



Lisbon Elementary PTA Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Time: 7 PM

Attendees:

(PTA Elected Officials)

1. PTA President – Elizabeth Hall
2. 1st VP – Elizabeth Dudley
3. 2nd VP – Diane Byrne
4. Treasurer – Kate Weiss
5. Recording Secretary – Tarah Theoret

(Community Members/Attendees)

1. School Principal – Debra Anoff
2. Assistant Principal – Bradley Scobie
3. Annesia Rhodes
4. Trish Davis
5. Karen Landry
6. Jayme Duva
7. Lisa Martin
8. Rocky Tschani

Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Meeting Minutes Approval:** Last meeting was an executive meeting and as a result, there are no minutes to approve.
- 4. President Report:**
 - a. Exec Board Vacancies - Communications Secretary and PTACHC Rep
 - b. Membership - please join if you have not done so
 - c. Veterans Day -
 - i. Usually 70-100 guests invited from community
 - ii. Motion to move \$470 left over from Welcome Back Social to Veterans Day costs.
 1. Elizabeth Dudley seconded motion
 2. 9 Yes Votes (of 9 members)
- 5. Vice President 1 Report**
 - a. School of Excellence
 - i. Is a national PTA program



- ii. Application involves a survey and then deciding which area to improve on.
- b. Fall Festival planning is well under way. The event will be from 11- 4pm on Oct 26. Trunk or Treat is the newest addition to the event. We have enough space for 46 cars.
 - i. Trunk or Treat is a paid event
 - ii. Fall Fest will be ticketed activities (vs. general entry bracelet)
- c. We need to talk about community night and how we can make this event “better” or different than years past. Cathy is still doing the OG style community event at the Glenwood Community Center. How can we reimagine it? Any suggestions, ideas?
 - i. 2023: 250 baskets created and distributed (LES, Lions Club, and other HCPSS schools)
 - ii. PTA will continue Community Night for 2024 and will support LES families and other HCPSS schools in need
 - 1. Debra Anoff to let PTA know how many baskets we need for LES families – will have number by October
 - iii. Ideas:
 - 1. Ask for gift cards to a few local grocery stores or Amazon so PTA can go purchase the items so they’re more uniform/consistent. (ED)
 - 2. Collect donations at Fall Fest (EH)
 - 3. Amazon Wishlist (BS)
 - 4. Discount for Fall Fest if you bring in items - free ticket for every item.
 - 5. Kids can donate their Fall Fest tickets
 - 6. Ask Food Lion to collect donations (LM)
 - 7. Perishables – look for sponsors (Tony Locos and other local businesses)
 - a. Publicity for sponsors
 - i. Thank You in Lisbon Lions
 - ii. PTA Facebook Page
 - iii. Sign for Community Night with all sponsors listed
 - 1. Include logos, addresses, website, contact info
 - iv. Community Night logistics–
 - 1. Create baskets for families
 - 2. Additional activity for the children?
 - a. Creating cards for the baskets or local nursing homes?



6. Vice President 2 Report - EH reported

- a. Update on afterschool activities - golf started yesterday, pickleball and tennis tomorrow start
- b. Lots of offerings from county that our posted on our website as well - we don't have a say in those
- c. Drama Registration for first showcase is open and is posted on our website
 - i. Chess club starts in October (Jayme Duva)
- d. Looking for other ideas if anyone has contacts or suggestions - looking into Spanish, ASL, and Jump Rope
- e. Reach out to Diane Byrne or program directly for any issues
- f. Fall Festival - cancel sports taking place on LES fields that day?
 - i. Yes - Diane to cancel

7. Treasurer Report

- a. Checking Balance \$13,415.87
- b. Money Market Balance \$13,837.64

8. Recording Secretary Report

- a. Nothing to report

9. Committee Reports

- a. Stem Night (Karen Landry)
 - i. Needs date selected for calendar
 - 1. Thursday, February 13th
 - a. Karen to confirm with Mrs. Thompson before finalizing
- b. Fall Festival Updates (Elizabeth Dudley)
 - i. Covered above in agenda
- c. Wizards Basketball Game (Elizabeth Hall)
 - i. Friday, May 2nd at Glenelg High School
- d. Need Chairs for Dance, International Night
 - i. Annesia Rhodes to chair Dance
 - 1. A date & theme TBD
 - ii. International Night chair still needed

10. Principal Report:

- a. 2024-2025 is the largest student population we've ever had: 481 students
- b. Have been hosting Student Town Hall meetings
- c. Pop up Golden Days throughout year to earn a golden ticket
- d. Golden Lion Week closer to holidays
- e. Car loop has been going really well - though Wednesdays have been more congested



- f. Teacher Appreciation – back to school breakfast went over great and the 2 luncheons were greatly appreciated
- g. Debra Anoff to remind staff to sign up for PTA

11. Community Questions:

- a. How many elementary schools are there in HC? Do they all teach the same things?
 - i. 42 elementary schools in Howard County – they all follow the same curriculum / state standards
- b. How does test prep work?
 - i. LES does not test prep, since it's included in the curriculum we're teaching. With the exception of helping students learn the technology they'll have to use for the assessment.
- c. Covered G&T placement process
- d. Report card changes for 2024-2015 school year
 - i. More of a focus on reaching standards vs. below/at/above grade level

12. Asst. Principal Report:

- a. Scobie tracks bus arrival times at school to make sure kids aren't getting picked up too early
 - i. 14 total buses / 75 staff
- b. First round of MAP testing for 1st grade starts next week
 - i. Reading and Mathematics assessment
 - ii. Then all other grades will start the week after that, and their growth can tracked over the years
 - iii. A change this year – 3rd and 4th grades will now also do the reading assessment
- c. Anoff and Scobie to begin sharing testing data at PTA meetings to show school improvement plan and the focus for language arts, math, behavior, & attendance.
- d. Safety and security
 - i. Modified lockdown drill on 9/5 was pre-planned since mid-summer
 - 1. Scobie has created and shared powerpoints for teachers to use in classrooms to educate students on the drills
 - 2. Drills are not meant to be stressful - it's meant for practice
 - ii. Scobie to look at subject lines being used for drill email notifications for parents, so it's clear it was a drill
 - iii. They are aligning the drills with national standards, including the terms used.

13. Teachers Report

- a. N/A



14. Miscellaneous Discussion:

- a. N/A

Motion to Adjourn at 8:08 PM – Annoff

Second – Dudley & Hall

In Favor: all

Next Meeting: October 9, 2024, 7:30-8:30 PM (Virtual)