

Linton Springs Elementary School PTA



LSE PTA General Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023, 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 6:07 pm Lisa Maisano, PTA President
2. Establish quorum Amy Hardesty, PTA Secretary
 - a. In-Person: Lisa Maisano, Amy Hardesty, Heather Keough, Kelly Mack, Nanci Franceze, Katie Fortwengler, Karen Barnes
 - b. On-line: Kelsey Therit, Wesley Lewis, Sheri Hudspeth, Vania Yague, Nicole Payne, Kevin Garner, Sarah Stein, Yuji-Virnel Cruz, Becky Diesterhoft, Katerine Cruz
3. Review and Approve PTA Meeting Minutes from 11/17/2022 Lisa Maisano, PTA President
 - a. Reviewed by Lisa Maisano
 - b. Motion to approve by Heather Keough
 - c. Seconded by Kelly Mack
 - d. Passes – Yea 12
4. Introduce LSE PTA Procedures Document Lisa Maisano, PTA President
 - a. Document reviewed by Lisa Maisano
 - b. To be a “living document” per Freestate PTA, changes can be made and updated as needed.
5. December 31, 2022 Treasurer's Report Katie Fortwengler, PTA Treasurer
 - a. Reviewed by Katie Fortwengler
 - b. Holiday Shop was very successful. Expect to break close to even once expenses are paid.
6. Principal's Report Karen Barnes, LSE Vice Principal
 - a. Very positive feedback on the Holiday Shop
 - b. Staff were very appreciative of the blankets for the Holiday gift.
 - c. LSE turns 25 years old next school year (8/24/98 doors opened). The school would like to do a celebration in partnership with the PTA. Kelly Mack and Joan Spindler will coordinate a

committee. Nicole Payne volunteered to join the committee as well. A display will go in the front showcase at school. The original staff to LSE that remains is Joan Spindler, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Zepp and Mrs. Bareford. LSE requested a budget to help with the costs which will go on SY 23/24 budget.

- d. PBIS group is looking at cafeteria incentives for good behavior. Extra recess is an option as a reward for good behavior.
 - e. Bus behaviors are improving. Administration is reviewing tapes regularly.
7. Vote to Approve Water Bottle Refill Station Grants Lisa Maisano, PTA President
- a. A picture was shown of the current water fountains. LSE and the PTA has proposed to replace 3 units with a bottle filler and share the cost 50/50. One unit will be replaced in each hallway.
 - b. A motion was made to approve up to \$3000 to pay 50% of the water refill station by Lisa Maisano.
 - i. Seconded by Heather Keough.
 - ii. Motion passes with 13 YEAS.
8. Vote for LSE PTA Budget Amendments Lisa Maisano, PTA President
- a. One Book One School budget was previously approved. The original book was deemed inappropriate for all grades and a new book had to be chosen. The new book is not discounted. The original book was \$2/each. The new option is \$5/each.
 - b. Motion was made to increase the budget from \$2000 to \$3000 to help cover the cost of the books by Katie Fortwengler.
 - i. Seconded by Kelly Mack.
 - ii. Motion passes with 13 YEAS.
9. Discussion of Before/After School Care Company at LSE Lisa Maisano, PTA President
- a. Discussion was made on the PTA's responsibility, if any, for recommending a before/after school program. The PTA is unable to locate a policy addressing this.
 - b. At this time, school nor the PTA has received any inquiries or complaints regarding the current provider Caliday.
 - c. Mrs. Barnes to reach out to Central Office for direction and clarification on the PTA's responsibility.
10. Review of Committee Events Lisa Maisano, PTA President
- a. Advocacy Committee – Heather Keough and Rachel Rickard
 - i. Lisa reviewed her notes from meetings she attended or listened to. She encourages everyone to stay informed and attend meetings. The budget is the biggest obstacle

CCPS is facing with the BluePrint rollout. CCPS BOE has requested \$13.4 million, which is double last years budget. This is to cover current operating costs in the economy as well as funding the BluePrint requirement of paying for Dual Enrollment of high school students at CCCC (Carroll County Community College).

- ii. Mrs. Barnes provided additional information on the BluePrint. She states all the meetings have been encouraging and it is not an option to not meet the requirements and lose funding from the state. Salaries for new teachers will be increased but will still be lower than surrounding counties. Teacher retention will be an ongoing problem. The BluePrint rollout will take place over 10 years. It is possible under the BluePrint that Principals will be required to teach 10% of their time and Vice Principals to teach 20% of their time. 23/24 school year will see big changes.
 - iii. Heather Keough provided a detailed overview of the meeting she attended/listened to on 11/30/22 with the BOE, Commissioners and State Delegation. Overall, CCPS will receive the least amount of funding due to the calculation of special needs, FARM (free and reduced meals) students and English learners. The BluePrint requirement is to use 75% of the funding in that category or a penalty will be incurred. The State is also mandating how much local money is budgeted but the same requirement of 75% use in each category is applied to these funds. The funding available is sufficient but not with the requirements and restrictions the BluePrint is putting on these funds. The State is allowing a 2-year grace period before penalties will be charged. The benchmarks to meet the BluePrint requirements are measured by testing and performance and the use of the funding. The Advocacy Committee plans to focus on encouraging the delegates to allow more flexibility in the use of funding. The first hurdle for CCPS to conquer is the \$700,000 bill received for Dual Enrollment at the High School level. Previously, students could take college courses while in high school to get college credit. The tuition was reduced and families paid a portion of the tuition. Under BluePrint, Dual Enrollment is paid for at 100%. The Commissioners are concerned about the funding and need for increase in revenue. Options to increase revenue are increasing property taxes or increasing income taxes.
- b. Spirit Committee – Allison Gordon and Laura Vanadio
- i. Food Drive during November
 - 1. Over 3500 lbs of food was donated to the Food Bank in Westminster. They were very grateful for the donation.

- ii. Bingo Night – Friday, January 20 – Doors at 6:30pm, Must purchase tickets
 - 1. A PTA member asked if small children could attend without a ticket. It was agreed that children under 2 could attend without a ticket.
 - iii. Movie Night – Friday, February 24 – Details coming
 - iv. Spring Fling Dance – Friday, April 28 – looking for Committee Volunteers
 - 1. Kelly Mack volunteered to be committee chair.
 - c. Hospitality Committee – Amy Hardesty
 - i. Unsung Heroes in December
 - 1. Very successful and staff were very appreciative
 - ii. Teacher Restock will start soon and items will be delivered to school for teachers to “shop” on 1/30/23
 - d. Holiday Shop – Wesley Lewis and Linda Finley
 - i. Successful event – The kids loved it!
 - e. 5th Grade Committee – Sheri Hudspeth
 - i. Snacks will be sold during BINGO and Movie night
 - ii. Letters will be going home soon to the 5th graders
 - f. Starbucks School Store Committee – Gina Kynaston and Stacy Bryant – resumes 1/31/23
 - g. Restaurant Nights
 - i. Chick-fil-A Spirit Days – Tuesdays, 1/17, 2/21, 3/21 all from 12-8pm
 - 1. Only Drive Thru Orders are Eligible – Mention Spirit Day
 - ii. Jersey Mike’s in Eldersburg
 - 1. Sprit Night on Wednesday 2/8/23 and 3/8/23
 - iii. Chipotle Spirit Night was very successful. We raised \$909 that will go directly to school.
11. Open Discussion
12. General PTA Meeting Dates for the Year – 6pm, hybrid meetings in the Media Center and on Zoom
- a. **Tuesday, March 14;** and Thursday, May 18.
13. Adjourn at 7:50pm