

Linton Springs Elementary School PTA



LSE PTA General Meeting Minutes

November 16, 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 6:02pm Lisa Maisano, PTA President
2. Establish quorum Amy Hardesty, PTA Secretary
 - a. In person: Lisa Maisano, Amy Hardesty, Kelly Mack, Tim Skillings, Emily Ford
 - b. On Zoom: Rachel Kramer, Allison Gordon, Charles Schrupf, Sarah Gajewski, Kelsey Therit, Becky Deisterhoft, Lauren McDonough, Kati Pierce, Secora Rosebrough, Wesley Lewis, Bryna Schaum, Codi Cover
3. Mission Statement Lisa Maisano, PTA President
 - a. Mission statement read
 - b. It's been a busy Fall so far and thank you to everyone who has made our events and programs possible.
 - i. PTA sponsored a visit by the Mobile Science Lab
 - ii. Another Successful Fun Run – thanks to Trish, Liz and the Committee & all volunteers and sponsors
 - iii. Success of the fun run allows us to focus efforts on our activities and programs
 - iv. Awarded the Summer Reading Program prizes
 - v. Advocacy Committee meeting
 - vi. 3 grants provided to the school: Gaga Ball Pit Mat installed, Indoor/Outdoor Recess Equipment and Occupational Therapy Supplies for the General Student population
 - vii. School Store finished Round 1 of the Students chance to shop
 - viii. Successful restaurant nights at Chick-fil-A and WhatADay Café
 - ix. Fun Trunk or Treat event with over 450 participants
 - x. Food Drive ongoing this week

- xi. Hospitality Committee – 2 conference nights, appreciation days, 25th anniversary celebration
- 4. Vote to Approve PTA Meeting Minutes from 9/12/2023 Lisa Maisano, PTA President
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Amy Hardesty
 - b. Seconded by Kelly Mack
 - c. Approved unanimously
- 5. October 31, 2023 Treasurer’s Report Katie Fortwengler, PTA Treasurer
 - a. In Katie’s absence, Lisa reviewed the report
 - b. No questions
- 6. Principal’s Report
 - a. Tim Skillings, Acting Assistant Principal reporting for Dr. Messier
 - b. Appreciative of all the events and activities from the PTA
 - c. Reminder early dismissal is 12:20pm on Wednesday November 22
 - d. Looking forward to Spelling Bee, Book Fair, Winter Concert, Holiday Shop
 - e. Opportunity coming to help disadvantaged families at school, Mr. Skillings will follow up with us soon
- 7. LSE PTA Officer Elections on May 16, 2024 Lisa Maisano, PTA President
 - a. Up for election: President and Secretary
 - b. Lisa and Amy both have 4th graders so their time at school is coming to an end next year
 - c. Both are two-year terms: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026
 - d. Contact Lisa or Amy directly to discuss
- 8. Discuss Proposed Event & PTA Funding
 - a. “You Showed What You Know, Now it’s Time to Glow” Party for 3rd-5th Graders after testing
 - b. Proposed date: June 4 (weather dependent since PE would be held outside)
 - c. Reward to all students 3rd-5th grade
 - d. Mrs. Katherman will plan the party and make purchases
 - e. Students will earn tickets for using test taking skills (time, showing work, attendance)
 - f. Amendments to the budget discussed, see below
 - g. Suggestion made to consider using Community Room if possible since it’s smaller and would be less to decorate
- 9. Review and Approve PTA Budget Amendments
 - a. Refer to Proposed Budget Amendments document
 - i. Increase Fun Run to \$57,000 income, update Fun Run expenses to \$8000

- ii. New line items Glow Party Reward \$1500, Science Fair \$1500
- iii. Remove Spring Fling and move \$500 to Science Fair (voted YEA 12 members)
- iv. Board will adjust the budget line items to reflect the current language of events
- v. Motion to approve above budget amendments by Lisa Maisano
- vi. Seconded by Kelly Mack
- vii. Passed YEAS =12

10. Review of Committees – Sign-up genius to volunteer on the [PTA planning Committees](#)

- a. Advocacy Committee
 - i. Watching the blueprint and hoping for legislation for flexibility in implementation or delay in rolling out requirements
 - ii. Security cameras older than 10 years old are being replaced throughout CCPS
 - iii. Reminder: school doors are to never be propped open even at after school events
 - iv. Townhall Monday November 20th 10-11:30am and 6-8:30pm with Ed Rothstein at South Carroll Senior Center
- b. Fun Run Committee
 - i. Fun Run events and rewards have been completed
- c. Holiday Shop – Wesley Lewis and Amy Hardesty
 - i. Friday, December 15 – Thursday, December 21 during school, Setup 12/14
- d. Hospitality Committee – Amy Hardesty
 - i. Unsung Heroes Sign-up Genius in November 17th Newsletter
- e. Literacy Committee – Read Across America activities
 - i. The committee has formed and met
 - ii. Allison Gordon is available with information from previous years
- f. Restaurant Nights – Nicole Jump and Lauren Ellis
 - i. Chick-fil-A Spirit Days -- Mention “Spirit Day” or use code LSE2023 in app
 - 1. 3rd Tuesdays, 11/21 and 12/19
 - ii. WhatADay Café – November 7
- g. Science Fair Committee (NEW COMMITTEE)
 - i. Parent interest in bringing a science fair back to school
 - ii. A committee has been formed
 - iii. This committee had a meeting 11/15/23 with a contact at Piney Ridge Elementary School who provided details what they have done
- h. Spirit Committee: Food Drive – Allison Gordon and Laura Vanadio

- i. Donations collected in homerooms November 13-17
 - 1. Thank you to the volunteers who helped count
 - ii. Volunteers needed to load food Friday, November 17 and deliver to food bank in Westminster on Saturday morning, November 18
 - iii. Final count and winners will be announced
 - 1. Class in each grade with the most food will win a donut party
 - 2. The class with the most food overall will get a special treat
 - iv. Dance Party on October 31 was fun, possibly do one on St. Patrick's Day
 - i. Starbucks School Store Committee – Gina Kynaston and Stacy Bryant
 - i. Round 2 starts 11/28
 - ii. Volunteer slots are open
 - j. Trunk or Treat Committee – Katie Fortwengler and Kelly Mack
 - i. Amount of candy was appropriate
 - ii. Due to the size of the school and price of candy, even with charging for tickets, there was a \$900 loss
 - iii. Goal is to have a fun event, not a fundraiser
11. Drawing for LSE t-shirt from those in attendance
- a. Mr. Skillings chose #11 which was Becky Deisterhoft
 - b. The T-shirt will be given to her student tomorrow after morning announcements
12. Open Discussion
- a. No new business
13. Adjourn 7:34pm