

Linton Springs Elementary School PTA



LSE PTA General Meeting Agenda

March 14, 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 6:06 pm Lisa Maisano, PTA President
2. Establish quorum Amy Hardesty, PTA Secretary
 - a. In-person: Lisa Maisano, Amy Hardesty, Heather Keough, Nicole Adams, Glen Messier, Gina Kynaston
 - b. Zoom: David Diesterhoft, Becky Diesterhoft, Sheri Hudspeth, Katie Fortwengler, Kelly Mack, Wesley Lewis, Cheryl Lee
3. Review and Approve PTA Meeting Minutes from 1/11/2023 Lisa Maisano, PTA President
 - a. Minutes reviewed, no questions
 - b. Motion to approve by Heather Keough
 - c. Seconded by Amy Hardesty
 - d. Yea – 10 (passes)
4. February 28, 2023 Treasurer's Report Katie Fortwengler, PTA Treasurer
 - a. Reviewed by Katie, no questions
5. Principal's Report Glen Messier, LSE Principal
 - a. All 3 water bottle refilling stations have been installed in each hallway
 - b. 5th grade MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) testing
 - c. 3rd grade will take MCAP in early May
 - d. Kindergarten registration has been successful; currently have 77 students enrolled
 - e. PreK registration is April 17-21
 - i. PreK is income based first then a wait list for other students
 - f. April 5th is the end of the 3rd marking period
 - i. April 5th is an early dismissal day and starts Spring Break

- ii. School reopens April 12
 - g. Please remind your student to exhibit positive prosocial behaviors
 - i. There has been a huge uptick in behaviors not normally seen in elementary school; lots of technology based behaviors, vulgar behavior that is high school level
 - ii. These behaviors are taking away from instruction time
 - h. MSDE star rating: LSE is a 5 star rating
 - i. Full day PreK is currently in the budget for SY 23/24
 - j. Please attend Blueprint meeting at 6pm on Monday 3/20/23 at Century High School
6. Vote to Approve Math Manipulative Grant Lisa Maisano, PTA President
- a. Grant for up to \$1400 to purchase Digi-block, Geoboards and other manipulatives
 - b. Motion to approve by Amy Hardesty
 - c. Seconded by Heather Keough
 - d. Yea – 10 (passes)
7. Vote to Approve PE Supplies Grant Lisa Maisano, PTA President
- a. Grant request for up to \$600 to replace jump ropes, skip it's and twirl and jumps
 - b. Motion to approve Sheri Hudspeth
 - c. Seconded by Gina Krynaton
 - d. YEA – 10 (Passes)
8. Vote for LSE PTA Budget Amendment Lisa Maisano, PTA President
- a. Increase Starbucks School Store budget by \$1,000 to \$4,000 total for the school year
 - b. Motion to approve by Heather Keough
 - c. Seconded by Katie Fortwengler
 - d. YEA – 10 (passes)
9. Establish LSE PTA Officer Elections Nominating Committee Lisa Maisano, PTA President
- a. LSE PTA Officer elections to be held at the General PTA Meeting on May 18, 2023
 - b. Three positions up for election, two-year terms: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025
 - c. Vice President of Events – Kelly Mack running for re-election
 - d. Vice President of Membership – seeking nominations
 - e. Treasurer – Katie Fortwengler running for re-election
 - f. Nominating Committee
 - i. Lisa Maisano
 - ii. Heather Keough
 - iii. Sheri Hudspeth

