

Linton Springs Elementary School PTA



LSE PTA General Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022, 6pm

Hybrid Meeting – LSE Media Center and Virtual Meeting on Zoom

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

1. Call to Order at 6:03 pm Lisa Maisano, PTA President
2. Establish quorum Amy Hardesty, PTA Secretary
 - a. In person: Lisa Maisano, Amy Hardesty, Katie Fortwengler, Sheri Hudspeth, Emily Ford, Lauren Bauer, Kelly Mack, Ashley Mulloy, Liz Bauman, Jamie Anderson, Secora Rosebrough, Julia Liberto, Bree Schaum, Heather Keough, Nicole Adams, Laura Raab
 - b. On-line: Jonathan Labin, Mary Pyle, Lauren Ellis, Damaris Santiago, Jessica Pistorius, Lauren Ellis, Codi Cover, Nicole Chaney, Becky Diesterdorft, Samantha Barta, Kelsey Therit, Wesley Lewis, Katy Saulsbury
3. August 31, 2022 Treasurer's Report Katie Fortwengler, PTA Treasurer
 - a. Review of current Profit and Loss Budget Performance as of August 31, 2022
 - b. Because it is the start of the year not much has occurred
4. LSE PTA Financial Review for 2021-2022 school year Katie Fortwengler, PTA Treasurer
 - a. Review Financial Review Summary
 - i. 4 members of the PTA reviewed financial documents
 - ii. Forms from Freestate PTA were reviewed and answered
 - iii. No questions from attendees
 - b. Vote to adopt the PTA Financial Review Report for submission to Free State PTA
 - i. Motion by Heather Keough
 - ii. Seconded by Secora Rosebrough
 - iii. 13 in person; 7 online YEAS
 - iv. The Financial Review has passed and will be sent to Free State PTA
5. Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 school year Katie Fortwengler, PTA Treasurer
 - a. Review Proposed Budget

- i. Katie Fortwengler reviewed the proposed budget
 - ii. Discussed ways the PTA gets funds (Fun Run, Amazon Smiles, Restaurant Nights)
 - iii. If Fun Run performs well, the budget can be adjusted
 - iv. Expenses were discussed (assemblies, Field trip subsidies, musicals, hardship fund)
 - v. The new budget reflects higher numbers because everything is more expensive currently
 - vi. The current budget reflects a loss \$12,100 (in the red)
 - vii. Questions: none
- b. Vote to approve the 2022-2023 LSE PTA Budget
 - i. Motion: Sheri Hudspeth
 - ii. Second: Secora Rosebrough
 - iii. 15 in person; 9 online
 - iv. Budget is approved

6. Principal's Report

Glen Messier, LSE Principal

- a. Mrs. Barnes is presenting
- b. Thank you for the luncheon for the start of the school year
- c. Open House was exciting and busy with a large school
- d. Ice Cream social was a great event; great to see so many families and staff
- e. Excited about the Fun Run; Mr. Messier and Mrs. Barnes met with Trish Phillips today
- f. Lunchroom monitors and a custodian is needed; please go to carrollk12.org and click on Employment Opportunities

7. Review of Committee Events

Lisa Maisano, PTA President

- a. Lisa Maisano reviewed the mission statement for the PTA
- b. Spirit Committee – Allison Gordon and Laura Vanadio (update by Lisa Maisano)
 - i. Ice Cream Social, September 9
 1. Thank you to the committee and those who helped
 2. Great turn out
 3. Was nice to see families in a normal environment
 - ii. Trunk or Treat, October 28
 1. Save the date
 2. More information will follow
 - iii. Food Drive, November 7-23
 1. Food will be collected and donated to area Food Banks

