



Longleaf Elementary PTO

Minutes

Date: January 10, 2024

Time: 03:01pm

Meeting called to order by: Kristina Richard

Executive board

Kristina Richard (President), Kristin Bristol (Vice President), Erica Blackledge (Treasurer), Ryan Robertson (Secretary)

In attendance: Sheryl Brown, Kelley Bowman, Danielle Hausmann, Eddy Lynn Kledzik, Larissa Gaines, Lynsey Brennan, Cari Smith, Becky Donohue, Skylar Adams, Ashley Lehman, Cheri Buck, Jamie McKinney, Shannon Mesaros, Jason Sherburne, Megan Pace

Approval of minutes

The Minutes for the December 13, 2023 meeting were approved by Larissa Gaines.

Principals report

- Fast testing has begun today, and will continue Tuesday, next week.
- There is one staff position available. It is a custodial position that requires 4-hour days, Mon-Fri.
- The current student count is between 607-608.

Treasurer Report

Please see Financial Activity Report

Old business

- The next Honor Roll event is January 19. There are 9 volunteers signed up to assist. Ashley is currently working on organizing the event and on volunteer placement. Dunkin Donuts are on board to donate donuts, again, for a breakfast treat. A balloon arch will be needed for the background and will be added to the signup genius.
- Holiday shop made a profit of \$3871.
- After the December Smencil sales, there are still more to sell. Possible sales will take place in March or April. Discussion arose whether something else, such as candy grams or wooden roses will be sold in February. Fall Festival committee will discuss whether to use shop dollars or sell 750 wooden roses to pay for prizes, for next year's fall festival.
- The staff received a \$25 Publix gift card, as well as a hot cocoa bar in the work room. The consensus was that teachers were thankful and enjoyed their gift from PTO.

New business

- Mrs. Donahue is doing a fundraiser for the art department. Longleaf was awarded a grant from the Brevard Cultural alliance to create a tile mural to be displayed on the front wall of the school. Mrs. Donohue has been working with artist, Betsy Heath to design the mural. This is to commemorate Longleaf's 25th anniversary. An email will go out Thursday to let families know that sales will begin Friday the 12th. There will be 162 tiles available for sale, and they will be sold to families for \$51 each. Families are encouraged to purchase one tile, and if there are any left over, they can purchase more. \$1 will go toward a conservation, and the rest will go toward the art department to buy more art supplies for the students. PTO will be assisting in selling the tiles on our

website, so they may be purchased online. Families will paint their tile on Jan 25, between 5-7pm. This is also conference night and Book Fair.

The artist has created a mural that contains Buddy the bobcat, the Longleaf logo, and pines. One student's design of "Sammy" the school squirrel, will be selected to be on the mural as well. When the mural is completed there will be an unveiling that the school board will be invited to attend.

- The committee sign-up sheets are located on the volunteer door. We have added one for Teacher Appreciation week. We need a committee to help plan for May.
There will be a Family Dance committee meeting next Wednesday, the 18th at 2:45 pm in the library to start planning for the dance which will be held March 8 from 5-7pm.
- In lieu of STEAM night, the PTO is proposing to have Sky Dome Planetarium come set up their dome and give a presentation that will be between 35-45 minutes to each grade. It would take place the week of February 20th. The price would be \$1895 for the experience. Due to the size of the dome, the cafeteria would be the only space large enough to host the presentation. Mr. Sherburne will look into the logistics of hosting this event and get back with us with a plan if possible. The company does offer other STEAM activities as well that can be looked into. The group voted Yes for the expense, if it can be done.
- Mrs. Smith brought a request for PTO to buy 4 large rolling coolers for the school to take on field trips that would safely fit on the school busses. Blue coolers are \$97 and white are \$109.98 each. Some of the kindergarten teacher believe we have some coolers in the kindergarten shed. This will be investigated, and we will readdress the need for coolers at the next meeting.

Open floor

- There was discussion about fall festival and possibly sending a survey out to see if Saturdays are the best day to host the festival. It was difficult to gather help for Saturday. There was also an abundance of left-over food this year. A meeting has been set up to recap fall festival.
- Sheryl Brown suggested purchasing some new cash boxes. PTO will look into the cost of new boxes.
- The bookfair still has availability for volunteers to sign up to help the kids shop.
- Ashley Lehman asked about the status of PBIS and the Bobcat Bash. Mrs. Kledzik says they will get together soon to figure out a date and will let the students know. They need to figure out solutions for students who have few buddy bucks, while others have many.

Adjournment

3:49 pm