10. Review of Committee Events

- a. Advocacy Committee – Heather Keough and Rachel Rickard
 - i. Sign our Petition calling on Commissioners to fully fund CCPS
 - ii. Town Hall on the Blueprint with Superintendent McCabe
 - 1. March 20, 6pm at Century High School
 - iii. Vote to Approve Advocacy Letters from the LSE PTA
 - 1. Motion to approve by Amy Hardesty
 - 2. Seconded by Lisa Maisano
 - 3. YEA – 12 (passes)
 - 4. Next budget meeting for the Commissioners is April 4
 - iv. Heather Keough reviewed the potential impact of The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future
 - v. The end of the legislative is April 10
 - 1. A letter with similar language of the Letter to Commissioners to be drafted by Advocacy Committee and reviewed by the PTA Board directed to legislators requesting waivers, hold harmless verbiage or lessen restrictions on the funding usage requirements
 - 2. Motion to write a letter by Lisa Maisano
 - 3. Seconded by Amy Hardesty
 - 4. YEA – 10 (passes)
- b. Spirit Committee – Allison Gordon and Laura Vanadio
 - i. Carnival at Red Barn Ranch
 - 1. RBR has more parking, provides staff to work and more area
 - 2. Volunteers needed for ticket purchase, check wristbands and parking, email Kelly Mack
 - 3. Low cost for PTA compared to having it at school
 - 4. Date TBD
 - ii. Read Across America
 - 1. Kids enjoyed the books
- c. Hospitality Committee – Amy Hardesty
 - i. Teacher Appreciation Day is May 2
 - 1. Notes sent in from students to display on the PTA bulletin board
 - ii. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week – May 7-13
- d. 5th Grade Committee – Sheri Hudspeth

- i. 5th Grade Fun Night – Friday, May 5
 - 1. More details will be coming
 - 2. Will be a “lock-in” where they will be at school for 2 hours with a chaperone
 - ii. 5th Grade Picnic plans are underway
 - iii. 5th Grade Promotion plans also underway
 - iv. Successful fundraising for 5th Grade
- e. Hershey Park Tickets
- i. Ticket orders stopped 3/13/23
 - ii. 380 tickets and 68 parking tickets were sold
 - iii. Ticket order has been placed and Hersheypark has a quick turn around so information for pick-up will be coming out
- f. Starbucks School Store Committee – Gina Kynaston and Stacy Bryant
- i. This is the first full year of School Store, the kids are enjoying it
 - ii. Currently, they have completed 7 rounds of the store
 - iii. There is a discrepancy around how many Starbucks kids are coming to the school store within different classes; the committee will draft a letter and send to Mr. Messier to go to Team Leads
 - iv. Suggestions for next year: reduce amount of rounds to 5 (Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, March and May) and limit amount of prizes per trip or cap on amount of Starbucks used per trip
 - v. Reminder to parents that younger/non-LSE children can not be present when volunteering
- g. Play Day Committee – Friday, May 26 with Rain Date of Tuesday, May 30
- i. Amy Hardesty is the chair
 - ii. Organizing parent volunteers for needs
 - iii. Sign-up genius will be sent out for volunteers
- h. Restaurant Nights
- i. Chick-fil-A Spirit Days – Tuesdays, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16 all from 12-8pm
 - 1. Only Drive Thru Orders are Eligible – Mention Spirit Day
 - ii. Jersey Mike’s in Eldersburg
 - 1. Both restaurant nights were busy and successful
 - 2. A check for \$1000 will be sent to LSE PTA
 - iii. The Crazy Mason Milkshake Bar in Downtown Ellicott City – Monday 4/10

1. LSE PTA earns 10% of all purchases. This is Monday of Spring Break.
2. Your milkshake is served in a custom LSE mason jar.

11. Open Discussion

a. Confusion on Spirit Days

- i. LSE has a few Sprit Days on the calendar that are non-PTA events
 1. 3/17 Wear Green
 2. 3/21 Crazy sock day
 3. 3/30 Favorite baseball or sport jersey

b. Spring Assembly

- i. April 3 Kindness Quest laser show

12. General PTA Meeting Dates for the Year – 6pm, hybrid meetings in the Media Center and on Zoom

- a. Thursday, May 18 – LSE PTA Officer elections and 2023-2024 Budget Approval

13. Adjourn at 7:32 pm

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