

Larchmont PTO Minutes
May 3, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Wendi Lyons PTO President.

- Wendi Lyons- President
- Vice President- Danielle Koenig
- Treasurer- Kevin Koenig
- Recording Secretary- Mike Mattle, absent
- Financial Secretary- Tamia Johnson-Wooten
- Corresponding Secretary- Christina Radtke

President's Report

-George Rafferty was here and is the new Superintendent. Thanks to everyone...we have 4,254 children in the district.

-Book Fair went well. We made \$1,600 and got \$500 in Scholastic dollars to spend on their books. Clarissa and Latesha ran it so smoothly. The coloring contest was a hit. The music and math event went really well in the gym during the Book Fair night (New Jersey School of Music in Medford and Mathnasium) 5 Lenape volunteers helped out.

-Danielle Koenig did a wonderful job on Ladies Night Out. Made \$4,353. The donations were amazing and it was such a fun night for everyone!

-**Mixed Bags** thanks to Jen Favorite. \$1,289.85. We get 45% off what we sell so it was worth it. Going to do it again in the Spring.

-**Square One Art**- Normally we do it in the Fall, but with the new art teacher we decided to do it in the Spring. We made about \$900, which was less than last year. Might not do it next year because thinking of other ideas. Ms. B is awesome.

-Fridge Fill was Monday and **Teacher luncheon on Thursday**. Haveaffle tickets from Mixed Bags and 5 massages to give to the teachers. Luncheon and cookies made by Kandi Tucker.

-PARCC testing and we provide nutrigrain bars for children who haven't had breakfast. 4 bars for each classroom if they need it.

-**May 13th- Fun Fest** 6:00-8:00. Charging extra for the dunk tank. Mr. Weisenbach, Miss Smith, and Mr. Jackson will be in the tank! Need adults to help and the 4th Grade Pool Committee will run the dunk tank. Asking staff to sign up by the Keurig machine. There will be games, moon bounces, cotton candy, etc. June 10th would possibly be a back-up rain date.

-May 19th- Art Show

-June 1st- Junior Achievement Day(Financial Literacy) with one parent per classroom. 1st- 2nd grade is until 11:45, but they'll be doing 4 modules. 3rd and 4th grade will do it after lunch as well. **May 18th** 6:00-7:00 is the training for the parent volunteers who will be teaching. The Lenape NHS students also help. Continental breakfast and lunch provided for volunteers.

-June 3rd is Field Day, Mr. Brown needs volunteers.

-June 3rd Fun Run is at the end of the day. We have 1,000 labels which is only 10% of the school, so still want labels to be turned in. Danielle would like to get an aerial view. (Rosa has a drone.) We could do a Go Fund Me for raising more money. Kristine will see if we can combine the playground one. We'll use the popsicle sticks to count laps and then do bubbles at the end.

-Pansies have to be pulled out and summer flowers have to be planted. Danielle S. will see if we can get NHS volunteers. Stacey is the Public Relations at the fire station and Marie Reynolds. Someone is donating all the water for the Fun Run.

Treasurer's Report

Balance last month- \$24,569.75

Deposits- \$9,453.45

Balance Remaining- \$23,751.16

Made \$1,700 on Gertrude Hawk, \$426 for Box Tops,

Principal's Report- George Jackson

-Mr. Jackson said- Thank you for the luncheon for all the aides on April 22nd They also had professional development on that half day afternoon. Danielle S. asked if there will be more things we can do for the paraprofessionals in the Fall. Mr. Jackson is hoping we can continue to provide some nice opportunities for them. He says "Thank you for the "Fridge Fill" for **Teacher Appreciation Week** on Monday and the teacher luncheon will be on Thursday." \$2,000 for an Epson projector to be installed (use to cost \$2,700) Chromebooks including the warranty and license are about \$250 each. (Mr. Rafferty said they'd like to get as many as possible.) Mr. Jackson said 4th and 2nd have enough Epson projectors. 1st needs 3 more, K needs one more, self-contained needs 2 more, so six

more Epson projectors needed. The goal is to get 6 projectors and 24 Chromebooks.

PARCC testing is moving along. Next week is make up. **May 25th is NJ Ask.** He'd like to work on a **summer reading program.** More information will follow. Kids who read more do better on tests and in school. Jen Favorite teaches in Marlton and she said every child is reading the same book and then they had some activities to go along with it. Maybe we could do a prize with Rita's, etc. Just want to make sure children continue to read, and doesn't want kids to feel deflated the first day if they don't have a book report to turn in.

-Solar Panel work is done and we'll be able to see the info on the panel by the main office.

Committee Events and Updates

-June 6th is 4th grade Pool Party- PTO gives \$500. They made \$626 in bake sales so far. Alla Rose is ordering towels and cinch bags for each child. DJ and other expenses. They'll still have a bake sale at the FunFest and there was the Tupperware sale.

Staff Report

-Luke Weisenbach was present and said no concerns.

Open Forum

-Rosa Grimes would like to know if we can do a Talent Show. (Danielle S. does have it on the calendar for December next year as an evening event.) We'll discuss further. Could just do the 3rd and 4th grade during the school day this year. It could be done during the school-wide family meeting. June 17th at the end of the day like 1:30? Rosa will work on it.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 by Wendi Lyons.