2. Additional information will be coming, check newsletter
- c. Fun Run Committee – Trish Phillips (update by Lisa Maisano)
 - i. Friday, October 7 with Rain Date of Friday, October 14
 1. Fun Run will be during Specials class
 2. Parents are encouraged to attend
 3. September 23 will be the launch for donations to start
 4. Half sheet was sent home with each class times
 5. Wrist bands will be stamped with a star to indicate a lap instead of the yarn
 6. Parent help is requested
 7. Sign-up Genius will be sent out for volunteers
- d. Hospitality Committee – Amy Hardesty
 - i. Back to School luncheon for Teachers and Staff
 1. Back to School luncheon was a success
 2. September 20 is Custodian Appreciation Day
- e. Restaurant Nights
 - i. Chick-fil-A Spirit Days – Tuesdays, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15 all from 12-8pm
 - ii. Only the Drive Thru and Mobile Orders are Eligible – Mention Spirit Day in order notes
 1. Please note the change that Spirit Night is only available for Drive Thru and Mobile Orders
 2. Only at the Eldersburg location
 3. Monday – Thursday usually has someone’s Spirit Night, so please say Spirit Day so they get the credit
 4. The cow will be at the school at dismissal and stickers will be handed out
- f. School Store
 - i. Start up will be October 11
 - ii. Tuesday and Thursday morning; one grade per day
 - iii. It will be on the cart in the hallway like last year
 - iv. Volunteers are needed to run the store
 - v. Summer reading program Starbucks will be available soon; the data was just received by the Media center
 - vi. Mrs. Adams asked if PreK does the Starbucks and the School Store (this will go to the committee to determine the best way to include the PreK)
- g. Veterans Day

- i. Kati Pierce leads this committee
 - ii. Breakfast for the Brave will be in the school cafeteria
 - iii. This event will be RSVP event only
- h. Outreach Presentation by the United States Attorney's Office: "Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children Online"
 - i. Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30pm in the LSE Cafeteria
 - 1. Prosecutors who prosecute online predators will speak how to protect your kids
 - 2. They also speak about bullying
 - 3. It is recommended that children NOT attend this presentation

8. SARC Update

Sheri Hudspeth, PTA VP

- a. This committee was originally FERC (Freedom Elementary Redistricting Committee) which was stopped because of COVID
- b. During FERC it was identified that all the southern area schools are getting crowded
- c. When the committee was reconvened, it was called SARC (Southern Area Redistricting Committee) which also included Mt. Airy schools
- d. The southern area of Carroll County has the majority of people in the county
- e. Sheri urges the community to pay attention and do your research on local candidates, elections, and new building proposals. Please vote!
- f. SARC recognizes that no plan is ideal or solves the problems identified
- g. Capital Improvements were added to plans because it was identified that there is no room in the schools, and they asked if they could add capitol
- h. Parent input is important, and Sheri encourages families to advocate for their family
- i. Reminder that SARC is a volunteer committee; thank you letters to the Board of Education for pausing the process has been well received
- j. Using the current enrollment projections, there is "not enough kids to add a school"
- k. The goal of having clean feeders was at the direction of the Board of Education; that mostly effects the Winfield to Mt. Airy feeder schools
- l. There is a closed Board of Education meeting on 9/14/2022 where they will vote on feasibility studies for Freedom Elementary and Sykesville Middle School.
- m. Mrs. Barnes (formally VP at Freedom Elementary) stated that the compact school with population of the school caused many challenges inside and outside of the school.

9. Advocacy Committee

- a. Input from the community and provide feedback to the Board of Education and Commissioners
 - b. A joint meeting with the Board of Education and the Commissioners is TBD, please watch for a date in the newsletter
 - c. Lisa Maisano read a draft letter to be approved tonight
 - i. Motion to approve by Heather Keough
 - ii. Seconded by Secora Rosebrough
 - iii. 13 in person; 8 online YEAS
 - iv. Letter is approved and will be sent to the CCPS Board of Education
 - d. Individuals are still asked to continue to reach out and share their concerns
 - e. The Advocacy will work on getting feedback
 - f. Even if the changes don't affect your family, it will affect your schools community
10. Open Discussion
- a. Membership in the PTA is up and attendance to the meeting is up; thanks for your participation
 - b. Caliday (formally Hot Spots) will offer childcare to school aged children from 6-7pm during PTA meetings; forms need to be completed
 - c. Reminder that joining the PTA is not the same as joining the directory
11. General PTA Meeting Dates for the Year – 6pm, hybrid meetings in the Media Center and on Zoom
- a. **Thursday, November 17**; Wednesday, January 11; Tuesday, March 14; and Thursday, May 18.
12. Adjourn at 7:38 pm

Join the PTA Online!

<https://lintonspringspta.memberhub.com/store>

