

LSM PTO Minutes

November 14, 2018

Meeting called to order by Trista at 11:33 a.m.

Present: Trista Treglowne, Melissa Murray, Eric Johnson, Susan Stinson, Tiffany Lawrence, Laura Olson, Angi Strangman, Beth Dauffenbach, Josh Wilcott, Keachen Abing, Heidi Beddoes

7Rivers Community High School

Keachen Abing gave a presentation about 7Rivers Community High School. This is a project-based, community school where students earn the same diploma and can engage in the same extra-curricular activities as students from Central and Logan High Schools. Currently 32 students are enrolled. Seniors complete a Senior Capstone Project in order to graduate.

October Meeting Minutes: Approved by Eric Johnson, 2nd by Susan Stinson

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance is \$5,294.93. Two checks are outstanding – one for a \$400 teacher request and an \$1133 apparel expense. No other expenses occurred this month. Income was \$12.26 from sale of Kwik Trip cards. Savings account balance is \$130.50

Principal's Report:

- There were no teacher requests for November.
- Lincoln State School Report Card – Lincoln's scores went down a small amount. Lincoln was rated as "Meets Expectations". Last year, Lincoln exceeded expectations. In general, all of the scores in the district went down. Mrs. Murray explained that part of this is because the state weighs closing gaps for low-income students more than proficiency in its formula. Mrs. Murray will invite Dr. Lichucki to discuss the report card at the January parent roundtable.

President's Report:

1. Old Business
 - Mrs. Murray mentioned that the teachers are very appreciative of the new teacher stipends from the PTO.
2. New Business
 - Holiday apparel orders are due November 26. Orders will arrive in mid-December.
 - An email has been sent to parents reminding them to use Amazon Smile and designate "Lincoln Middle School Parent Group of La Crosse Incorporated" as the beneficiary.
 - A new batch of Kwik Trip gift cards are available for the holidays.
 - December's PTO cookie "extravaganza" is scheduled for December 17th.
 - A Java Vino Social/Euchre tournament will be scheduled for January. Java Vino designates Saturdays 5-8 p.m. for fundraisers.

DWP Report:

- The DWP meeting was held at Hintgen Elementary which presented its site plan and growth goals.
- GoRiteway discussed bussing and demonstrated the "Here Comes the Bus" website/application where parents can track their children's bus location. They are hoping to launch district-wide on the first day of the second semester in January.
- Judy Zabel from La Crosse County Prevention gave a very informative presentation on Teen Vaping. She showed samples of vaping paraphernalia to educate parents. www.tobaccoischanging.com

Other Business:

- A suggestion was made to invite Judy Zabel to present about vaping at a Parent Roundtable or PTO meeting later this year.
- iPads - The district manages the internet filter through the Wi-Fi. Therefore at home, the district's filter is not in place. There are also settings on the iPad that can track usage. A suggestion was made to have another Parent Education night about iPads – possibly during a Parent Roundtable.
- "Wake-up Call" apartment – On April 20, La Crosse County Prevention Network will provide an opportunity for parents to tour a mock-up of a teen's room to educate themselves on how to spot signs of substance abuse and hidden drugs and paraphernalia.

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Parent Roundtable at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Olson

