**Lynnwood PTA Meeting**

**December 7, 2022**

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

**December PTA Meeting**

**Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ixm-tunh-ync**

**Agenda**

**Members in Attendance: Danielle Fabrizi, Gloria Towle Hilt, Jackie Vandenburgh, Jennifer Armlin, Jennifer Reinert, Kim Matthews, Lindsey Stapleton, Louis Liu, Sheila Mahoney, Jennifer Smith, Taiane Thomas, Pamela McCall, Toni C**

**Welcome:**

**Approval of minutes from November 2022:**

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

* Communication: PTA Bulletin board looks great!!
* Teacher Grant approved: Heather Brady: Request for board games for indoor recess and team building. Games such as Uno, Trouble, Battleship
* Building Cabinet Update: November Minutes: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1es2MTx1w2Pe5vGzehcbT_txEIVqhOSBBBCSQGN3DPTY/edit?usp=sharing>

Adopt a Family - We’ve been given the ages and wishes of a family. We’d like to assist and have sent up a PTA Business account through Amazon. The list will be posted and items will be selected. The account is set up as a Non For Profit for PTA.

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

Wreath Sale : PRe ordered 60 wreaths, took in roughly $2000 will have final count for January meeting

Yubbler 650

Adirondack $1900 from school pictures

If there are any outstanding reimbursements please get them to Pam by the end of the month so everything can be squared away for the new year.

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

2023-2024 BUDGET:

· Level I is completed. This entailed the administration team reflecting on the current budget – what is working and what is not.

· Level II is now underway. The District Office requested that all departments turn in a list of their top 3-4 priorities for the coming year. A Thought Exchange was put out for students, parents, staff and community members to share their ideas as to what the next budget should prioritize. The results of this exchange can be viewed using the link on our website. There was a great deal of participation evident by the large number of “thoughts” shared and rated.

· Board members agreed with a public comment about the pitfalls of relying only on the Thought Exchange for community feedback. The Board requested the Communication Committee discuss this and develop some plan(s) for further engagement of the community.

· Mr. Sanders gave the roll over budget presentation which indicates what the cost would be if we kept everything the same for next year (given the known increases). This year’s budget is $109.9 million, and the rollover budget presented was $117.8 million. We will not receive final figures on State Aid for a few more months.

SRO – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:

· The Board continued the discussion of whether to accept the Town Police Chief’s offer to provide an SRO for the middle school through the end of this school year. The district would not be charged for this.

· At the last meeting several students and parents spoke about their concerns regarding an environment of fear and anxiety that has been developing due to some student behaviors. There was strong support for increasing the SRO program. There were also some who voiced concerns about the effects of the program especially on minority groups. It was suggested that the Board accept Chief McNally’s offer and use this as a pilot and learning opportunity. At last night’s meeting, the Board voted 9-0 to accept the offer. The Board will have a representative on the interview committee.

· The results of the survey of students at GHS and FMS asking if they supported adding an SRO at FMS indicated strong support by all sub groups.

**Principal’s Report** - Jacqulyn Vandenburgh:

Looking at the calendar there is a lot going on!

Tremendous thank you for the Veterans Day Breakfast, Ms. Vandenburgh received a handful of letters from the Veterans as a thank you for the special event.

4th and 5th grade band and chorus gave great performances this past week  
Welcome to our new School Psychologist, Mrs. Werking, she has years of experience and has completed an internship at Guilderland. Welcome!

The Lynnwood Monthly newsletter will be sent out tomorrow via Email.

Next Generation Learning standards, specifically science for the 4th grade, was multiple choice and performance tasks. This test is going away, 4th graders won’t be taking that this year.

5th graders next year will be taking an NGSS Assessment in Science. It’s a quick turn around and quick roll out but the teachers have accepted the shift from learning facts to inquiry based instruction . The changes for Science tie in with the ELA and math program regarding exploring numbers.

Terry Keller - Thank you! Positivity Project Lead. She was interviewed by the Positty Project about the behind the scenes look at the Positivity PRoject. WIthout her creativity and motivation this program has been a great success. 3, 4,5 still taking math and ELA state assessments. Usually in June the 4th graders complete the science assessment in June, not this year.

