



LESTER PTA MEETING MINUTES



Time: Wednesday, October 20th 2021 at 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Call to Order (Lisa Kelsey) 7:04pm

Secretary's Report (Liz Pankner):

- Request to approve [September PTA Meeting Minutes](#) from Sept 15, 2021, Kristen Avery motioned, Angela Hassan seconded
- Please let me know if you're a board member and not receiving the agenda, I can email a link too.

Treasurer's Report (Kristen Wiklund):

- Link to  Treasurer's Report - 10.20.2021.pdf
- Link to  Outstanding Items - 10.20.2021.pdf
- Almost ready to donate leftover fun lunch money to Blessings in a Backpack, will finalize the amount by next meeting.

President's Report (Lisa Kelsey):

- DG PTA Council Update
 - Reading Games Update- This program may be able to return in its original capacity, however, we need several volunteers. Please let Lisa know if you are interested.
 - <https://www.readinggamesdg58.com/about-the-reading-games>
- Updates from meeting with Mrs. Novosel and Mrs. Smith
 - Class Parties - Halloween- All is coming together! Specific information is still being released.
 - Budget questions/concerns- We currently do not budget for parties. We can revisit this topic in the future.
 - Teacher Support / Photocopying
 - Fun Lunch 2021-22 Update- There are plans to bring Fun Lunch back this year! We need input and ideas for ways to manage this.
 - hotlunch@lesterpta.com
- After school "clubs"
 - Seeking a chair for this and input from parents

President-Elect (Kristen Avery): no report

VP Programs' Report (Angela Hassan):

Volunteer lists have been emailed to committee chairs based on the volunteer sign-up forms. Please let me know if you have any questions or did not receive a list. In the coming days I will be finalizing the Committee Chair Packet with additional information for committee chairs.



VP Fundraising Report (Erin Montana & Julie Jurek):

The Home Run Inn Take and Bake Fundraiser is doing well. You have until Sunday (24th) to order pizzas and salads. Pick up will be outside Lester Friday 10/29 between 3:00-4:00 pm.

We are looking for 3 volunteers to come from 2:45-3:45 to help distribute the food. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094eaeac2ca3f49-home1>

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

VP Communications Report (Julia Mazurek & Jennifer Gawel):

- A PTA website overhaul is underway. Stay tuned on other PTA communication channels for updates!
- PTA Facebook Page - any requests to join must answer questions to ensure our group is comprised only of Lester parents/teachers. No responses to the questions will result in declined request.

E-blast (Jessica Chase): no update

VP Membership (Sara Schad): 115 members this year (so far!), raffle prizes to come for members who signed up by the Oct. 1st deadline

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

- Fun Run- So much fun!
- Conferences- Thank you for providing dinner from City BBQ
- Spiritwear- On it's way, supply issues, notice will go out in Lester living when shipped
- Scheduled Visitors- educationally relevant, working through the guidance. More in-person events!
- Instructional Leadership Team - School Improvement Efforts
- Lunch Supervisors - SPREAD THE WORD!! We are still short
- Reminders:
 - No School Friday the 22nd.
 - Picture retakes on Tuesday the 26th.
 - Keep an eye out for halloween details (parties, parade) via the newsletter

Teachers' Report : (5th grade team)

- Thank you for providing dinner on conference night!
- favor ideas: pencils, erasers, functional items.

Committee Reports:

- Birthday Bulletin Board (Karissa Campione) going strong!
- Fall/Spring Book Fair (Wendy Grdina)
 - Fall book fair dates being worked out with school librarian. Will be online with Anderson's Books.
- Fit Boys Club (Jen Gawel)



- Nothing more this year
- Work on something for the Spring
- Hospitality-Teacher Appreciation (Sara Schad & Karissa Campione) Parent-teacher conference dinner planned for Thursday 10/21- City BBQ
- Lester Gardens (Andrea Paris & Julia Salisbury) - Lester Gardens Work Day scheduled for Friday, 10/29 from 3:00-5:00; click on the [SignUpGenius](#) link to join us
- Reflections (Amanda Harrington & Karissa Campione) Deadline for submission is end of November. We will send out notifications in email (eblast) and backpack mail
- Room Parent/Class Ambassador (Jen Gawel)
 - All Room Parents have been assigned and introductory emails should have been sent
 - Room Parents are also asking for volunteers for the Halloween Party
- 6th Grade Yearbook (Jessica Chase) would like to vote on getting approval to cover the cost of free books and the excess cost to keep the book at \$30- Will vote during unfinished business
 - Paper order forms so people can pay via cash/check vs. electronic order forms

Unfinished Business: Jessica Chase (6th grade yearbook) would 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.

Kristen Avery motioned to approve

Angela Hassan seconded the motion

Line item 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>