

LSM PTO Meeting Notes – February 13, 2020

Meeting called to order by Laura Olson at 11:35 am

Present: Eric Johnson, Susan McParker, Laura Olson, Julie Fogel, Melissa Murray, Charity Lott

January Meeting Notes: approved by Eric Johnson, 2nd by Laura Olson

Treasurer's Report: There is \$3,310 in the account. Last year's expenses and income for different categories were shared in comparison to this year's expenses and income. Expenses coming yet this year include more teacher requests, paying our share of the track uniforms that were approved last year (\$550), PBIS Celebration costs, and 8th grade graduation costs. Report approved by Susan McParker, 2nd by Julie Fogel.

Principal's Report:

Updates: There was discussion about Grow La Crosse. Mrs. Murray has met with them but the cost seems to be prohibitive.

Lincoln and Mayo are looking into how Mayo employees might volunteer through afterschool activities. There will be a Mayo Parent Night in May on summer safety.

Staffing numbers need to be in by Feb. 20th. The incoming 6th grade class is quite large requiring some logistics reworking. There will be a 6th grade open house April 28th from 5:30-7. There was discussion about how Hunger Task Force can provide food to prepare a dinner (like for 6th grade open house). Someone would be needed to cook the food. Mrs. Murray shared that the Lincoln staff did a staff meeting at the Hunger Task Force and there are many ways that Hunger Task Force supports the community through food.

Teacher Requests

Date	Teacher	Curriculum Area	Item Description	Cost	Decision
2/13/2020	Prin. Murray/ Lincoln MS	Incentives, community	Pens	No more than \$400	Approved

Old Business:

- ❖ Mayo Teen Relationship presentation was good. There was a lot of discussion; Dr. Sarah Trane, a child psychologist at Mayo, presented real applicable ideas and information.
- ❖ PTO provided treats for the teachers for Valentine's Day.
- ❖ The Java Vino Fundraiser is coming up on Feb. 29th from 5-8pm. There will be a euchre tournament led by Eric. We discussed bringing Kwik Trip cards to sell, and the possibility of doing 80s/90s trivia. 10% of all purchases from 5-8pm at Java Vino will go to Lincoln PTO.
- ❖ Teacher Volunteer Requests Process- There was discussion about how to share volunteer needs. A google drive through Kim Stoflett was one idea. Also, getting the link to Michelle or Melissa who could forward it on was also discussed.

New Business:

- ❖ Parent Teacher Conference Meal: Julie & Phil will lead the March 9th dinner. Sandy is doing a dinner on March 5th.
- ❖ Spring Fling Fundraiser was discussed. Ideas were to have food trucks, basketball tournament (horse or lightning), karaoke in the LMC or gym (would need system), board games, corn hole, frisbee golf, popcorn & movie in the auditorium, dance contest... on a Friday night
- ❖ Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12th at 6:00 pm

Other Business:

- ❖ 8th Grade Celebration coming up! May 29th will be the ceremony and dance. Some possible 8th grade parent leaders might be able to lead this.

DWP Report:

- ❖ The elementary Coulee Montessori presented their school showcase. Josh Shively, Laura Huber and Alison Prohn highlighted the unique philosophy of Montessori education and addressed some common misconceptions.
- ❖ Feedback was solicited for the revised Code of Rights and Responsibilities.
<https://www.lacrosseschools.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/07/2019-20-Code-of-Rights-and-Responsibilities-7.9.19.pdf>
- ❖ There was quite a healthy discussion surrounding the revised “Dress and Grooming” policy. There was quite a healthy discussion about this topic. A key comment was to change the policy name to something other than “Grooming” – possibly use the word “Hygiene”.
- ❖ The documentary *No Small Matter* was screened. This film is about the importance of quality early childhood education – how much it helps children get started and provides benefits to them and society as a whole for the rest of their lives.

Refer to the La Crosse School District’s DWP page for the entire February meeting minutes.
<https://www.lacrosseschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Feb-11-20-Minutes.pdf>

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McParker.