

LSM PTO Meeting Notes -April 14th, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

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

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

Treasurer Report (Eric Johnson) New teacher stipends were paid as well as last month's teacher request. Susan moved to approve last month's minutes, and Kimberly seconded that. Minutes were approved.

Principal Report (Principal Murray) A book study over summer was discussed. Melissa will put feelers out and it will be discussed further next month. Ideas for specific books or topics are welcomed. Melissa has 50 Waking Up White books as well as sets of several other books.

Principal reports keeping coming out weekly both via phone and email. Staffing is being dealt with at this time of the year. It sounds like there will be at least 2 retirements this year. CRVA staff will be returning though CRVA will be re-staffed once CRVA enrollment is done. Lincoln enrollment will continue to be looked at through the end of April.

The return to every day in person school is going smoothly. Today is day 7 and there is some crankiness, hunger... typical for this time of year. Some shifts in class combinations might need to be made to optimize groups.

Districtwide Parent Group Report Standards-based grading was discussed. The State of Wisconsin budgeting process occurs every 2 years and is coming up. This provides an opportunity to advocate for students in this budget. Contact information for state legislators, as well as a sample letter will be emailed to PTO members. Also, we

We were made aware of is the School Staff Shining Stars Program. You can nominate a School District of La Crosse staff member for their good work. This recognition program is sponsored by the La Crosse Public Education Foundation. The nomination process is very simple and can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeN0kT8vw_tmVI7dJ5iJurvxKw5RQWv2c_IBtH2zKMTvd4qGw/viewform

Old Business

Community Meal BBQ with Press Break: Ami/ district had a concern on the safety plan about inviting people to gather/eat on the school grounds with tables so we will probably not put tables out.

We will add something on the flyer that the dinner is a fundraiser for the PTO. PayPal has been picky with details and Eric and Neal have been in communication with them.

Advertising avenues were discussed. Discussion was had about the flow of meals being prepared and run out. April 28th at 4:45 pm will be a meeting to review flow at Lincoln.

Teacher Requests – None.

Fundraising – Information about Texas Roadhouse: looking at the second week of October.

8th Grade Graduation – Still unsure about plans. County guidelines are limiting gatherings to 250, and 400 is typical for this celebration. Options: Look into Weber Center, and Viterbo theater. Or do celebration with kids during the day and livestream to families.

New Business – None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 12th at 11:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan McParker.