

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School
PTO Meeting Agenda
April 25,2016 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Peggy Williams, Mindy Goodall, Holly Stancil, Laurel Geis, Helen Boyd, Mike Irani, Richard Monroe, Carleen Kupcis, Kenna Boyd, Brandi Robertson and Sarah Kelsey

A. Co-Presidents' Report

- Request on Meriwether matters for funding requests - due early to mid-May.
- Two different options to choose from for new playground, two different companies, but we need to work with the county.
- Option 1 Kompan Model- \$35,000 from the PTO and approximately \$95,000 - \$100,000 from the county.
- Option 2 Burke Model - is roughly \$122,000 in total (TBD), PTO obligation is TBD (roughly \$30,000).
- The county has a preference for the second option due to familiarity with vendor.
- Guarantees are slightly different, but the county will also help with maintenance.
- Motion made to offer, seconded and approved for Mike to tell the county our PTO will support \$35,000 for the Kompan and \$30,000 for the Burke model.
- EZ Coordinator payment - the county is changing rules of next year that they cannot pay for a non-

employee (we think) primarily due to liability issues. Any person not employed by the school that is currently being paid by the school will be disallowed next year (most likely).

- For current EZ Coordinator - this year we can pay as independent contractor. We would have to prove she's a contractor and not an employee and allowed to run EZone with her own computer and if she has other income versus the PTO letting her use our computer and telling her exactly how to run EZone. Not sure if this would change our accounting fee - substantially, if at all?

B. Principal's Report: Mike Irani

- On a school level, we are preparing for end of year.
- From a budget perspective - 2 cent tax increase was passed by the county, but not much going to schools, which have to look for roughly \$400,000.
- Looking at salary compression, which was put to the side for now, possibly cut from professional development fund.
- Operationally, things are ok, but looking for capital improvement funds. Possible bond referendum in November.
- School day extension has passed and 5 minutes have been added to the end of the day for next year.

C. Faculty Representative's Report: Cheryl Wetmore-Simpson

- Teachers input grades to parent portal last week.
- End of year planning is going on right now.
- 5th graders are excited to collect checks from parents to go to end of year activities. Check requests are coming soon, with a deadline of May 6.
- Teachers ready for 4th grade projects and assessments and getting ready for SOL's.
- Classroom funds are still available for the teachers to use, but deadline is approaching - May 6. Collecting funding requests forms and will be submitted to the PTO presidents.
- Looking for contact for robotics for next year, possibly Laurel.

D. Co-VPs' Report: Carleen Kupcis and Sarah Kelsey

- The reports contain a slate of candidates for next year's board. Committees are in good shape for next year, still need a couple of chairs, but in very good shape.
- Question as to what the county does versus what the PTO does in terms of landscaping. County mows and does basic weeding, maybe once a year, trying to certain what to tell new landscaping chair to expect. Past custodians (and current custodian) do more than they probably should and more than what a typical head custodian normally does. Would it be

helpful to put together specific bullet points for expectations / requests for gardening and landscape committees?

- Teacher appreciation week is approaching and in good shape.

E. Secretary's Report: Richard Monroe

F. Treasurer's Report: Helen Boyd

- Highlights - still waiting for expenses from book fair.
- EZone - how much we will be paid should be finished by next meeting.
- Grocery rewards - doing well with Amazon and \$600+ dollars from Kroger. By the end of the calendar year it should be close to \$6000.
- Silent auction - still waiting for final, final number, but most likely \$21,000 is the top end.
- Classroom funds - roughly \$9,500 to date.
- Do we need to change printer ink vendors? Also, should we put in an annual budget line item for ink as opposed to voting on printer ink costs every year or add it under tech supplies? Can be discussed at May budget meeting.

G. Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Kenna Boyd

- An email was sent to reach out to teachers with form from last year and reach out to committees to ask if they want to volunteer again next year.

- Also want to figure out how to thank volunteers from this year (but don't have to decide now). Possibly a desert or other party.

H. Communication Coordinators' Report: Laurel Geis and Holly Stancil

Important Dates:

Monday, May 23, 2016 at 6:30pm PTO Board Meeting
(Incoming and Outgoing board members) **Dinner** and
meeting at **Peggy's house** -- details to follow