

Lunenburg P.T.O. meeting minutes for January 11, 2016

In attendance: Ami Powers, Allison Melvin, Karen C. Chow, Meredith Weiss, Maribeth Ford, Lisa Stone, Alix Lind, Sarah Call, Corinne Jones, Jim LaVeck, Heather Sroka, Sherry Nolan, Sarah Coronella, Lisa Harrison, Michael Mackin

I. Michael Mackin (chairman of the new school building project) gave an overview of the progress of the new middle school/high school.

- *high school wing is on permanent power *there will be a demonstration of smart board this week
- *fixtures, furniture and equipment have been sent out to bid, prices should be presented this month
- *once heat is completed all systems will go through a commissioning (testing) process
- *certain employees will be included to be taught exactly how the systems run
- *goal is to have construction done by May so administrative employees can move in June, therefore demolition of current LHS can begin soon after
- *town meeting is next week where use of contingency funds will be discussed
- *Powell Stone and Gravel has offered to donate materials and labor to complete the outdoor classroom space. A committee will meet for approval to name the space after Powell Stone and Gravel.
- *voting for what is now THMS has begun...options a)Oak Ave Elementary b)Turkey Hill Elementary c)Lunenburg Elementary. Submit choice to lpeterson@lunenburgonline.com
- *students are collecting items for a time capsule (ex. movie/concert ticket stubs, pictures, newspapers, report cards etc..)

II. Karen Chow made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 2015, Sarah Coronella seconded the motion. All in attendance agreed.

III. a) The Lions Club is still fundraising for a new playground in town, they are still in need of an estimated \$8,000 before the project can go forward. Superintendent Calmes discussed with Karen Chow and Jess Frank the idea of a walk-a-thon and a canning toll to help with the fundraising efforts. They will discuss further specifics of a time line. Lisa Harrison suggested a “go fund me” type donation page for this project (and possible PTO related events in the future).

b) Superintendent Calmes is looking for input on the two choices for next year’s school calendar, the proposed calendars can be found on the district website. The official vote will take place on March 2nd.

c) Lisa Harrison reported the tax filing is still under extension, she is in contact with the accountant. She also put forth the idea of using a site such as “forgood.com”, as they will facilitate the donation process for us and automatically take care of any tax letters that need to be sent out.

IV. Ami Powers ran a report that categorized our PTO members by grade level; she was concerned as some grades had very low membership (example current graduating class had 5 current members). She along with members in attendance feels that we have pushed membership as best we could and will continue to do so. There are currently 264 members.

V. a) Corinne Jones and Sarah Call gave updates on the following fundraising events.

*B & N event brought in \$562! This is less money than last year, but still a successful night.

*pottery painting event will be in February *March 5th movie fundraiser at cinema world. Zootopia will show at 10am. Sherry will promote and set up pay pal accounts for it as the date gets closer.

b) PNO 4/2/16 *7-9:30pm will be mingling, auction, food *9:30-11:30 Wheelhouse band will play

i. Grade level baskets are as followed:

K-Lego's	1 st -Baking cookies	2 nd -Star Wars	3 rd -Gardening
4 th -Death by chocolate	5 th -Grillin' & Chillin'	6 th -Outdoor fun	7 th -Gift Card Extravaganza

ii. Labels are being printed for donation letters. Out of town mailed, in town letters will be dropped off. Corinne has been filling out online requests.

iii. Looking for thoughts on food...MB was good last year, but would need to order less. Another idea is to approach a restaurant to cater for a discounted price in return we advertise for them on our flyers.

VI. Sherry Nolan reported that she has been posting social media updates on events we had and will continue with upcoming ones. She is continuously working on the website, especially the membership page that she has made many changes to. A Miles for Miles bank account needs to be set up in order to close the 2015 'sign me up page'. Karen will visit the bank soon to do this.

VII. Jim LaVeck reported the Boys and Girls Club is still doing well, they have rented indoor space across the street to use during these winter months. The "Are you smarter than a 6th grader" fundraiser will be in March. The B&GC is looking for new board members.

VIII. School Updates

a) LPS- Pre-school & Kindergarten registration will both take place in February, specific dates and times are on the school website. Square 1 art raised \$4,405!

b) THMS *The grade 7 geography bee is this Wednesday

*There will be a winter concert on Thursday, Jan. 21 at LHS at 7PM

*Grades close Friday, Jan. 22 for term 2

*Winter dance for grades 6/7 on Friday, Jan. 29

*New playground to be named "Jane Doyle Community Playground" in honor of a beloved community member.

c) LHS *Winter sports season is underway. All teams are off to a great start. Home games are listed on the LHS website, so come out and support our Blue Knights.

*Some College prep meetings for parents of students in grades 8-11 are happening this month- topics include Financing and process. Check out the website home page for details on dates and copies of the power point presentations after the meetings if you are unable to attend.

*Students are taking more ownership for activities in their advisories each week. Lots of great work and fun happening. They also saw a video recently in their advisories, produced by senior Emily Bodkin, giving them a bird's eye view and virtual tour of their new school.

(LHS update cont.)

*Q2 closes the end of next week.

*Washington DC payment 2 is due this week for 8th grade families.

*Look for student council and other organizations to have spirit week and Valentine's Day activities before school and during lunches as a way to have fun and raise money.

Next meeting: February 8, 2016 7pm TCP RM #13