



LESTER PTA MEETING AGENDA

Time: Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Location: Lester School Library

Call to Order (Kristen Wiklund):

Secretary's Report (Jackie Szalanski):

- Request to approve minutes of [Lester PTA Meeting 9.20.23 Minutes](#)

President's Report (Kristen Wiklund)

- Illinois Storm Chasers assembly happened 10/12 - great feedback from the kids
- Ben's Bubble Show booked for 12/21
- Working on booking Chicago Boyz Acrobatic team for 5/23 along with Kona Ice Truck
- Budget concerns and executive board meeting

Treasurer's Report (Liz Banaszak):

- Please see attached the October 2023 Treasurer's Report [October 2023 Treasury Report](#)
- Also attached is a draft October 2023 Budget to Actual Report – this is a work in progress, I hope to have a more complete/accurate version at the next meeting [October 2023 Budget to Actual \(draft\)](#)

President-Elect (Sara Schad):

- No Report.

VP Membership (Bonnie Glass & Sara Schad):

- 265 total members - 238 families and 27 staff.

VP Fundraising Report (Kara Gordon & Julia Mazurek; Katie Frick to provide updates at meeting):

- Fun Run 2023 was a great success! Results:
 - Final tally of funds raised
 - 240+ families participated
 - 491 1-mile participants
 - Thank you committee members and volunteers - especially Lester staff & their families
 - Highlights: stage & AV, new sponsor & race signage, Hummer Park family fest
 - Opportunities: corral runners through inflatable arch to ensure timing chip activates
 - Other feedback?



- Experiences: A few fall experiences are available (tonight! Adorn512 Shop n Sip - head over after the meeting! 10/29 Kindergarten Halloween party; 11/11 Home Depot workshop) - purchase on GiveSmart
- Sponsor Program
 - Thank you to the Variety Show committee for making our first Platinum Plus sponsored event so successful for Shine Pediatric Dentistry.
 - Sponsor banners & 8x8 PTA backdrop looked great! Great place for pics and recognize the generous sponsors who allow us to do these great events for the kids. Next up: World's Fair!
- Coming Soon: Minted fundraiser for savings on holiday cards + a donation back to Lester. Will share in next week's eBlast. Make choosing holiday cards a little easier this season.

VP Programs' Report (Angie Erickson):

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VP Communications Report (Kristen Avery):

- Reminder that updates for the newsletter are due Sunday evening; an email must be sent to vpcommunications@lesterpta.com to ensure inclusion in the Tuesday newsletter

Principal's Report (Katie Novosel and Lauri Smith):

- Amazing Fun Run event!!!! (As already mentioned) We received lots of verbal positive feedback about the Hummer Park after party.
- As a building and district, we are taking an extra focus on attendance to improve student outcomes. You will see this shift in both district and school communication efforts.
- We just had our first assembly with Mr. Nick from Storm Chasers Science! Very informative with a "cloud" surprise at the end.
- As a building, we have a Positive Behavior and Expectations Committee that is working to proactively support behaviors. One of the more recent focuses is on building a community of respect among students and all stakeholders. You might hear your children talking more about this at home.
- Thank you for the snacks and dinner at conferences. Our teachers truly appreciate it and it helps take a little stress off of their plate when they know they will be nourished on those long nights.
- Safety Overview Presentation - There will be a voice-over presentation shared in an upcoming family newsletter.
 - [Link to voice-over presentation.](#)
 - [Link to Emergency Classroom Action Guide](#)



Teachers' Report:

- Mr. Haushahn (Resource Teacher) and Mrs. Sciacca (4th Grade) :)

Committee Reports:

- After School Clubs - Thoughts on offerings for winter/spring
- Art Awareness - Dates have been picked by teachers 11/29-12/13. Parent volunteer opportunities will go out next week
- Author Fest -
- Birthday Bulletin Boards -
- Cultural Fair - The signup is currently open and it will close on Friday, November 3rd at midnight. There are 9 countries that the students can choose to visit and their experience will include exposure to different cultures through images, music, crafts and activities, cultural performances by high school students and multi-cultural treats. We hope students continue to sign up!
- Cub Club -
- Expressions Art Show -
- The Book Fair - The Book Fair has official dates: Anderson's is dropping off on Friday, February 2nd after school, load-in/set-up is Monday morning, February 5th, and take-down/load-out is Friday morning, February 9th. It'll be open for a limited time after school several days during the week and in the evening during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, February 7th (we were only able to take over the library for a week, so unfortunately it will not be open for the Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 1st).
- Family Reading Night
- Field Day -
- Fit Boys - We wrapped up our last Fit Boys on 10/2 where the PTA treated everyone to an ice cream at Every Day's A Sundae after we ran to it. Thank you PTA! We had over 30 boys in both 5th and 6th grade participate in 10 sessions over the summer and the beginning of the school year! Both Kerry Onken and Emilie Watrob will not have a 5th or 6th grade boy next year so they are looking for a Mom or Dad who would want to take over for next year.
- Fit Girls - We had about 10-12 girls participate each day. Only 2-3 signed up for the 5K. Fit Girls is an intro into running, exercising and pushing oneself. We are very proud of all of the girls!
- Fun Lunch -
- Fun Run -
- Hospitality -
 - Teacher Birthdays/Conferences - PTA provided Los Dos tacos for one conference; PTA members provided snacks and treats for the other conference.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week -



- Ice Cream Social -
- Lester Gardens -
- Memorials -
- Midway Event -
- Philanthropy/Scholarships -
- Reading Games - Reading Games will be held on February 24, 2024 at O'Neil. Registration is currently open through November 15th. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event and Question writers are still needed as well.
- Reflections - Reflections entries are due this Friday, October 27th. Emails have been sent out to those who have filled out the interest form with directions on how to submit projects. They need to be turned into the front office. Looking forward to what our creative Leopards have been up to!
- Room Parent Coordinator/Class Ambassador - Room Parents introduction emails should have gone out to the class. Classroom party volunteer lists should also have been sent to the class. Halloween volunteers should be planning the party and sending the details to the classroom teacher this week.
- School Supplies - Working on getting information/rough costs from vendors for ship-to-student option vs ship-to-school for next supply sale
- Science Olympiad -
- Sixth Grade Year Book -
- Sixth Grade Party -
- Spirit Wear -
- Summer Math Club -
- Sweetheart Dance -
- Teacher Support -
- Variety Show -
- Winter Fundraiser -

Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

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Meeting adjourned at:



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