



LESTER PTA MEETING MINUTES

Time: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: Lester Elementary School Gym

Call to Order (Lisa Kelsey) 7:06pm

Secretary's Report (Liz Pankner):

- Request to approve [PTA Meeting Minutes 4.20.22](#) and [PTA Special Meeting Minutes 5.5.22](#)- Approved

President's Report (Lisa Kelsey):

- Update on Lester PTA tax filing
 - [Tax Filing Statement](#)
 - If you have any questions regarding this statement, please contact a member of the PTA board
- Blessings in a Backpack Donation
 - Families/staff of Lester Elementary have donated \$7,598.00 from unused fun lunch funds
- PTA Officer Nomination for 2022-2023
 - Nominating Committee submitted the following name for the only open position, president
Elect: Kristen Wiklund
 - No other nominations were presented
 - Voice vote occurred and Kristen Wiklund was nominated for PTA president elect for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Provided there are no objections within 30 days, she will resume her official duties at the beginning of the new fiscal year
- Volunteer Appreciation Event 6/1/2022- evening- open house style. Location TBD, please keep an eye out for more information.

Treasurer's Report (Kristen Wiklund):

- Current month treasurer's report and outstanding items
 - [Lester PTA - Treasurer's Report 2021-2022 School Year.xlsx](#)

President-Elect (Kristen Avery): No report

- Thank you to Lisa Kelsey for her hard work as president

VP Programs' Report (Angela Hassan):

- Thank you committee chairs and volunteers for planning some fun events this school year! We appreciate all your time and work to get these programs running. Here are our **current committee chair openings for the 2022-2023 school year**. Please let me know if you are interested in leading a committee so I can help with the transition.



- Expressions Art Show
- Fall/Spring Book Fair
- Mother/Son Event- filled by Sara Schad and Angie Erickson- THANK YOU!

VP Fundraising Report (Erin Montana & Julie Jurek):

- We raised \$100 for our Good Friday Eagle fundraiser.
- Next dine out will be Outpost on June 2nd.
- Baskin Robbins Last day of school- June 8th

VP Communications Report (Julia Mazurek & Jennifer Gawel):

- PTA Survey - Your Feedback is Requested! Survey extended to **Monday, May 23rd**.
 - Parent Survey: <https://forms.gle/6Fve6XKaZ8czPWxu6>
 - So far we have 40 responses- keep them coming!
 - Teacher/Staff Survey: <https://forms.gle/BgnyxGimkxUELfXP6>
 - So far we have 5 responses. We'd love more!
 - Especially interested in hearing whether there are things we do that are NOT helpful for staff and teachers
- The feedback you share with us will help guide the PTA for 2022-23 school year! Please be open and honest, your commentary helps the PTA provide programming that will best serve your students.

VP Membership (Sara Schad):

- Directory update
 - No success in getting a membership directory up in running for this year. Memberhub has made an update, and we plan to get it up and running for next year
 - We are able to add a space for families to opt-in to a directory during registration. We hope this will allow for a more complete directory for the community to utilize

Principal's Report (Katie Novosel and Lauri Smith)

- Field Days - Thurs. June 2 (K/1 am & ½ pm), Friday June 3 (6th am & ½ pm)
 - Please send lunch on field day! No hot lunch this year (set for June 6 instead)
 - Volunteer sign up- look in friday newsletter and facebook for link
 - Sunscreen and water
- Last Day of School - Wed. June 8 dismissal at 11:30
- 6th Grade Clap out- Wed. June 8 at 11:30
 - Kids will line the halls, parents will line up outside and clap for 6th graders exiting building
- Thank you for Staff Appreciation & Lounge makeover!
- Playground funds- met with Kevin Barto
 - Priority is adding artificial turf to wood chip area, chain link fence, additional climbing area, drainage on east playground swing area (All cost dependant)
 - Hope to get bid in over summer and start work in fall
- Monday, June 6- All School Lunch- no cost to families
- Tuesday, June 7- Matt Willhelm assembly on the blacktop/ Kona ice truck!
- Tuesday, June 7- All school photo (please have your child wear assigned color, if possible)



- Red- Kindergarten
- Orange- 1st
- Yellow-2nd
- Green-3rd
- Blue-4th
- Purple-5th
- Black- 6th grade shirts
- Staff Gray

Teachers' Report - No Report

Committee Reports:

