Lutz Parent Group

Meeting Minutes

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20 December 2022/ 6:30 PM /Via Zoom

# ATTENDEES

Jannie McLean, Ann Green, JoAnn O’Neill, Nick DeVault, Paul Yestrepsky, Lauren Steiner, Tori Bonanni, Margot Langbeen, Julia Sarotte, Lizette Biafora, Michelle Gerald, Diane Johnanson, Brian Tilley

CALLED TO ORDER at 6:35pm

Principal/Asst. Principal Report:

* Completer pancake breakfast was on 12.19.22. 12-15 parents/grandparents were also able to attend. Some parents could not attend due to work so maybe do something in the summer such as a BBQ so that more parents can attend.
* The Completer rings are in. Ring Ceremony will be in the Spring
* Upcoming events: Holiday party on Thursday. PAWS store will be open again in January. PAWS assembly in January. We will be sending 4 students to the Winter Games in Traverse City at the end of January. There will be a student dance in February.

Treasurer’s report:

* Balance on hand is $5,221.52. The budget, agendas and minutes will be posted on the website.

Old Business:

* We have open positions for Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. We will continue to post the openings on the school website. Tori Bonanni may possibly be interested in the position of Treasurer.
* February Dance – Margot Langbeen volunteered to be chairperson for the February Dance. Tori Bonanni offered Vito’s DJ services and Nick will be in touch with Tori. Some discussion was had on what the theme of dance could be. Margot will come back to the group with some ideas.
* The memorial plaque for the tree that students planted in remembrance of a former student is ordered and should arrive next month. There will be a dedication ceremony announced at a future date
* The Student/Staff Holiday luncheon is on Thursday, December 22nd. Pizza and drinks are being provided by the Lutz Parent Group. Holiday ornaments will also be passed out to students. Final details were confirmed: Ornaments are nearly complete, pizza for 300 people will be ordered, 6 parent volunteers are signed up serve and set up.
* The Teacher Wish List was fulfilled. Items purchased will benefit the teachers and their students. The items were delivered and the staff was very appreciative of all the items. Budget was $1,800 and actual cost was $1,780.85.

Teacher Wish List( Purchased)

* 6 8 drawer colored towers
* Storage bins/Milk crates
* 8 5 head floor lamps
* Magnetic tiles building blocks
* Wireless lapel microphone
* Garden kneeling pads
* Heavy duty aprons
* 80 Noise canceling headphones
* Board Games/Card Games
* Peg boards
* Earbuds
* Sentence flips/WH cards
* Digital timers
* Oversized countdown timers
* Student clocks
* Dry erase pockets/markers
* Wireless remote control outlets
* 20 Swivel Headphones - heavy duty
* Therapy cards
* Cardstock
* Chill Sak

New Business:

* Dana McGillen worked very hard to come up with two parent questionnaires; One to write a Mission Statement for our group and one to ask how to make our meeting more “parent friendly” to help gain members. These have been posted on the website and email sent to all the parents/caregivers.
* The parent survey has 21 respondents so far. Early results show that parents want more Zoom meetings and In-Person or a combo. Ann, Jannie suggested leaving the survey open and send another e-mail so that more parents can respond.
* It was suggested that a device that broadcasts in-person meetings over Zoom would be ideal and that Parent Group could think about researching and purchasing.
* Ideas for more members and participation: Siblings and College students that are looking for volunteer hours.

Fundraising:

* Any and all Fundraising ideas are welcome. Golf outing, movie night, butter braids are some previous ideas. Margot suggested RaiseCraze.com which is a year-round fundraiser thru acts of kindness.
* Ann Green reports that the RaiseRightSCRIP fundraiser is up and running. Gift cards can be purchased online by creating an account with Raise Right and using our ENROLLMENT CODE: 5TPLUYPIXTPV and a percentage of the gift card purchase will be paid back to Lutz Parent Group to use for student activities. This is underway and there is some participation. A concern was raised that some are not aware of this. Nick will send out another communication.
* Ann reminded the group that non-profit paperwork is underway and once approved, this should help with fundraising efforts.
* Any student activity ideas are also welcome. Julia Sarotte asked what the preference is: students only or student/parent. All ideas are welcome. Feedback from Nick is that there is a need for more student Social Interaction events and this is something the Parent Group can help with.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:21pm

NEXT MONTH’S MEETING : Tuesday, January 24th 6:30pm