**Lynnwood PTA Meeting**

**November 2, 2022**

**7:00 PM (Google Meet)**

**November PTA Meeting**

**Video call link:** [**https://meet.google.com/zti-xbhw-koq**](https://meet.google.com/zti-xbhw-koq)

**Agenda**

**Members in Attendance: Jennifer Reinert, Danielle Fabrizi, Gloria Towle Hilt, Jackie Vandenburgh, Jennifer Armlin, Lindsey Stapleton, Louis Zuoguang Liu, Marisa Weston, Sara Cunningham, Stephanie Haughney, Taiane Thomas, Seth Canetto, Kim Matthews, Katrina Dryer,**

**Welcome:**

**Approval of minutes from October 2022: Approved - Jennifer Armlin, Seconded Danielle Fabrizi**

**President’s Report** – Taiane Thomas:

* Teacher Grants: Jennifer Armlin, $50 Book Pouches - Pouches to hold up to 10 books for students, to be more sustainable than gallon Ziploc Bags Approved
* Future PTA events: International Night, Bingo Night, Under the Sea When is the best time to hold events, thinking about alternate locations for events. We can hold events at different locations as long as wherever the event is being held has insurance. International Night in April 2023, March 3rd, 2023, for Under the Sea, Bingo March 24th, 2023. We will reach out to the Guilderland Public Library to see if we can hold events there and possibly sell food. The room at the library only hold 100 people
* Sticker Mule: Water Bottle Stickers 4x4 vinyl sticker would be $3 each with the Guilderland “G” Stickers will be ordered, fliers will go home
* Resource Officer: Officer Matt, we will start having Resource Officers in schools

**Treasurer’s Report** – Pamela McCall:

We raised $2100 for monster mash event held Friday October 28th

5th grade concession stand raised $780

Items for the building and construction of the Longhouse cost $400

We have sold $200 in Lynnwood Wear sales

**Board of Education Report** – Gloria Towle-Hilt:

**2023-2024 BUDGET:** The October 25 Board meeting agenda included an opportunity for the public to give input into next year’s budget. We did not receive any input that evening. I just way to remind everyone that suggestions for next year’s budget can be made during either of the two public comment times at the Board meeting or anytime by email or regular mail. You can contact any Board member or administrative staff through our district web site to send suggestions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Students from the GHS Muslim Association Club came to the October 25 Board meeting to request that the district look into adding the Muslim holy day of EID to the 2023-2024 school calendar. Dr. Wiles assured the students that research on this is ongoing and a decision will be made later in this school year.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Tuesday, November 1st district staff were involved in a number of professional development activities and elementary parent conferences. The high school amended their schedule so as to address the incident at the football game and events following with a focus on defining ways to make our high school building safe for all. Progression Partners who we have contracted with to guide our equity audit made a presentation to high school, middle school and elementary school staff separately about their work to date.

**INDOOR TRACK:** As a follow-up to the last report regarding the concerns brought to the Board by parents, students and coaches about the need for more coaches for the indoor track program, Dr. Wiles told us at the last meeting that there is a very good chance we may be able to add a coach. She will share details at the next meeting once everything is finalized.

If anyone has any questions Gloria would take them back to the Board or try to answer them

**Principal’s Report** - Jacqulyn Vandenburgh:   
Parent teacher conferences went very well.

Conference notes will be posted on November 18th. Grown-ups will receive an email that conference notes will be available on the portal

4th grade Longhouse week went well. Thank you to all the parent volunteers

We do have an entirely new security system. Raptor Security - the front office is asking everyone to scan your license in order to print a sticker.   
Upcoming Veterans Celebration - the time has been adjusted to 9am on Thursday November 10th. We are working with the PTA to host a veteran’s breakfast, please RSVP ASAP if they’d like to attend a breakfast before the celebration

Picture retake day is Monday, November 14th. If you missed the

Ms. Vandenburgh with be working with the Building Cabinet/Shared Decision-making group. One thing that is a goal is that Building Cabinet minutes and ongoings will be shared with the PTA. Typically PTA sends two parent representatives to the building cabinet meetings.

**Teacher Liaison Report** – Angelica McKeown**/Jennifer Armlin**:

Teachers had parent volunteers come in to help with activities on Halloween.

Reminder to please fill out volunteer forms in order to come into the building

Monster Mash was a hit, great job!

Lost and Found will be continually updated on Facebook

**DEI Committee Report**- Louis Zuoguang Liu -

Equity Institute - there are team leaders in each school building, for Lynnwood 8 staff members, of classroom teachers Social Worker, special area, school psychologist. An external partner will be conducting workshops.

A subcommittee discussion led to a discussion to promote various holidays to be celebrated throughout the year.

NYS Social Studies K-8 framework, The DEI committee has some concerns about the curriculum. There is a shared folder of resources available within the department on how to provide instruction. Social studies teachers have shared with building staff.

The DEI monthly meetings are recorded and will be available on YouTube.

A list of teachers will be provided

**Debrief-Past Events:**

* Book Fair (10/17-10/21): This year’s book fair was very successful, we sold just over $9600 worth of books. Ms. Healy got over $2100 in cash to buy books for the library. Possibly for the next time, if we had a budget for petty cash, this would assist students who are shortchange when purchasing. Is there a possibility of buying 1 book for each classroom. The spring book fair is BOGO, teachers would ultimately get 2 books. We need to look at the budget with Pam to see if a book per classroom is possible.
* Monster Mash (10/28): The night went smoothly; families were happy to be back in person. Thank you to the volunteers for everything. Huge thank you to the teachers who come out that night too. There were 175 families came out for the event, which was split into two sessions. Sign-ups worked well through CheddarUp. There were several families who bought tickets at the door, majority were advanced sales and sign ups.
* Pura Vida: The Guilderland Bracelets, there are 8 left out of the 50. We may hold another sale in the spring
* Ribbons for Rizzo: We have shirts in stock

**Committee Reports & Upcoming Events:**

**Upcoming Events:**

* Brooks BBQ (11/17): Taiane Thomas will be running this event. First come first serve from 3-7pm, in the Lynnwood Parking Lot. Brooks needs to come to set up and cook and uses the staff parking lot. At least 10 volunteers may be needed.
* Wreath Sale: Jennifer Smith is in the process of putting together a flier to go out soon

**Committee Reports:**

* **Fundraising** - No chairperson, also we don’t have a 4th grade parent for the end of year celebration
* **Membership** - Sheila De Vete Mahoney: Memberships are not slowing down, 12 new members during the month of October. We have a total of 123 members. No more outreach at this time
* **Lynnwood Wear**- Christina Skipp: Met with the vendor and are getting ready
* Next week Lynnwood wear, orders will be in before the holidays. Flyer will be sent out
* Banner for PTA: Could we get a banner to present at school events.

**Next PTA Meeting:** December 7, 2022

**Adjourn: Motion Shelia Mahoney to adjourn 8:03 pm**