

## Lunenburg PTO Monthly Meeting Minutes September 21, 2015

All in attendance: Karen Chow, Andrea Moore, Lisa Stone, Jenn Agnese, Lisa Harrison, Kimberly Sokol, Meredith Weiss, Jim LaVeck, Clem Lashomb, Allison Melvin, Sherry Nolan, Sarah Call, Corinne Jones, Ami Powers, Sarah Coronella, Wendy Bertrand, Jessica Frank

### II. Superintendent Calmes:

- a) Positive start to the new school year, welcome any feedback regarding open houses.
- b) New hydration stations and some of the schools. They were used often in the hot first weeks.
- c) All anti-bullying tips and policy on school website.
- d) At the next school committee meeting there will be a vote regarding the proposed new school start times for the 2015-2016 school year. More information coming in the upcoming "superintendent update".
- e) Due to a Title 1 funding increase that became available recently the district is hiring two Reading Specialists. This program will begin as soon as all positions have been filled.
- f) No hard copies for emergency forms should be going home starting next year, as the district will be using a special application on Power School.
- g) It is being discussed to add evening hours when Kindergarten registration takes place to accommodate the working parent population.
- h) CORI and finger printing is current with teachers, and a reminder that CORI's are good for 3 years. Also, it is the individual's responsibility to notify the schools if any events occurred that would affect that person's status on their CORI.
- i) A special advisory committee is being established (with spaces available) to determine the fate of memorabilia at the current LHS.
- j) A slideshow was given to display of the progress of the new school building!

III. Karen Chow made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2015, Jim LaVeck seconded the motion. The June minutes were approved.

### IV. Karen and Jess:

- a) Lisa Harrison is hoping to step away from the treasurer position next year. Lisa will write up a description of her duties so all interested peoples can have more information.

- b) PTO room status. Karen will be doing a walkthrough soon as our tentative deadline to be cleared out of the TCP classroom is this coming spring. Need to decide what should be sold, donated or thrown away.
- c) School Representatives have been appointed:
  - LPS-Sarah Coronella
  - THMS-Meredith Weiss
  - LHS-Wendy Bertrand

V. Treasurer:

- a) Information regarding the 990 form needs to be to the accountant by 11/15/15.
- b) Annual reports for Secretary of State need to be filed.
- c) Corinne, Karen and Lisa all now have a square for mobile credit card transactions.
- d) Lisa suggested we encourage members to see if their companies offer matching donations.

VI. Secretary:

- a) Thank you notes and possibly return address labels with PTO logo to be purchased. Decide upon at a later date.

VII. Fundraising:

- a) Cherry Hill fundraiser made \$420. Keep Labor Day weekend in mind for future dates.
- b) Miles for Myles next meeting is Tuesday 9/29. All are encouraged to attend.
- c) Barnes & Noble will be on 12/10 5-9pm. PTO will receive 10% of sales and wrapping donations. Lisa Stone suggested we put forth the reading invitation to all the teachers this year.
- d) Cinema Word will most likely happen in December in correlation with the release of the new *Peanuts* movie.

VIII. Membership:

- a) Currently have 218 members (88 brand new).
- b) Will send a reminder to the 76 members who did not rejoin this year.

IX. School and Community Liaison:

The Boys and Girls Club will be hosting their 'Rockin' Auction' on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### X. Publicity and Website:

The Facebook page, Twitter and website are all up and running. Sherry is continuously working on the website and is always eager for suggestions. There has been a lot of traffic to the website from links posted on social media.

#### XI. Health Awareness:

- a) Flu season is upon us. Flu shot clinic 9/30 10-12 at the Eagle house. You do need to bring you insurance card.
- b) The focus of the year is suicide prevention.
- c) Next Wellness Advisory meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### XII. School Updates:

- a) LPS-Kindergarten social was helpful to begin the school year. Hope to have earlier time slot next year to keep temperatures down.
- b) THMS-Penny Wars had a great rally last Friday. Excited for this week.
- c) LHS- Homecoming in October

NEXT MEETING October 19, 2015 7pm TCP room #13

