

January 2019 Lyter PTO Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2019

Board and Co-Chair Attendance: Ellen Dunkleberger, Jessica Clayton, Katie Garber, Katie Farley, Stephanie Pickering, Victoria Houser, Bobbi-Jo Lundy, Meghan Maeulen, Connie Dawes, Misty Emick, Rebecca Alexander

Guests/Parents Attendance: None

Principal: Mr. Feerrar

Administrative Business (M. Emick)

- Approved December 2018 meeting minutes
- Reviewed Treasurer's reports
 - Discussed 2nd grade field trip cost and why they still got their student allocation. Explained that we had the money in the budget and as long Walk-A-Thon met their goal they would get their allotment.
 - Discussed getting tee-shirts and food vouchers for the 4th grade field trip.
 - Bobbi-Jo is looking into this and will discuss with the 4th grade teachers.
 - Treasurer's report approved
- Open Board Positions
 - Spring Fling Coordinator - Committee member request to be sent home in the Lyter PTO newsletter
 - Special Events Coordinator - still looking to fill this position
- Spring Grade Parent Meeting - Date - TBD

Welcome/Principal's Update (D. Feerrar)

- 1/21/19 - No School - MLK Day
- 1/23/19 - Report Cards Sent Home
- 2/1/19 - Approximately the 100th day of school
- 2/7/19 - PTO Meeting (rescheduled from 2/14/19)
- 2/14/19 - Valentine's Exchange
- 4/5/19 - Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled only for the students who are struggling.
 - No school for grades K-4 ONLY
 - Kindergarten Registration in the library 9:00AM to 6:00PM
- Items of Interest
 - Aiden Jackson won the Geography Bee Champion
 - Spring Parties will be Friday, April 12th, also the day of the PSSA kickoff breakfast
 - PSSA Snacks - Darrin will discuss again with the teachers and will get back to us regarding the snacks

- 2019 PSSA Testing Dates:
 - Grades 3 & 4 - April 16-18 (Language Arts)
 - Grades 3 & 4 - April 30 - May 1 (Mathematics)
 - Grade 4 (only) - May 2 - May 3 (Science)

Technology Donation (M. Emick/D. Feerrar)

- Darrin used a portion of his staff meeting on Monday to discuss the \$10k grant to be used for a technology purchase. The teachers and superintendent are in agreement they would like to use the grant to purchase additional technology equipment. Specifically, Chromebooks and iPads
- The middle school has applied for a STEM grant. They are expected to find out next month if the training/curriculum portion of the grant is approved. The second part of the grant, if approved, would purchase additional technology equipment next year. STEM may eventually be a rotating special (similar to Art, Music, etc.)
- Discussed the deprecated laptops in the library. Library Laptops will be replaced with money from a STEM grant (if successful) or with district funds.
- Technology goal for the school is 2 students to 1 piece of technology equipment. The school is not currently trying to achieve a 1 to 1 ratio to continue to encourage traditional learning tools (books!) at the elementary school level. If a classroom wants to do a lesson where each student uses a Chromebook or iPad they could borrow a second complement of equipment from another classroom
- Motion made to use the \$10,000 Heim foundation grant to purchase of 28 Chromebooks (at \$255/Chromebook) and 10 iPads (at \$299/iPad) totaling \$10,130 with the balance being paid for by the PTO
 - Math:
 - 28 Chromebooks * 255 = \$7140
 - 10 iPads * \$299 = \$2990
 - Total: \$10,130
- Motion unanimously approved. Special meeting to discuss this topic is cancelled
- Ms. Bason publicly thanked the Lyter and Loyalsock Valley PTOs at the School Board Meeting for our efforts

3-6-9 Fundraiser

- Discussed Paperwork - Agreed printing in color was not worth the additional cost. Ellen to fix a typo and change the reading week dates and donation deadline
- Discussed Prizes - looking to acquire experience prizes. If anyone has ideas please share them
- Paperwork to go in mailboxes on Feb 6th with the request they be sent home by Friday, February 8th.
- Pep Rally Monday, February 11th - Pep Rally in the gym at 2:30

Newsletter

- Rebecca presented Lyter PTO Newsletter draft. It was well received. Requested a few minor changes and to add administrative information on the back. Looking to get the newsletter sent out next week

Committee Reports

- Walk-A-Thon - Pizza parties are complete. Paper banner to be donated by GWA. Darrin worked with the security team for approval of the placement. Will get the banner dimensions to Victoria Houser to have it created
- Classroom activities
 - Box top count scheduled for January 15th
 - Christmas activities were a success. Many gloves have already been purchased for next year. Look for gloves that are around \$.50/pair (they can typically be found at this price just after President's Day)
- Yearbook - Photos have been uploaded to GoPhoto's system. Katie Garber to determine if any classrooms are short on photos
- Communications - Movie Night showing Incredibles 2 planned for January 18th. A sign-up genius was sent out requesting donations and volunteers to work the event.
- Beautification - 3-6-9 Decorating to be scheduled
- Special Events - Decided to hold a Bingo Night instead of a Movie Night for the February special event. Will borrow bingo cards and markers (corn) from Loyalsock valley, will use a bingo app to call the numbers, will use the profits from the movie night concession stand to purchase bingo prizes (likely from Five Below). Will have free admission (no donation request), as this is our first time attempting bingo. Will have a concession stand to offset the cost of the student yearbooks

Meeting adjourned at 7:56

Upcoming Meetings

2/7/19 - PTO Board Meeting, 6:00 PM - Lyter School Library

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ellen Dunkleberger, Recording Secretary