

December 7, 2015 Lunenburg PTO meeting minutes

In Attendance: Andrea Moore, Sherry Nolan, Lisa Harrison, Karen Cafferky Chow, Maribeth Ford, Lisa Stone, Sarah Coronella, Heather Sroka, Wendy Bertrand, Jim LaVeck, Corinne Jones, Sarah Call, Jessica Frank, Allison Melvin.

I. Karen Chow made a motion to approve the November 2015 minutes, Jessica Frank seconded the motion. All voters were in favor to approve.

II. Finance: Lisa Harrison informed all that there is currently \$33,000 in the PTO bank account; \$5,000 of this money is designated for the THMS playground. From this fiscal year there is \$11,000 revenue and \$3,000 for operating costs. The IRS tax extension was accepted.

III. Publicity: Sherry Nolan reported that she has and will continue to push the upcoming Barnes and Noble book fair via PTO website and social media. Regarding Miles for Myles sign me up page need to be complete before going live. Sherry also mentions that a contact person on this website needs to be set for questions. Jessica Frank stated she would be happy to have her email address on the site for questions but not phone number.

IV. School and Community: Jim LaVeck reported that the Boys and Girls club had a poker tournament this past weekend. Their next fundraiser in March will be "Who's smarter than a 6<sup>th</sup> grader". On Tuesday 12/15/15 10% of food sales at Ixtapa Cantina in Lunenburg will be donated to the Boys and Girls club. People are on a wait list and a cooking club on Wednesdays has been a hit! Last week the kids cooked chicken piccata with the police chief.

V. Karen Chow mentioned that Giftmart is looking for volunteers to help set up at St. Boniface this week. Wed & Thurs. 3-7 and Fri 9-5. The Good Karma bag fundraiser at Hannaford will continue until December 31<sup>st</sup>. So far the Lunenburg PTO has received \$108 from this program.

VI. Fundraising: Sarah Call and Corinne Jones report...

a) The Barnes & Noble book fair is this Thursday (12/10) from 5-9. NHS set up a volunteer spot for giftwrapping. There is discussion of the overflow of Lunenburg magnets to be there for sale or to give away.

b) Miles for Myles is set in Cool Runnings calendar for 10/16/16 starting point LHS. Next step is organizing a volunteer open house.

C) PNO is booked for 4/2/16 at the Leominster Elks. Sarah and Corinne will meet with the coordinator. In January donation letters will go out. Thinking of changing up auction with a possible 50/50 or more raffle items. Sarah is looking into an event a Great Wolf Lodge too.

VII. School updates:

A) LPS Sarah Coronella reported  
New Staffing or staffing changes review since September.

Reading Specialist- Karen Rash, Special Education Teacher- Lisa Stone, Kindergarten Teacher Kirstin Snape, Kindergarten Paraprofessional - Pat Siciliano, Academic Paraprofessional for 2nd grade to help make smaller groups during academic instruction in the areas of ELA and Math- Terri Klingler  
Posted to be filled Special Education Teacher- to work in our Achieve program and then to move to the 3-5 building. Paraprofessional- Achieve

Picture Make up day Dec 16

Square One art coming home this week

#### GIVING TREE:

This year at the Primary School, we will be collecting new hats and mittens for our "Giving Tree". We are encouraging students to bring in a new hat, scarf or mittens to decorate the tree. The tree will be in the atrium and the hats and mittens will be donated to children and families in need in our community. We will also be collecting for the Lunenburg gift mart through December 10th.

The TIGER non-profit professional theater company from Plymouth State University shared their program last Wednesday, December 2nd.

#### Volunteers

we are looking for volunteers for cafeteria duty. If you are interested in volunteering please call or email, 978-582-4110 ext. 3110, [cadams@lunenburgonline.com](mailto:cadams@lunenburgonline.com).

Principal Blaisdell also cleared up any confusion about the new guidance schedule by responding to Sarah's follow up email by saying..."We had to rearrange schedules and shift the Guidance program to a combined Tech and Guidance in order to free up the School Psychologist to provide case management, direct student counseling, social skills group work and executive functioning work. All students' guidance specials were moved to the afternoon in order for this to work. The School Psychologist is still overseeing the instruction and meeting regularly with Ms. Rodrick who will now continue to deliver the guidance curriculum".

b)THMS: Karen Chow reported over 240 THMS students participated in our annual Turkey Trot last Wednesday, and we collected many boxes of canned goods for the Lions Club food pantry. Thank you for your generous donations. The afterschool Lego Robotics Club is running through December for fifth grade students. Please consider signing up your fifth grader in January when we present a new 8 session program.

School photo make-ups will be (tomorrow) Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for any students/staff who were absent or would like retakes. More information is available at the Life Touch website:

On Thursday, December 10th THMS will once again be hosting the TIGER program. TIGER is a professional theatre company based at Plymouth State University designed to help children, schools, parents, and communities deal proactively and positively with social issues and concerns facing children in schools today. All students will enjoy a presentation at Grades 4/5 and 6/7 with follow up workshops for grades 4 and 6.

Beginning January 8 an afterschool STEM Club for fourth graders on Friday afternoons will be offered. The class will run for 7 sessions from 2:45 – 4:00PM, accommodate up to 24 students, and

the cost will be \$40. Please see the attached flyer for more information and the permission slips. Depending on interest, we will accept sign-ups on a first-come basis, and may offer another round in March. [STEM club registration.docx](#)

c) LHS: Wendy Bertrand reported that winter sports began last week and the theatre presentation of "Date with Judy" went great! On 12/21 the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student government will be serve lunch at the Eagle House. The Snowball dance will be on 12/18 for grades 9-12. Faculty is really pushing awareness of mental health specifically anxiety and depression. It is a common topic during advisory groups.

Wendy Bertrand, Jessica Frank and Karen Chow met with Principal Spadafino and confirmed there will be no career fair this school year. And there will be a new format to next year's career fair. Jessica Frank suggested a PTO member should take this role on solo as their position.

Next meeting January 11, 2016 7pm TCP RM# 13