



LESTER PTA MEETING MINUTES

Time: Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 at 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Call to Order (Lisa Kelsey): 7:03 pm on May 15th, 2021

- Welcome Message
- Thank You to 2020-21 Leadership
- Introductions to occur throughout tonight's meeting

Secretary's Report (Liz Pankner):

- Request to approve [May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#), Kristen Avery Seconded- APPROVED

Treasurer's Report (Kristen Wiklund):

The Audit Committee concluded their audit of the books of the treasurer for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and found them to be correct. A copy of the PTA Audit Report Form is available here:

[Audit Report 2020-2021](#) President's Report (Lisa Kelsey):

- Overview of PTA in 2021- We will continue to meet via zoom until further notice.
- Regional and State PTA Updates - Information to come
- Lunch Volunteer Sign Up Update- Please use Signup genius to volunteer.

President-Elect (Kristen Avery): no report

VP Programs' Report (Angela Hassan):

- Committee sign-ups are now open. Please see this week's e-blast for information on various committees and volunteer opportunities. Available now, Sign-up will close on Friday, September 24th.
- If you have an idea for a program, or if you think a previous program can safely run this year, please notify angela.

VP Fundraising Report (Erin Montana & Julie Jurek):



- Fun Run (Jennie Fabianski & Julie Jurek): We will be ending registration for the race on 9/19 at 9am. After that, raffle items will remain open until race day and experiences will stay open until 26th. We currently have about 384 registrants. Permit has been obtained and the neighborhood will be notified next week. Carbo load night at Gattos will be Wednesday the 22nd, bib pick up will be at Lester on the 23rd and 24th from 2:45-3:30. If you can't make the bib pickup, come early on race day for pickup. Race day registration will be available.
- Winter Fundraiser (Kristen Avery & Kara Gordon): Save the Date for Saturday, February 26, 2022 for this year's Winter Fundraiser
- Other fundraising: The next Box Tops submission date is October 1st. Information on how to sign up for the app for receipt scanning will be included in an upcoming eblast
- Thanks to all who went to Menchies for our first dine out fundraiser. We raised \$16.95. The next will be take and bake pizzas from Home Run Inn before Halloween.

VP Communications Report (Julia Mazurek & Jennifer Gawel): Will be working on updating the website, as well as making sure the same information is available across many platforms.

- E-blast (Jessica Avila): No report

VP Membership (Sara Schad):

- PTA memberships need to be renewed each year. If you haven't already done so, please visit MemberHub to renew your membership or join!
- We will have raffle prizes for any families that join the PTA/ pay their dues by 10/1.
- As a reminder, all Board members and committee chairs must be active members.

Principal's Report (Katie Novosel):

- IAR Testing next week (current grades 4,5,6)
 - No Extend next week due to IAR testing across district
- Map/Aims testing is almost complete (window closes Friday)
- **Mondays- "Orange" You Glad it's Monday!- wear orange**
- Fridays- School Spirit Day!- wear gold/blue
- Lunch- we have a routine down; THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS!!!
- Spirit wear online store is up and running- available for the next two weeks. Orange options available.
- Volunteer 6th Graders- now reading daily announcements & doing very well

- Drills- Practice Fire Drill (Tues) & Active Threat w/Police Dept (Thurs)
 - Fire Drill with Fire Dept next Friday
- Curriculum Night was a success! Thank you to all who came.
- Thank you to PTA for beginning of the year Teacher Survival Kits!

Teachers' Report : (2nd grade team- Matt Leiser, Lisa Czeszewski, Christine Torres, Reenie Jackson & Reading Specialist-Lisa Garbis):

- Matt Leiser: Thank you for the "Back to School survival kit" and for all you do!



Committee Reports:

- Art Awareness (Shawna Smith): Looking forward to a more streamlined process (for me) and a whole new round of inspiring artists to share with the students this year!
- Birthday Bulletin Board (Karissa Campione)
We're back on paper! Thanks to Mrs. Novosel for doing the hard work and affixing the decorations to the bulletin board.
- Fit Boys Club (Jen Gawel)
 - First practice was on Monday, 9/13
 - We will have a total of 4 practices leading up to the Fun Run
 - I would love to extend maybe into the fall to lead up to the DG 5K on Thanksgiving and just to keep the kids moving.
- Fun Lunch (Lisa Kelsey & Shannon Deguiulio) ----Fun Lunch is on hold currently.
Refunds for balances from Spring of 2020 have been mailed with the exception of the remaining 13 requests, which will be sent shortly.
Donation to Blessings in a Backpack will be presented by the next meeting. Exact amount will be shared in the coming weeks.
- Hospitality-Teacher Appreciation (Sara Schad & Karissa Campione) - We welcomed the teachers and staff back to school with personalized cups filled with a "First Week of School Survival Kit." Also provided snacks for the first day of school.
- Lester Gardens (Andrea Paris & Julia Salisbury) : Completed summer clean up and added annuals to entrance and sign before first day of school; Fall Work Day sign up information coming soon
- Reflections (Amanda Harrington & Karissa Campione)
Theme chosen, look for promotions to be coming in the next few weeks.
- Room Parent/Class Ambassador (Jen Gawel)
 - We will send out the Room Parent volunteer sign up in the next few weeks
 - Also we will ask for Class Ambassadors - we have lots of people excited to take on these rolls for their kids classes
- 6th Grade Yearbook (Jessica Avila) - would like to try something different this year with the ordering. She would like to request that money from orders be sent in to her, then PTA cuts one big check to pay for the yearbooks. She would also like to request \$353.60 to cover the cost of the yearbooks for any student who is free and reduced, 6th grade teachers and the extra cost above \$30 for each yearbook. Vote to approve this line item of \$353.60 will take place during our next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

7:52pm 2021-2022 Budget vote

- Kristen Wiklund motioned to approve the budget, Julie Jurek seconded. Vote was APPROVED.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

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



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