

LSM PTO Meeting Notes -March 10th, 2021

Meeting called to order at 11:37 am

Present: Neal Meier, Susan McParker, Melissa Murray, Kimberly Young, Eric Johnson, Laura Eber, Kelly Galvan, Barbara Jo Wolff

Secretary Report (Susan McParker) Laura moved to approve last month's minutes, and Barbara Jo seconded that. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report (Eric Johnson)

There is \$3219 in our bank account. We sold several Kwik Trip cards and received some from Amazon donations. Susan moved to approve the report, and Laura seconded that. Report was approved.

Principal Report (Principal Murray) Principal Murray talked about the first round of staffing that happened in early March. The 5 secondary schools do have 4 staff reductions to make. Retirements and transitions have often accounted for staff reductions. There are still questions about CRVA staffing and enrollment numbers. The enrollment at Lincoln is similar to past years. There are budget shortfalls going into next year, possibly as a result of lower student enrollment and the way that homeschooling affects student counts and funding. The budget shortfalls may lead to increased teacher requests to PTO next year.

The possibility of returning to 5-days in-person school after spring break was discussed with many things needing to fall into place yet.

Principal Murray talked about the **8th grade celebration** at the end of the year, and said that she will check into what other schools are going to do. There is limited outside space and the auditorium often gets crowded. The ideas of using multiple areas was mentioned. The school district is requiring a safety plan for gatherings such as this. This event involves decorating and snacks. There is also a mixer that happens on this evening.

Paper applications for **summer school** are available at Lincoln, and registration can be done online. Principal Murray encourages every student to do some summer school due to the limitations of this past school year.

Old Business

Discount Cards: Last year's **discount cards** were through Elite cards. They have a great return per card sold. There was a question about the minimum number of cards that could be ordered, and what businesses could be on the card. There was an idea of selling them in the fall or next December/ holiday season. Eric will investigate with Elite.

Texas Roadhouse: Kimberly will send out information she has about this fundraising opportunity. School would make 10% of orders.

New Business

Fundraising/ Community Support: Eric brought up the possibility of running the Brat Stop at Festival on a Saturday morning. Eric will look into this.

BBQ with Press Break: The date of this community dinner was set for May 6th and the meal decided as pulled pork, baked beans and coleslaw. There will be a meeting Sat. March 20th at 10:30 am to sort out more details. Susan will check into some questions with Press Break.

Teacher Requests: Jason Hardin requested \$177.75 for color guard materials. Eric moved to approve this, and Laura seconded the request. Request was approved.

Money was approved for 2 new part-time teachers this year as is customary. Each teacher will receive \$75.

DWP Report (Laura Eber)

At the recent DWP meeting La Crosse history of having a red light district was shared. The Femme Club shared projects they have worked on for marginalized communities. School board candidates were shared. School events will need to have a safety plan to mitigate dangers of COVID spread. School staff will hopefully be getting vaccinated in the next month. Virtual conferences went well. Equity implementation was discussed, especially engagement with community.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 14th at 7 pm
Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McParker.