



LESTER PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Call to Order (Stephanie Brockway)

Secretary's Report (Karen Schmidt)

- Request approval of the [November 2020 Minutes](#)

Treasurer's Report (Kristen Avery)

- Link to [Treasurer's Report](#)

President's Report (Stephanie Brockway)

- Recap of PTA holiday giving
- Thank you to those who attended the Parent Tech Night in December
- Planning ahead--Nominations and other activities for Winter/Spring

President-Elect (Lisa Kelsey)

- Encouraged people to recruit and or join the PTA team for next term

VP Programs' Report (Angela Hassan).

- Nothing new to report.
- Committee Chairs - begin thinking about if you would like to continue to lead your committee next school year.

VP Fundraising Report (Rose Mary Hose & Erin Montana)

- Thanks to all who ordered from the November dine out at Gatto's. We brought in \$106.
- Our next dine out will be at Panera on February 1st from 4-8 pm.
- Oliver's Labels is running our Lester PTA fundraiser.

VP Communications Report (Irene Nelson):

- Nothing to report

VP Membership (Liz Pankner):

- Nothing to report



Principal's Report (Carin Novak):

- Thank you to the PTA for their holiday generosity. Our LE families in need very much appreciated your gift cards.
- We are finishing our MAP and AIMSwebPlus testing this week. Once all district schools have completed their exams at the end of January, we can share results with our families.
- As indicated in the latest LE Life Newsletter, we will be discontinuing the daily temperature checks for students upon arrival at the buildings. We will be moving back to our typical supervision hours 10 minutes prior to the bell ringing. (8:10 and 12:10) Families will continue to fill out the self-certification check-in.
- We will be doing OSOB - One School, One Book again this year. (Opposite year from Author's Fest) This will take place in February. Book packets will be sent home with the youngest student. We will be announcing our book with a book trailer video since we are unable to do so in-person at our Trimester Assembly.
- Mrs. Novak and Mrs. Novosel are collaborating with the other schools in the district to attempt to figure out a way to do school pictures and a Lester yearbook this year in a safe and timely manner prior to the end of the school year. We will be meeting later this week and hope to have more information to share regarding this at the next PTA Meeting in February.

Teachers' Report : Mrs. Rhoades, Mrs. Ciamprone, Miss Lenz, and Mr. Haushahn were in attendance at the meeting and expressed their thanks for the many ways the PTA shares their generosity with them throughout the year.

Committee Reports:

- Art Awareness (Shawna Smith) - We are working on an E-presentation and video montage with a message of hope, positivity and togetherness.
- Audit (Shannon Degiulio)
- Authors Fest (Kristen Duda) - CANCELLED FOR 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR
- Birthday Bulletin Board (Angela Hassan & Amy Bagley) - Virtual birthday bulletin boards have continued and are incorporated into weekly announcements.
- Box Tops Committee (Kristen Avery) - we received \$138.20 from Box Tops for earnings from March 2020 to October 2020
- Chalk the Walk (Tammy Garrity & Erin Montana)
- Cub Club (Meredith Tarr & Katie Dalstrom)
- Daddy Daughter Dance (Shannon Matesi & Sahar Solcum)
- E-Blast (Jessica Avila)
- Expressions Art Show (Erin Montana & Julie Feigel)
 - We are talking with Mrs. Lukes on ways to put on a Spring Art Show
- Fall/Spring Book Fair (Wendy Grdina)
- Family Reading Night (Angela Hassan & Candice Richmond)



- Field Day (Ainsley Sumlin & Jaime Mossman)
- Fit Boys Club (Mike Ristanovic)
- Fit Girls Club- **NEW CHAIR(S) NEEDED**
- Fun Lunch (Lisa Kelsey & Shannon Deguiulio)
- Fun Run (Jennie Fabianski & Kelly Koeppen)
- Hospitality-Teacher Appreciation (Sara Schad & Karissa Campione)

TEACHER BIRTHDAYS/CONFERENCES:

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:

- Lester Gardens (Andrea Paris & **NEW CO-CHAIR NEEDED**)
- Memorials (Jen Peckenpaugh)
- Mother Son Night (Adriana Karawan & Megan Slowikowski)
- Nominations- **NEW CHAIR NEEDED**
- Philanthropy (Jill Schwartzers)
- Playground (Patty Esslinger & **NEW CO-CHAIR NEEDED**)
- Reading Games- **NEW CHAIR NEEDED**
- Reflections (Amanda Harrington & Karissa Campione)
- Room Parent/Class Ambassador (Jen Gawel)
- School Supplies (Angelique Stacy & Angie Erickson)
- Science Olympiad (Angie Erickson)
- 6th Grade Party (Jen Peckenpaugh, Amy Landman, & Karen Schmidt)
- 6th Grade Yearbook (Jessica Avila)

*we need pictures!! Only 15 students have submitted pictures so far - please spread the word far and wide and send in your pictures if you have not.

*We need pictures from all teachers to include in the yearbook - is the school able to provide those for us? Using the ones from last year? If not is it okay to ask the teachers to submit their own pictures to be used? Can I also get a full list of teachers per grade? I know there are new teachers this year for each grade due to the hybrid schedule, I'm not sure who is teaching which grade.

*I have had a few parents submit their contact info for the yearbook that are not on the list of students - I believe they are from other schools but are included in the class with other full remote students? Are we including them in the yearbook if they wouldn't have normally been at Lester? I'm assuming no, but want to confirm.

*We asked for \$500 to cover the cost of 6 free and reduced students, 4 teachers, and to subsidize the cost of books so parents can purchase at \$30 each. Can Mrs. Novak confirm that there are still only 6 F&R students and also that the total number of students holds at 80. Also, can Mrs. Novak notify the F&R families that they will be getting a complimentary book so that they will be sure to send in pictures.

*The deposit is due March 1st - it is \$1353.00 - I do not want to pay that out of pocket. I have asked if we can just start taking orders now to cover the deposit and am waiting for a response. If not, can the PTA cover the deposit? It would be paid back as parents



begin to submit their orders. I should have an answer from Jostens tomorrow 1/21/21.

*Do the 6th grade party chairs want access to the group photos for the slide show? I'm assuming there will still be some sort of 6th grade party.

- Summer Math Club (Erik Duda)
- Teacher Support (Heather Phegley)
- Welcome Committee (Meredith Tarr)
- Winter Fundraiser (Kara Gordon & Kristen Avery) Save the Date is out, we're in a holding pattern (mitigation tiers // phase 4 criteria). Candle drive earned \$1200 for PTA

Unfinished Business:

- Defer approval of request for funds from 6th grade yearbook until the amount is finalized

New Business:

- Accepted and voted on members for the Nominations Committee. Jen Pankner and Sara Schad volunteered to be part of the Nominations Committee.

For more details and important dates, please view the Lester PTA calendar on our website:

<http://www.lesterpta.com/calendars>