



LESTER PTA MEETING MINUTES

Time: Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 at 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Call to Order (Lisa Kelsey) at 7:02pm

Secretary's Report (Liz Pankner):

- Request to approve [October 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)- APPROVED
- In order to support our communications goals, please try to update the agenda for PTA meetings by Sunday night, prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Kristen Wiklund):

- Cash Balance and Outstanding Items
- Update on Fun Lunch refunds and Blessings in a Backpack Donations
- Link to [Treasurer's Report- Nov 17th](#)
- Link to [Outstanding Items](#)

President's Report (Lisa Kelsey):

- Reading Games Update- It's happening! <https://www.readinggamesdg58.com>- Lisa will remain the contact/chair for this
- Zoom vs. In Person Meeting Discussion- We will explore a hybrid model in the new year (In-person with a zoom option), we need someone to help us manage this
- After School Clubs Update- We now have a PTA chair for this- thank you! Please reach out if you'd like to join the committee
- Fun Lunch Update- Hoping to have our first fun lunch on Thursday, December 16th- more to come!
- Dr. Russell said there will be updates as it relates to the covid vaccine and covid mandates in the new year

President-Elect (Kristen Avery): no report

VP Programs' Report (Angela Hassan): If any committee chairs have had trouble getting into their PTA email accounts, please let me know.

VP Fundraising Report (Erin Montana & Julie Jurek):

Thanks to all who participated in the Home Run Inn Fundraiser. We raised \$752.22! Girls Day Out Downtown Downers Grove brought in \$180.75. Our next dine out will be at Portillo's 11/23 Dine out or eat in from 5:00pm-8:00pm. We also sent flyers home for Fasano pie orders that are due December third. Please ask Julie if you have any questions.

- Fun Run (Jennie Fabianski & Julie Jurek): no report
- Winter Fundraiser (Kristen Avery & Kara Gordon): no report



- Other fundraising: no report from Box Tops

VP Communications Report (Julia Mazurek & Jennifer Gawel):

- Website Update is Underway!!!
- Goal is to simplify and make this YOUR HUB for all things PTA. PTA Meeting Zoom Link & Agenda on home page.
- Additional updates are in progress: Calendar, Events, Fundraising
- Please go take a look through the site! www.lesterpta.com
- Coming Soon: a brief survey to better understand your communication preferences. Will take you 2 minutes or less!

E-blast (Jessica Chase): no report

VP Membership (Sara Schad):

- currently have 116 paid members vs. 159 pre-COVID, some memberships still trickling in
- Exploring options for a PTA directory

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

- Halloween parties were a success. Positive feedback and a sense of calm. :) Winter parties will have same guidelines
- Students participated in celebrating our Veterans by decorating our lawn with flags.
- End of 1st Trimester is Friday, Nov 19. Report cards go home December 9th.
- No School next week Wed-Fri
- No weekly covid testing next week due to shortened week
- Grade Level teachers participated in district-wide grade-level collaboration for the first time in a while. WOO HOO!
- The district has provided training to teachers on executive functioning, trauma-informed practices, and Bridges math curriculum.
- We are still seeking lunch supervisors and subs...Thank you for considering!
- Lost and Found- Please check the table. All unclaimed items will be donated by winter break.

Teachers' Report : Amy Freitag, Laura Novotny, Ms. Sopron, Josh Haushahn, Kimberly Fisher

- Thank you for support at both school and home

Committee Reports:

- Fall/Spring Book Fair (Wendy Grdina) --trying to finalize online winter book fair for first two weeks in December through Anderson Book Fairs
- Hospitality-Teacher Appreciation (Sara Schad & Karissa Campione) - We are planning a holiday breakfast/ brunch for teachers and staff. Received completed "My Favorite Things" questionnaires for all teachers and most staff.
- Lester Gardens (Andrea Paris & Julia Salisbury) - Garden Work Day was a success. Thank you to



everyone who came to help!

- Reflections (Amanda Herrington & Karissa Campione)- November 28 is deadline for submission!
- Science Olympiad (Angie Erickson) Tentative date is scheduled for February 17th. We will need to wait until close to date to see what the protocols are at that time to know what this event will look like this year.
- 6th Grade Party- (Jessica Chase & Angelique Stacy) - No report
- Room Parents/Class Ambassador (Jen Gawel) - Room parents should watch for an email regarding winter party. Party date is tentatively scheduled for Friday May 20. Please add to PTA calendar. (Time is TBD.)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

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

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