



Longleaf Elementary PTO

Minutes

Date: 2/14/2024

Time: 3:05pm

Meeting called to order by: Kristina Richard

Executive board In Attendance

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

In attendance: Kelley Bowman, Kristin Jones, Sheryl Brown, Eddy Lynn Kledzik, Lynsey Brennan, Jamie McKinney, Cheri Buck, Meghan Pace, Becky Donohue, Rena Morrison, Desirée Biolansky, Skylar Adams, Jason Sherburne, Larissa Gaines, Cari Smtih, Tracy Pogue.

Approval of minutes:

Megan Pace and Sheryl Brown

Treasurer report:

See attached report.

Principal Report:

The superintendent, Dr. Rendell came to tour our school. He was impressed with Longleaf and spent time with the kindergarten classes. He also paid a visit to Mrs. Pogue and Mrs. Schieman.

He also viewed the kiln in Mrs. Donohue's class and was able to see the mural progress. Mr. Sherburne also explained the science initiative that Longleaf is implementing to Dr. Rendell.

In other news, the floors are being replaced, and paid for with the sales tax initiative. It is being worked on day and night.

Old business

- After checking in the kindergarten storage on the coolers, it was determined that they are not large enough for field trip use, so we proceeded with voting on purchasing larger coolers with handles (which was proposed at the last meeting). It was approved by the majority.
- The family dance will be a sock hop theme. Tickets will be available until February 29, or until tickets sell out. Tickets include a meal, and other items will be for sale, as well. Photobooth and DJ are also booked for the event.
- Trivia night will be Thursday evening. There are not as many people signed up for this event as there were last time. Ms. Gaines set up all the questions and is the host. Free popcorn with nerd clusters and science potion lemonade are free at the event.
- Mural tiles are mostly completed. Mrs. Donohue says that students are currently working on the interior tiles. 118 Tiles were sold to Longleaf families.
- The planetarium will take place next Tuesday in the cafeteria.
- PTO provide fondue and cold brew as a February treat for teachers in their work room. The teachers enjoyed it, and it was something different. Next month the coffee cart may be brought back, and donations will be asked for. February 22, at 8am, there will be a staff appreciation meeting. Please come if interested.
- The fun run has been moved to April 19, and it will possibly be a color run. We may use a different company, than we used in the past, to make more funds. We need another profitable fundraiser for PTO.

New business

- Autism awareness shirts are being sold by PTO to raise money for sensory items, and possibly a sensory room. The last day to order is 2/14.
- There were two class rug requests from Ms. Bennett and Ms. Martinez-Rollins. One rug was \$365 and the other was \$352. The requests were voted on and approved by the majority.
- A possible Florida Wildlife Hospital presentation was discussed, They bring animals such as birds, turtles and snakes. They also bring hands on items such as turtle shells and feathers. The presentation would follow the activity schedule and the cost would be \$425 for the whole day. The idea will be tabled for now, so Mr. Sherburne can look into it a bit more.
- There was a request from Ms. Yanes, for 12 handheld digital microscopes. The cost was \$420. They plug into the computer and can be viewed on the screen. They can be used for all grades as well as ASP after school use. Mr. Sherburne thinks they are a good addition.

He also says that the district is looking into providing a STEM teacher for all schools. The microscopes were voted on and approved by the majority.

- There was a request for reimbursement from Ashley Lehman for items purchased for the holiday shop. The PTO board can approve amounts up to \$250, and this request was for \$315.79, therefore must be voted on. This amount was over the allotted budget for holiday shop. Since Ashley was not at the meeting, and the receipts didn't specify many of the items, the vote will be tabled until the next meeting, when more info can be gathered.
- There was a helium tank on campus that was used by the old booster club. The company who owns the tank was called and PTO was told the tank would need to be exchanged for \$30 plus the cost of helium and there would be a fee to refill it each time. There doesn't seem to be a need for helium balloons, and the majority of PTO was not interested in this expense.
- Teachers got together to review their supply list for the upcoming year so we can do our supply box fundraiser. The lists need to be submitted to EPI no later than March 1. Ms. Donohue inquired about sketch books being added to the lists and this will be looked into.
- The Buddy Store will be brought back on March 21 & 22 (the same days as field days). The items for sale will be left over items from previous sales and 5 below posters that were donated to the school.
- It has been decided that movie night will be cancelled due to the number of events already on the calendar.

Open floor –

Nothing to Report

Adjournment

3:50pm