



LESTER PTA MEETING MINUTES

Time: Wednesday, February 16th 2022 at 7:00pm(US and Canada)

Call to Order (Lisa Kelsey) @7:03pm

Secretary's Report (Liz Pankner):

- Request to approve [PTA Meeting Minutes- 1.19.22](#)- approved
- Thank you for completing your agenda updates early!

Treasurer's Report (Kristen Wiklund):

- Link to [Treasurers Report 2.16.22](#)
- Link to [Outstanding Items 2.16.22](#)

President's Report (Lisa Kelsey):

- General Updates - exciting things on the Horizon! Many new events to come. Mother/son, daddy daughter dance/ science olympiads are all happening this year!
- After School Club Update- BAM spots filled up very quickly, there will be another session opening up friday 2/18
- Nominating Committee- We need to form a committee to fill open spots on the PTA board for next school year. Please let me know if you are interested.

President-Elect (Kristen Avery): No report

VP Programs' Report (Angela Hassan):

Thank you to Committee Chairs for everything you have done so far this school year! If you already know that you will no longer be a Committee Chair for your committee next school year, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be starting to put together a list of openings and looking to fill positions. Thanks!

VP Fundraising Report (Erin Montana & Julie Jurek): We raised \$450 from the Culver's dine and donate, and \$200 from Al's pizza. Open to ideas for March!

Winter Fundraiser Timeline to be provided. We look forward to seeing many of you next week at Bootlester Bash! Raffle items and experiences will be available for preview on 2/21, available for purchase on 2/25.

VP Communications Report (Julia Mazurek & Jennifer Gawel):

- No additional updates. Continue to rely on our website in addition to / in lieu of social media for updates! Share any feedback with us on - we are here to make staying up to date smooth for Lester families!

VP Membership (Sara Schad):

- 117 members (159 members pre-COVID)



- Stay tuned for more information regarding a possible directory

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

- Spring Parties- Friday, March 25th (K 10:15 & 1-6 2:00pm)
- Kindergarten Round Up Save the Date: April 5- Please let us know if you are aware of any incoming kindergarten students
- Open House Save the Date: April 28 - For the whole building
- Student Council SouperBowl- Provided a donation to Peoples Resource Center- Wheaton
- Golden Dustpan- Award for cleanest class/hallway receives extra recess
- Lester Young Authors- State Young Authors is canceled, so Lester will be doing their own. If interested, have your child write a story and give to their teacher by Friday, March 11th
- Reminder to check lost and found- LOTS of lost items
- Friday- Red, White, & Blue Dress up (Honoring Presidents Day)
- Tuesday- Twin Day "Twos" Day (2/22/22)

Teachers' Report: Gina Ciamprone, Sara Tewksbury

- Thank you for all the programs you've provided and items to help our classrooms

Committee Reports:

- Art Awareness (Shawna Smith / Stephanie Brockway) Happening March 1st-10th. Parent Volunteer Sign-up posted on PTA page, majority of positions are filled.
- Cub Club (Alison Gustafson / Tina Nammari) Kindergarten round up is April 5th from 6-7pm. We started a Facebook group for incoming Kindergartners so let us know if you have anyone to add!
- Daddy Daughter Dance (Shannon Matesi & Sahar Solcum) Dance is scheduled for Friday June 3. Will be held outdoors weather permitting.
- Expressions Art Show (Erin Montana & Julie Feigel)
 - We are planning to make a video to display student artwork at Open House
- Fall/Spring Book Fair (Wendy Grdina) –
 - \$765.28 in sales made for online book fair, with \$153.06 made for the school. Only 20 families participated.
 - Don't know yet if Spring will be able to be held in-person
- Field Day (Ainsley Sumlin / Tina Nammari) - format will be similar to last year. Each grade will have one morning or afternoon. The dates are Tues, May 31 - Fri, June 3. The school is still considering whether food/lunch will be provided. If not, then we will not use our full budget. Also still working with the school to determine whether parent volunteers will be allowed. Ms. Sopron is thinking about any supplies that she might need that we could purchase with some of our budget.
- Hospitality-Teacher Appreciation (Sara Schad, Karissa Campione, Kristen Avery)
 - Teacher Hospitality - provided "How sweet it is to be taught by you" snacks and treats for teachers/ staff during the week of conferences.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week - will start planning in March.
- Fun Lunch (Lisa K & Shannon D) - Proposing dates for the rest of the year. Stay tuned!
- Mother/Son- No dates or details yet but should have more info my next PTA meeting



- Philanthropy (Jill Schwartzers)-applications are live! We have one applicant so far. Last day we're accepting applications is March 4th. Spread the word!
- School Supplies (Jackie Szalanski & Karissa Campione) - we selected EPI for our new supply vendor - competitive pricing, guaranteed inventory, Herrick uses them and have had a great experience. Working on last minute supply changes and pricing. Average price 55-65, some higher level supply grades (2nd/4th about 75). Due to cost increases from current supply chain issues we've decided to pass savings to parents and not round up for fundraising. Will have a sample kit on display for kinder roundup and paper flyer for distribution. Plan is for online sale 5/2 - 7/4. Will do advertising in Lester Life, PTA newsletter, multiple Facebook groups, paper flyer in take home folder, word of mouth.
- Science Olympiad (Angie Erickson) Science Olympiad is going to be a go this year!! We are looking at either an April or May timeframe.
- 6th Grade Party- (Jessica Chase & Angelique Stacy)
 - 6th Grade Party on Fri, May 20 3-5pm (west lot).
 - Party theme has been chosen. (It's a secret!) Kids will be dismissed and be able to sign yearbooks outside before the party begins.
 - Kathy Weber will be taking pics (3:45).
 - Food/Refreshments, TBD (will account for student dietary needs)
 - Outdoor tent in west parking lot in case of inclement weather (\$650-700) to allow for rain or shine
 - DJ cost increase (\$100)
 - Yard sign at Lester - checking on donation (possible discount cost)
 - Due to costs for the tent and anticipated increases for DJ, t-shirt, decor, and food, the committee is requesting an additional \$1,150 budget.
See for details: [Party Estimate.xlsx](#)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Teacher Appreciation Committee requests an additional \$750 for this year's budget to allow the committee to use surplus PTA funds for Lester's teachers and school nursing staff.
- 6th grade party requests additional \$1,100 to allow for tent rental and increased costs
- Daddy/daughter dance requests additional \$1,000 in budget
- School Drop off/ Safety issues- It was suggested to resend out dropoff map/plan through both PTA and Mrs. Novosel

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

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

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