



# Little River Elementary General Membership PTA MEETING

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10/11/2022 / 7pm / In-Person/[Virtual Meeting](#)

**ATTENDEES:** In-Person Attendees: Sara Wadlow, Mei Jing Jiang, Aimee Comi, Michelle Wood, Jessica Kakar, Meg Thompson, Aimee Comi, Elizabeth Bush, Kimberly Dempsey

Virtual: Anjela Nowbahar, Dono Babadjanova, Feven Yigzaw, George Adika, Gisella Cuadros, Holly Johnson, Jackie Etienne, Julia Moganstern, Justin Fabian, Kristin Martin, Masoud Shams, Minh Truong, Polina Minai, Rose Cortez, Rosemond Ahaiwordor, Shannon Kamide, Sharolyn Paschal, Solomon Garoma, Susan Simmons, Marques Jackson, Virginia Nipper, Zohra Zamir

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.**

## **AGENDA**

### **President: Elizabeth**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Vote to Approve [Meeting Minutes](#) from September 6, 2022 General Membership Meeting  
Moved by Elizabeth Bush  
Seconded by Michelle Wood  
Motion approved unanimously
- Playground Improvement Committee
  - This would be an exploratory committee to look into options (rebuild versus additions, check out vendors, pricing, LCPS contribution, etc.) NOT a vote to spend money at this time. LRES current playground is coming up on 20 years old, which is about the time playground equipment starts expiring. The committee

could talk to different schools who have recently undergone this process (ex: Cold Springs utilized community fundraising). Building is not likely to happen this year.

- [Reflections Competition](#)- County, State, and National PTA Art competition
  - In need of Chair and Committee Members- anyone interested should email the board.
  - 2022 Theme: Show Your Voice!
  - Categories- dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Students may enter artworks in one or more arts categories.
  - Divisions- Primary (Pre-K through grade 2), Intermediate (grades 3-5), and Special Artist (All grades welcome—review the special artist division rules to learn more about opportunities and accommodations for students with disabilities).
  - All submissions are due November 18. Must be submitted electronically.

### **Treasurer: Sharolyn**

- August and September financials are located on the website.
- Compliant with all state/national requirements.

### **VP of Events & Community: Meg**

- Bingo for Books
  - Estimated 200 people came.
  - \$253 in earnings
- Glow Dance
  - Oct 21 from 6-8pm on the blacktop (cafeteria in case of rain)
  - Cost is \$7/ family or included with membership (emails have gone out to members who qualify for this perk).
  - Fifth grade will be doing a fundraiser- glow in the dark temporary tattoos
  - Elizabeth emphasized that this is NOT a drop off event.

### **VP of Fundraising: Aimee/Sara**

- DQ Spirit Night earnings
  - \$215 in earnings

- November spirit night information coming shortly.
- Popcorn Fundraiser earnings
  - Total sales were \$12,836, total earned was \$6,418 (goal was \$5k- way to go!)
  - Second grade won the pizza party- \$4,576 in sales
  - First grade came in second- \$1,928
  - Wonderful community member offered to sponsor a second place pizza party.
  
- Art to Remember
  - Art has been collected and sent to the corporate office.
  - Forms will be put in teacher mailboxes around 10/21.
  - Orders run from 10/28 to 11/08. Parents can have the artwork placed on so many different items for gifts (tiles, totes, pillows, etc.)

### **Volunteer Coordinator: Brandi**

- Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked at the events and the in-school volunteer needs this month.
- Shout out to the AMAZING teachers who volunteered their time for Bingo. It was a great night!
- Thank you to Rose and Rosa for their fun popcorn SAW bar and Valerie for hosting treats during the staff meeting. We will be hosting both again in Oct. We appreciate those who have donated.
- Huge thanks to Rose and Rosa for their continued work to keep the lounge stocked and decorated. We still need donations, especially snacks. Please see the wish list!
- If you are not aware, there is a PTA bulletin board by the PE room with all the latest PTA info. Thanks to Amy Vassary for keeping that updated and her AWESOME designs.
- Take a minute to check out the outdoor classroom. Jen Rosenfeld and her team have been working hard throughout Sept to get that area back into shape! Thank you to her.
- Glow dance and fun run volunteer opportunities are posted on Facebook.

### **Secretary: Vacant**

- Membership Update (Elizabeth)
  - 208 members

- Snow cones were a big hit for the membership drive. More membership drives will be coming.

### **Administration: Ms. Dempsey**

- THANK YOU to Rose and Rosa for all of the work in the teachers lounge and staff appreciation efforts. The love is felt.
- Tomorrow (10/12) is a Moveable Monday. Specials will be under Monday Schedule.
- Next Holiday is 10/24 for Diwali.
- 10/19 is Unity Day- make sure to wear orange! Focus for the day will be on reminders of togetherness.
- 10/26 Will be hosting a Personalized Learning Walk for the LCPS Community.
- 10/26 Will also be Principal's Coffee- Discussion about responding to intervention and the difference between intervention and mediation. Ms. Dempsey will send a reminder.
- 10/27 First Grade field trip
- 10/31-11/01 is Parent Teacher Conferences. Sign ups will be going out. No school these days.
- Thanksgiving food drive for Dulles South Food Pantry in November. Food requests will be broken down by grade.

### **Committee/Representative Reports**

- SEAC Representative- Marcus Jackson
  - No new report
- MSAAC Representative- Angela Nowbahar
  - No new report
- LEAF Representative- Sara Wadlow
  - No new report
- Gardening Committee
  - Will be holding meetings for the next two Fridays from 8:30-10:30am. Regularly 3-6 people have been coming weekly. There is a Sign Up Genius.
  - About  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the outdoor classroom is weeded.
  - Pergola has been secured.
  - Water feature has a broken pump. Ken Lang from Ultra Turf has offered to replace the pump at cost. Will be working on a timeframe for that.

- Goals are new plants (mulch donations would be appreciated!), and to finish the weeding.
- ASEP - Aimee Comi
  - Registration is closed for fall.
  - Currently seven clubs and about 200 students enrolled.
  - Aimee will reach out to those who expressed interest in an ASEP Committee to work on Winter and Spring courses.
  - Winter clubs start the second week back in January, and will consult the calendar for the best time to start spring courses.

### **Old Business:**

- Follow up from Mr. Murphy about Odyssey of the Mind registration
  - LRES will use the school budget to register the school with Odyssey of the Mind so formed teams will have the opportunity to register.
  - This is not affiliated with the PTA.

### **New Business**

- Sharolyn brought up the interest in community outreach. A lot of the second grade popcorn sales were from community members who had students who went to LRES previously, but have since grown up. Can we create an Alumni page? Send out emails?
  - Post on various Facebook groups.
  - Will take time to contemplate and discuss the next meeting.

**Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, January 3, 2022 at 7pm in Library and Google Meet**

**ADJOURNED AT: 8:04pm.**