



Longleaf Elementary PTO

Minutes

Date: September 13, 2023

Time: 03:00pm

Meeting called to order by: Kristina Richard

Executive board

Kristina Richard (President), Kristin Bristol (Vice President), Erica Blackledge (Treasurer), Ryan Robertson (Secretary)

In attendance: Alyson Tweedy, Kristin Jones, Sheri Sheppard, Angie Shoeneman, Kristina Richard, Megan Pace, Desireé Biolansky, Sheryl Brown, Rena Morrison, Casey Krause, Ryan Robertson, Danielle Hausmann, Erica Blackledge, Kristin Bristol, Eddylynn Kledzik, Ashley Lehman, Alex Alvarez, Lyndsey Brennan, Shannon Mesaros, Sheila Quinones, Jamie McKinney, Katlyn Atkins, Cari Smith, Cheri Buck, Larissa Gaines, Tracy Pogue, Skylar Adams, Jess Hopkins, Jason Sherburne, Becky Donohue

Approval of minutes

The Minutes were approved for the August 16, 2023 meeting by Angie Shoeneman & Ms. Gaines.

Principals report

- The school student count is 606 students, under the projected number of 637. Due to numbers, an ESE teacher was released and transferred to Meadowlane from Longleaf.
- There is still a vacancy in the nurse position. There is someone being interviewed after two others were unable to take the position. It is a 9 month position with pay ranging from \$15-17 an hour, and paid for by the Health Department. Currently, a sub (Casey Krause) is filling in and being paid as a sub by the school.
- The students are doing well academically and showing progress. There will still be some students doing make-ups for the FAST testing.
- Mr. Sherburne touched on some of the new forms being sent home such as the Student Code of Conduct, nickname form and the activities, clubs and events form. The activities form includes all clubs, events and activities throughout the year and the parents have the option to opt their child out of any single activity. If the form is not filled out, the child will not be able to participate in any event. The nickname forms that have come back have been filed and when the child signs onto their computer it displays the nickname the parent has approved for school use.

Treasurer report

Please see Financial Activity Report

Old business

- Read-a-thon raised \$11,859 and the PTO portion was \$8,894.25. Thank you to Megan Pace for chairing this fundraiser.
- Bloodhound, an underground utility locator, came to inspect the area for the gaga pit. One pipe was discovered and the gaga pit will only be moved slightly. It has now been ordered. Mrs. Kledzik gave a quick rundown of what gaga ball is and how it is played.
- Fall Festival planning is well underway and almost finished being organized. We can still use volunteers for the day of.
- Trivia Night is tomorrow, 9/14 from 5-7pm. Ms. Gaines has done an incredible job chairing and organizing this event as well as collecting donations. We may still need more volunteers to come help monitor iPads and sell concessions. This is a free event using Kahoot and lots of prizes will be won. Ms. Gaines Aunt has donated a wonderful gift basket with lots of goodies that will be raffled. Free popcorn and lemonade will be

provided, and this free event will help promote family participation in school. There will be 70 questions total and will be parent and kid friendly.

New business

- There was a vote taken to approve the amended by-laws and they were approved. 22 Yes votes and 0 No votes.
- Erica went over the projected budget. She stated that the amounts are based on what was earned and spent last year. It is common to go over budget on certain line items such as t-shirts, or events. Last year, we were not able to meet the entire technology budget request but made a large dent in getting new computers. Some events on the budget are new such as trivia night and family dance. These are costs that we estimate we may spend.
 - Ashley Lehman brought up that PBIS may need more funds due to the honor roll being added. Mrs. Kledzik asked that they have a talk with Mr. Sherburne about academic success funds because honor roll is not part of PBIS.
 - Ashley also suggested that as the Wonderland Shop chair, she may need to purchase birch trees as well as light covers. She'd like 15 total and it's \$50 for a set of 6. Erica suggested filling out an additional request form that we have in the mailbox room.

Kristina suggested that we vote on the budget as it is and vote to increase funds if needed, at a later date. The vote was in favor of the new proposed budget. 27 Yes votes and 1 No vote.

- Mr. Sherburne has put in a request for 10 outdoor umbrellas for the car loop for the teachers to use in the afternoon. It's an alternative solution to an awning that is extremely expensive. The base will be left outside, and the umbrellas will be taken in each day. Each unit costs \$133.99, totaling \$1,339.90. Mrs. Kledzik made a motion to vote. The umbrellas were approved. 23 votes for Yes and 2 votes for No.
- A parent who works at Northrup Grumman informed us that his employer matches donations made to non-profits. After providing our non-profit information, he is donating \$100, and Grumman will be matching his donation for a total of \$200. This is news to us, and please spread the word and other companies may be willing to match donations as well.
- Ashley Lehman, Mrs. Pogue & Mrs. Kledzik have been hard at work planning Bobcat Bash. Students have been signing up for activities and using their buddy bucks already. Mrs. Kledzik showed the different choices available. It will be held on September 28 at 1:15 pm. We still need volunteers for that day, and it will be posted on Sign Up Genius.

- The yearbook this year will be hardcover as the past yearbook had issues with binding and coming apart.
- The update on sweatshirts is that we will possibly be offering different color choices. We are working with a local business, Custom Signs and Shirts. Their cost is lower, and we will have a larger profit margin, since we are charging the same prices as last year.

Open floor

- Ashley informed everyone that the field trip committee will be cancelled due to lack of responses from teachers. She sent out forms to gather teacher input and only received 9 back. She is willing to help a team plan if needed, as she is doing for 3rd grade. The prices of charter buses are very high as well.

Adjournment

03:58pm