We are starting a recycling initiative, it’s a great thing to participate in

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

Terry Keller shoutout! Terry does an amazing job with the Positivity Project.   
Is anyone in the PTA interested in a community project?   
Last year there was a food drive. In the past the school has done Capes for Kids, based out of Chicago; for Pet Club, - collections for the Humane society, Backpack drive.

Danielle Fabrizi has a friend whose son died due to congestive heart failure:   
The Blanket, Books and Bears campaign would support children a the Boston’s Children’s Hospital

The Pawsitivity project is still going on. If you still have pictures of your child with your pet, bring it in and it will be displayed on the bulletin board outside of the cafeteria. If you’d like the picture returned to you, kindly put your childs name and teachers name on the back

Lost and Found: is regularly being updated, continue to check our PTA facebook page for updates.

DEI- Louis - Looking to put on an event at Guilderland Public LIbrary DEI Fireside chat, come for open and honest discussion about topics involving our students. The plan is to meet at the library and the goal is to hear thoughts and concerns. Dates and times of each meeting will be shared in an email and at meetings. Everyone is welcome. December’s meeting is Wednesday December 21st from 7-8pm

**Debrief-Past Events:**

* **Brooks BBQ** - Thank you to everyone who volunteered, we did not sell out but we made money, ended up with a lot of extra chicken at the end; ordered 400 dinners Brooks BBQ was contacted for a date next year on November 16th, 2023; this was the only date available for us next year. We do not have to put down a deposit since we’ve worked with them.   
  Profit was approximately $500 There was a lot of interest in a half chicken instead of whole dinner; with prices rising, prices will be a la carte.
* Notes for next year: Having Pre Sales for Brooks BBQ; have better signage and more signs directing customers to the School as many who came through thought it was at the Lynnwood Reformed Church on Carman Road. There might be a possibility to have it at the Fort Hunter Fire Department, sale may be better visible from Carman Road
* Wreath Sale: We have sold 76 wreaths, and 1 part of prize package, looking to make a profit of just over $1000
* Monster Mash brought in 201 families: 347 children, profit of $1068.16 - a portion of what was raised will be going to the 5th grade for their help at Trunk or Treat
* Lynnwood Wear - store is now closed, all orders should be in by Hunnukah
* Puravida Bracelets - only 3 are left at the beginning of November, pre ordered 50 mostly all sold

**Committee Reports & Upcoming Events:**

**Upcoming Events:**

* Water Bottle Stickers - holding off until January to do that, flier will go out hopefully by mid January in backpack mail
* The Board met and with Jackie and decided for next year dates will be posted on the school calendar
* January - water bottle stickers
* February carnation, 5th grade bowling
* March Bingo Night and Spring pie sale
* April International night
* May -5th grade Spring Fling, Mothers Day Plant Sale, Bus Driver Appreciation, Book Fair, Lynnwood wear and Teacher Appreciation
* Due to the busy schedule and the second half of the school year, the PTA board and Jackie Vandenburgh made the decision to cancel a past event, Under the Sea, for the remaining calendar year. With this cancellation rose concern for a deposit to a DJ in the amount of $450. There was discussion that the monies could be transferred to the 5th grade, and a representative from the 5th grade committee should reach out to the DJ. The money for the DJ is the deposit that was held for the Under the Sea event originally scheduled in 2020 but was canceled due to COVID

Looking ahead the PTA is looking for 1 event per month, we’re asking a lot of our families for their time and monies which is the reasoning for canceling Under the Sea

**Committee Reports:**

* **Fundraising** - Jennifer Reinert and Taiane Thomas are Co-Chairing the committee. There will be a Spring Pie Sale, more information will be coming soon
* **Membership** - Sheila Mahoney
* **Lynnwood Wear**- Christina Skipp:Orders will be in by Hanukkah   
  P2 shirts will be delivered to Taiane and will be delivered to the school.   
  Another order for Lynnwood Wear will be offered in the spring.   
  If you have ideas on items let Taiane and/or Christina know
* Thank you to those who donated for the Veterans Breakfast, it was a very successful event and much appreciated

**Open for Additional Comments: None**

**Next PTA Meeting: January 4th, 2023 -virtual**

**Adjourn:** Motion: Danielle Fabrizi, Second: Kim Matthews