**Lynnwood PTA Meeting**

**February 1, 2023**

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

**February 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, Gloria Towle-Hilt, Pamela McCall, LIndsey Stapleton, Sheila Mahoney, Jackie Vandenburgh, Louis, Zuouguang Liu, Marisa Weston, Jennifer Armlin, Danielle Fabrizi, Kelly Jordan, Kim Matthews, Meghan Hackett, Liz Egan, Ginger Ruiz,**

**Welcome:7:04pm**

**Approval of minutes from January 2023: Motion Sheila Mahoney, Second: Jennifer Armlin**

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

* Teacher Grants: Two teacher grants were submitted from Kelly Ruhmen, Sensory items for the new room. All students who are accessing the SMC room: Ms. Ruhmen is asking for $130 dollars  
  Lisa O’Brien - $60 for items for her cozy corner, for 18 students within her classroom, fidgets, a seating cushion Motion to approve: Kim Matthews, Second: Danielle Fabrizi
* PTA has $990 dollars left in the teacher grant
* Building use forms/events summary: If you have an event scheduled, get your building use forms and event summary forms in as soon as possible. All committee chairs should do this as soon as possible
* Building Cabinet update: No updates, Cabinet meeting was canceled in January due to a snow day.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Pamela McCall: No report at this time, will be ready to post by the end of the month

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

1. BUDGET: The Board is working on ideas for providing further opportunities for community input into the 2023-2024 budget. The Communications Committee has proposed having virtual meetings – two elementary, one middle school and one high school meeting. Details were discussed by the Board last evening and the plan was approved with the suggestion that all virtual meetings be facilitated by BOCES Communications Staff. Final details will be announced in a few weeks.

2. CALENDAR: Last evening the Board approved the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Details should be on the website in a week or so. October 9th Columbus Day drew a conversation as it as been removed from the calendar, labeled at

3. Winter newsletter will be coming out soon. Information will be shared through Facebook as to how to get information out before the budget vote.

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

January has been extremely busy!   
Progress reports for the second quarter will be available on the parent portal on Thursday February 2nd. Standard indicators will be shown as well as comments from teachers.

As we’re heading into February we will continue to have lock down drills (2 left to complete this year)   
Building Level Emergency Response Team will be meeting on Friday February 3rd to review school protocol.

Launching Builidng wide Black History Month project. Each class will pick a historical figure to research and decorate their classroom door with. The school will turn into a living museum.

Curriculum and Instructional Planning for the upcoming Superintendent Conference day in March.

Professional Development is in regards to moving from the Common Core to Next Generation Standards.

* Third Graders completed computer simulation day - 3rd graders simulated the ELA exam, the system faired well with the amount of information received.

Parents of 3-5 graders - we do have dates for New York State testing:

NYS ELA 3-5 April 19th and 20th

NYS 3-5 Math May 3rd-4th

More information will follow, notifications will be sent through School messenger.

* Friday February 17th: Share and Celebrate has been moved to a 9am start time in the cafeteria, and will not be held at the 1pm time posted to the District Calendar. The character strength for this month is Love; Love for our school and everyone in our school

Kindergarten Information night was a success.

The February Newsletter by the end of this week.

Registration for kindergarten is well underway, the process starts online. If you know any families with incoming kindergarteners refer them to the district website.

News on the playground?

We are in the process of replacing the wooden playground, most pieces have been delivered, not everything has arrived. At this time, no updates about when the rest of it is coming. The ground is frozen so no work will be started. With delays in shipping a start date is up in the air for spring.

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

Bears, Books and Blankets - is going well!

Lost and Found pictures will be updated before winter break on Facebook, look to our PTA page for updates.

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

First Lynnwood Community focus group has met. Participation is good and feedback is positive.

Fireside chat will be held on February 15th at the Guilderland Public LIbrary. The Superintendent will send out information for the meeting time.

**PTA Council Report**- Kim Matthews:

PTA’s from the district get together to check in with each other. A group of money has been discovered for Diversity, and the committee is unsure about how it can be used. President of the council Diversity, Equity and Inclusion expressed that there are still a lot of mental health issues present in our school buildings across all grades and ethnic groups.

There is a sensory hallway and classroom at Lynnwood -

Ideas? Is the new playground going in handicap accessible? Yes. There are plans to include some adaptive equipment but this can be improvement but can be improved upon. There is approximately $700 to stretch across all district schools.

**Debrief-Past Events:**

* Vinyl Stickers: Vinyl stickers have been ordered on Monday and should be delivered Thursday February 2nd. For the most up to date information please join our Facebook page and make sure that you have signed up to receive SNN texts/emails from the district. A total of 70 stickers were pre ordered, a total of 200 were ordered.

**Committee Reports & Upcoming Events:**

**Upcoming Events:**

* P2 Bears, Books and Blankets: Bears, Books and Blankets will be collected through Friday February 10th 2023
* Valentine’s Day Carnation Sale: Backpack mail went home the week of January 23rd. Last day to pre order is February 8th. Unsure at this time if they are all pre order sales or if there will be day-of sales.
* Whenever you host an event, and paper mail is going to the school, we are limited the number of people going into the office.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Fundraising** - Jen Reinert/Taiane Thomas
* For the rest of the year  
  A lot of information went home during the month of January
* Upcoming events: Any other District fundraisers coming up? Jackie will talk to Dr. Wiles to see if there are any other events coming up.
* February: Water Bottle Stickers delivered, February carnation sale
* March: Bingo Night March 24th, 5th graders Dave and Buster Power Card Night
* Multicultural Night is scheduled for April 12th, being chaired by Taiane Thomas and Jen Smith

Waiting on a call back to see when MCM can deliver to the school for Spring Pie Sale

* **Membership** - Sheila De Vete Mahoney: No updates, Through Memberhub dates will be sent out.
* Sensory Room: will be sending out grants for funding for this room. Possibly a portion of our profit could be put towards building up this multi sensory room.

**Next PTA Meeting:** March 1, 2023

**Adjourn: 7:53 Montioned: Pam McCall Seconded: Daniell Fabrizi**