



Longleaf Elementary PTO

Minutes

Date:	August 16, 2023
Time:	03:01pm
Meeting called to order by:	Kristina Richard

Executive board

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

In attendance: Angie Shoeneman, Desireé Biolansky, Casey Krause, Tanya Stutzman, Sheryl Brown, Eddylynn Kledzik, Kristin Jones, Danielle Hausmann, Alex Alvarez, Jazmin Quesada, Juan Quesada, Megan Pace, Ashley Lehman, Becky Donohue, Shannon Mesaros, Skylar Adams, Jamie McKinney, Cheri Buck, Tracy Pogue, Katlyn Atkins, Shiela Quinones, Cari Smith, Rick Dillon, Jason Sherburne, Larissa Gaines

Approval of minutes

The Minutes were approved for the July 28, 2023 meeting by Angie Shoeneman & Megan Pace. Eddylynn Kledzik recalls the bylaws being brought up at the last meeting by a PTO member and that was not in the minutes.

Principals report

- Mr. Sherburne introduced himself as well as Mr. Dillon to the new members of PTO.
- Kindergarten has begun and is off to a great start.
- VPK begins tomorrow and there will be a final count of students. There will be roughly 600 students, slightly less than last year.
- Staffing is sufficient and class sizes are at normal capacity.

Treasurer report

Please see Financial Activity Report

Old business

- Meet the teacher went well. Lots of PTO literature was given out and a lot of merchandise was sold.
- PTO dues are now being collected. Members may pay with cash, check or on our website.
- Shirts were a hit, and a few sizes were sold out. Another order has been placed to fulfill more orders. There was a lot of interest in sweatshirts, so the committee will need to meet to discuss design and presales. Presales would need to be done in September.
- The 1st day school supply fundraiser was successful. 143 packs were sold and a profit of \$715 was earned.

New business

- The bylaws have been sorted through and condensed. An updated version will be sent to all PTO members by email. Mrs. Kledzik stated that we were able to piece together the different versions of bylaws that were missing information over time. Mr. Sherburne said that the organization was created last year, and we were learning as we went. The updated set of bylaws is approved, and we will move forward with a vote on them at the next meeting on September 13.
- There will be a homeroom parent meeting on September 1, at 8am. The meeting will be led by the chair, Desireé Biolansky in the media center.
- Open house nights will be two nights. Wednesday, August 23 for grades VPK-2nd, from 5-7pm. Thursday, August 24 will be for grades 3rd-6th, from 5-7pm. PTO will be selling merchandise and pizza those nights. Families may pass through the book fair.

- Katlyn Atkins reports that the pep rally will be on August 31 from 1:30-2:00pm. She is open to suggestions of fun ideas. She is planning a flash mob dance. This will be a fun event for the kids, and they should come wearing spirit wear that day. Another pep rally will follow later in the year.
- Family trivia night will be the first free event to be put on by the PTO this year, on September 14. Mrs. Gaines has volunteered to chair this committee.
- Ashley Lehman reported on the field trip committee. An input form has been sent out to teachers to gauge their interest. She hopes to bring back bigger fieldtrips. She is looking into bus pricing as well as whether teachers would be willing to do field trips that extend past school hours. The committee does not plan field trips, it will give teachers information on available options.
- Megan Pace reported on Read-A-Thon. Last year was successful and we raised \$15,000. New computers were purchased for the school. The proceeds for this year will also contribute to more technology for the school. Kids who register for Read-A-Thon will get a prize. Logging minutes and collecting pledges can all be done online. Donations can be a flat fee. This fundraiser takes place during book fair. Winning categories are top 20 with highest amount of money raised, class with the highest percentage of participation and top 10 students with most minutes read. It will last two weeks.

Open floor

- Mrs. Buck said that the kindergarten classes love the new rugs PTO purchased.
- Kristina reported that the gaga pit is in the works but must have the area surveyed.
- Mr. Sherburne reported that Southland Lawns Care will finish putting sod out in the dirt area near the playground. They've donated 14 pallets of sod.
- Sheryl Brown compliments how hard the board has been working and the long hours put into the bylaws.
- Angie Shoeneman explained how the coffee cart works and is happy to have more volunteers help.
- Alex Alvarez stated that when fingerprinted, she was told the turnaround time for volunteer approval is about 30 days.
- Ashley Lehman explains how Bobcat Bash works. Ashley, Mrs. Pogue & Mrs. Kledzik will all be chairing bobcat bash. Mrs. Pogue stated that teachers will be reminded about dispensing buddy bucks. Mrs. Kledzik said that the kids will have enough buddy bucks by the time of the Bobcat Bash to participate in the activities.
- Mrs. Kledzik announced that Tanya Stutzman will be the new media center assistant.

- Kristina asks members to please reach out via email or in person if there is a concern or input. We will be happy to address it.
- The next PTO meeting will be September 13 at 3:00pm.

Adjournment

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