General Meeting Minutes

PTA: Liberty Elementary School PTA, General PTA Meeting
Date: October 1, 2019
Time: 3:01 p.m.– 4:03 p.m.
Attendance: Paul, Becky, William, Will Smith, Jill, Caitlin, Lisa

I. Call Meeting to Order: 3:23pm by William (Paul began at 3:01pm)

II. Introduction: Alicia Coleman with eResources Presentation
  • Alicia discussed 3rd - 5th Chromebook access to online catalog. Taught students to create a bookmark and get to library books. Importance for SOL success in knowing how to research and find information. Sign in through LCPSSO, go to library resources and elementary databases. Tumble Books, Britannica, Pebble Go, BrainPop, World Book, all in English and Spanish. Teachers can also use in the classroom for all levels and topics. Kids can use from home or traveling. Mackinvia is like having a favorite bookshelf. Never lost or overdue! They can renew a couple times. Some audio, some ebooks. Helpful for research in middle and high school, can export their notes. 2,333 books available to search by genre and include citations. Articles, videos, and reading groups created according to curriculum. Follett Destiny also accesses online catalog by choosing school. Epic is student favorite, not from Loudoun County, but rather a company that provides books for a subscription. Teachers can use in school for free to access thousands of books.

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Reports of Officers
  • Events and Committees - Smitha Tumuluri (absent)
  • Treasurer’s Report - Lisa Geurin
    o Submitted Audit and it was accepted.
    o Laps for Liberty has collected over $22K in profit, not including yesterday and today. Anne has a couple thousand more. William says we’ve exceeded $30k but not all profit.
    o Because of 2nd Donuts with Dads, we need to move money into Eagle Eye Dads line item to pay for extra donuts. $600. Motion for budget increase by Laura Wright, second by Kerri.
  • President’s Report – William Perry
    o PTA Membership: Will says the dues from membership goes to VA PTA and National PTA. Trying not to make money, so we lowered the price to get more people to join. A little ahead of last year.
    o After School Enrichment: Profit $3300 from vendors, $4600 from teacher classes. $6400 went to reimburse teachers for time. Some are very popular and added teachers to accommodate

• President: William Perry • Treasurer: Lisa Geurin • Vice President, Events and Committees: Smitha Tumuluri • Vice President, Fundraising: Jill DeLorenzo • Vice President, Volunteers: Poonam Upadhyaya • Corresponding Secretary: Tez Nettimi • Recording Secretary: Caitlin Palmisano • Principal: Paul Pack
Principal’s Report – Paul Pack

- **Laps for Liberty**: Reiterates that other schools do booster-thons. The profit from LfL is all for the school. We do things differently in that the school promotes the attributes of the kids that we want to see, no outside company. It’s sustainable because teachers know how to run it. In the 5th year, there may be a financial slide but not in school spirit and physical fitness. The monetary amount doesn’t define it. Rick, Laura, and Eddie showcased to other schools and others are starting it. Positively affecting the community.

- **School Business Partnerships**: Becky and Paul are working on school business partnerships. LCPS showcases schools by partnerships. Liberty recognized for BAE systems and Kravitz in past years. Paul looking for input on partnerships. Contact Becky or Jill. Once it’s written up it gives good PR to that company. There is an event in March from LCPS.

Fundraising - Jill DeLorenzo

- **Spirit Nights**: This Thursday is Velocity Wings, historically successful for the school. Thrill Zone on Columbus Day holiday. Requires advance sign up for laser tag. We also get a kick back from game cards. Proceeds this month from SR Giant’s sale of reusable bags coming back to PTA, not a fundraiser.

Volunteers - Poonam Upadhyaya (absent)

- Thank you!

V. Reports of Committees

- **Membership** - Anaheeta Minwalla

- **Laps for Liberty** – Anne Corej (covered above)

- **After School Enrichment Program** - Megha Thakur (covered above)

- **MSAAC** – Natalia Beardslee

- **Eagle Eye Dads** – Will Smith

- **Parent Info Night**: Not well attended, but we didn’t advertise it well. Have notes for next year for people interested in running clubs. Questioning PTA’s role in non-PTA clubs, like Odyssey and Olympiads. Not backed by PTA. Insurance-wise, what is our role and responsibility?