- Family Reading Night (Angela Hassan & Candice Richmond)
 - Thursday, May 26th @6:30PM on the East Blacktop (6th grade side). So excited to share the theme of hot air balloons! It will be a wonderful learning opportunity and a unique experience. There will be a small book to give to each family in attendance as well as a themed bookmark for each student! Even if you'll be late, stop by!
- Field Day (Ainsley Sumlin / Tina Nammari) -
 - Thurs and Fri, June 2 & 3 - split by grade for the morning or afternoon each day. Ms. Sopron sent out google form to gather volunteers and will assign stations to the volunteers ahead of the day. There will be some new, fun games with lots of new equipment that the PTA is purchasing for field day that can also be used during PE next year. This extra stuff is possible with the reallocation of the roller skating budget to Field Day - Ms. Sopron and the principals are thrilled! This year, instead of providing lunch during Field Day, we are doing an all-school lunch on Monday, June 6 - cheese pizza (with GF option) from Al's pizza, plus some other snacks. Ms. Sopron included this on the volunteer form. Even after all this, we still had budget left, so Ms. Novosel and Ms. Smith are letting us host a Kona Ice truck at the school on Tuesday, June 7 during the assemblies at 9am and 10am. So many fun things for our kids to look forward to during the last few days of school!
 - Were able to use some extra fund for more field day equipment/swag
 - Volunteer form was in lester living last week, but will add to website and FB
- Fit Boys Club (Jen Gawel) - we can do this again in the fall, starting to think about beginning of year
- Fit Girls Club- (Candice Richmond)- Excited for this in fall!
- Fun Lunch (Lisa Kelsey & Shannon Deguiulio)- June 1st- for purchase (different than all school hot lunch on June 6th)
 - Most likely AL's pizza chicken tender meal
 - Anticipate we will be able to do regular fun lunch next year
- Lester Gardens (Andrea Paris & Julia Salisbury) - we have planted some annuals in the pots and barrels near the front of the school; due to the crazy spring weather, we will wait until June for a summer workday
- School Supplies (Jackie Szalanski & Karissa Campione) - Order deadline for next year is 6/12/22. Signs going up soon. Spread the word!
- 6th Grade Party- (Jessica Chase & Angelique Stacy)



- The 6th grade party is this Friday from 3-5pm in the gym.
- All 6th graders will receive a special tshirt on Thursday to wear to school on Friday
- The party is funded by Lester PTA and is for 6th grade students only
- Summer Math Club (Erik Duda)
 - Summer Math Club will look similar to the way it was run pre-COVID. I will be posting a Google Form for parents to submit. I will then put together the packets and handout the first set of sheets during the last week of school. They can either email me at erikduda@gmail.com or I'm sure they can download the sheets themselves, not sure how yet. The student just needs to bring the completed sheet to the library on the appropriate dates to receive their prizes.
 - Math Club prize pickup times:
 - June 20th and 21st
 - July 11th and 12th
 - August 1st, 2nd and 15th
 - 9:30-11:30 am, 5:30-7:30 pm each day
 - We will need some parent volunteers to help out at the library during the sheet check/prize pickup days. The district coordinator will create a SignUp Genius that I will then post.

Unfinished Business:

- Request to add a budget line item of \$500 for clear plastic bins and misc supplies for the PTA closet organization- Approved
 - Tentatively June 10th
- Request to increase budget for Volunteer and Admin Appreciation by \$500 (for a total of \$1000) to recognize/acknowledge committee chairs that have served the PTA over the past two years - Approved
- Request to shift the budget from One Book One School, in the amount of \$2,000, to Family Reading Night for this year only- Approved
 - One Book, One School funds will not be used this year otherwise
 - Next year, consider increasing the budget for Family Reading Night
- Request to approve \$13, 130.10 for Lester School Wish List Items. - Approved
 - Please see link for further detail and price breakdown of items.
 - [Lester Wish List 22-23](#)

New Business:

- Please review the attached budget proposal for next school year. We will vote on this during the first PTA meeting next year
- [Proposed 2022-23 Budget vs 2021-22, 2020-21 & 2019-20](#)
 - The following are some of the changes proposed for the new budget



- Increases to student and teacher favorites like: Art Awareness, Field day, Fit Boys/Fit Girls, After School Programs, Science Olympiad, Reading Night, Class Ambassador Program, Scholarship (will now offer an additional scholarship)
- Added line items for Daddy Daughter Dance/Mother Son
- Added Lester Cultural Night
- PTA will now pay for yearbooks for all students
- Reading Games
- Fundraisers were left the same, focus on spending and less on raising funds
- Increased Accounting/Banking to accommodate any potential expenditures, but I don't anticipate having to use these fund
- We added a large increase to equipment to fund an organization project for the PTA closet. We hope that this decreases expenditures in the future by avoiding duplicate purchases
- Field trip budget increased by \$10,000
- Cub Club increase- all incoming K kids will have a shirt + all new families
- Line item for cricket membership
- \$5,000 increase for fun lunch
- Discussion as to whether 6th grade yearbook should be added to budget
 - Plan to revisit next year based on 6th grade party costs
 - Future class sizes will heavily impact costs
- [2021-22 Budget vs 2020-21 & 2019-20](#)

Meeting adjourned at: 8:47pm

For more details and important dates, please view the Lester PTA calendar on our website:

<http://www.lesterpta.com/calendars>