher) will be added for grades 1 and 3.

Newsletters will continue. They will be sent in the Wednesday folder once a month instead of email.

Teachers' Report:

- Stephanie DeLiberty - Grateful for the beginning weeks of school. Thanks parents for everything they did. Thanks for the breakfast.
- Margie Henry - Thanks for the positive culture. Discussed 3rd grade class sizes.
- Kerry DeFronzo - Discussed 3rd grade class sizes. Teachers are fine and instructional assistant is not needed.

Unfinished (old) Business

- Member had a question about 5th grade cleanup on budget for flag.
- Library shelves are in. Help is needed unpacking books.
- Mr. Gretchen will discuss volunteer info with Mrs. O'Donnell.
- Patchwork by 4th and 5th grade blacktop was discussed.
- 2015-16 5th grade gift to school is in a trailer.

New Business

- Motion for \$200.00 for fall festival voted on and approved.
- Motion for PJ Drive \$200.00 for 10-year anniversary voted on and approved.
- State Farm will donate \$100.00 monthly for teachers. Mr. Gretchen will get teacher requests.
- Request for BTS night rotations to be done as they were last year.
- Theme days missing from calendar will be added once a month.
- 3rd grade class sizes discussed.
 - This is not a budgetary issue.
 - If teachers are needed, they will be provided.
 - Decisions will be made based on experts recommendations.
 - Any concerns should be directed to Mr. Gretchen.

Announcements

- Upcoming assemblies
 - Aquarium
 - Energized Guyz
 - Mobile Agricultural Lab
 - PSSA Reward (BMX)

Next PTO Meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Loomis cafeteria.

Adjournment: 8:54 pm

Attendance: Vicky Adams, Kalli Badolato, Rebecca Silver, Shameka Smith

Nicole Calamia, Janine Faggiola, Martha Davis, Amy Miller, Jen Lauletta, Cathy Forlano, Michelle Patrick, Melonie Peterson, Beth Leach, Jennifer Perkins, Melissa Jackson, Colleen Caruso, Stephanie DeLiberty, Christy O'Neill, Dana Chirico, Vicky Koulas, Kate Cancilliere, Allison Dezzi, Bevin Newlin, TJ Gretchen, Noelle Newton, Kerry DeFronzo, Margie Henry, Barbara Harvey, Matt Bilker, Kathryn Chandless