- **Laps for Liberty**: Teachers are awesome. Only little tweaks for next year to get kids excited. Contest on laps run since so many flat donations rather than per lap pledges. Will look at what we need to cut if we don’t make the budget. Everything went well with teachers and volunteers. Thank you!

- **Treasurer** - Lisa Geurin

- **Corresponding Secretary** - Tez Nettimi

- **Recording Secretary** - Caitlin Palmisano

- **Principal** - Paul Pack
jokes on the mo-show and mustaches went over well! Second EED had a great day. Stress balls for the dads!

- **Reflections**
  - Still looking for chair, William attended class in the interim. Theme is Look Within. PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th judged separately. Categories are dance, music composition, literature, visual arts, photography. Rules and entry for each are available on website for download by end of week. Due the week of Nov 11-15 in main office. No early entries or late entries.

- **School Dance – Kerri Lewis**
  - Theme is Country vs Pop. Photo booth and Bach to Rock booked, Ticonderoga providing hay and corn stalks. Dollar Tree Corp interested in large donation to Loudoun County. Call in to Sam’s Club to for gift card to cover paper products and maybe food. Hope for BBQ food, hot dogs and burgers grilled on site or home and transported. Paul says propane tank likely can’t be around children. Last year’s food trucks didn’t sell enough, not interested in further participation. Would require a deposit. William suggests looking into food donations like for Matball. Grace Martin from Dream On Dance, interested in coming and providing dance lessons. Jill says we already have a dance sponsor already signed on, should use them first. Can we sell items related to theme like dog tags and fedoras, cowboy hats and bandanas? William says maybe sell with the ticket so we’re not on the hook for extra inventory. Paul asks if the food goal is to make money or just have it to offer. William says we always sell out and end up making some money. Preparing food onsite comes with risks and liability, more red tape. Will suggests maybe a sponsor, but they must go through Jill. Jill says we already have $2000 earmarked for the dance from sponsors.

**VI. New Business**

- **Budget increase for Eagle Eye Dads (covered above)**
- **Bingo – tickets online only**
  - Because of so many attendees, will do tickets online. Contact PTA if can’t order online. No tickets at the door. Max set at 500, TBD if that’s accurate. Bigger space is not an option. Bingo cards are in, 3000 non-repeating books.
- **PTA membership benefits – early access to tickets, reduced price**
- **Children’s Diversity Night new date: November 7th**
  - Superintendent visit conflicted with previous date. Calendar adjusted. Chairs present and have been working on similar events but no potluck. Talent show and crafts still planned. Would like to do raffles, if it’s in the budget. Jill has some donations from sponsors to split between CDN and Bingo. Small baskets, raffle gifts chosen between shows.
  - Jill announces Disney ticket program. Family volunteering program submitted as a grant. The more volunteers, the more tickets, up to 20. Free entry into drawing for volunteers. Jill submitting proposal, report, photos. Nice perk for volunteers to sign up. Will connect with CDN chairs to promote.
- **Open discussion.**
VII. Announcements

- October 2 – Custodial Appreciation Day
- October 3 – Spirit Night at Velocity Wings
- October 14 – Spirit Night at Thrill Zone
- October 23 – Bus Driver Appreciation Day - will do breakfast order form.
- November 7 – Children’s Diversity Night
- November 15 – School Dance

Adjourned 4:03

Chairs

- 5th Grade Celebration: Sapan Pat & Caitlin Palmisano
- ASEP Coordinator: Megha Thakur
- AEW: Alisha Vaughan
- Bingo: Misty Ocean & Shweta Khare
- Box Tops: Karin Lisack
- Children's Diversity Night: Vijaya Durga Laddika and Ramadevi Chedalla
- Eagle Eye Dads - Will Smith
- Laps for Liberty: Anne Corej
- Membership: Anheeta Minwalla
- MSAAC: Natalia Beardslee; ALT: Alexis James
- Newsletter Editor: Jill DeLorenzo
- Room Parent Coordinator: Damyanti Gupta
- School Dance: Kerri Lewis
- School Supply Kits Chair: VACANT
- SEAC: VACANT
- Spiritwear Chair: Jeff Geurin
- TAW: Alisha Vaughan
- Teacher Welcome Back Luncheon Chair: Alisha Vaughan