



PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday April 5, 2021 at 8pm

M. Wintermute called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Meeting attendees for Monday 4/5/21

Katie Kelly	Patty Kennedy
Mallory Reyes	Jackie Foley
Anna Alog	Mariya Thomas
Monica Janiczek	Patty Susmarski
Molly Wintermute	Jen Kobus

1. President Report (M. Wintermute)

- a. M. Wintermute started the discussion of what the PTO will do with extra funds. K. Kelly reported that the only real requests at this time are books for the LRC and the projector project.
- b. The board discussed the projector project and K. Kelly reported that we are still trying to figure out how this will work. At this point, it looks like it will be a combined effort from the PTO, Ed Foundation, and district funds. M. Reyes suggested \$10-12K from the PTO, \$5K from the Ed Foundation, and to see if the district can match the \$5K from the Ed Foundation. K. Kelly will follow up with Adam Parisi.
- c. The board discussed the possibility of having two meetings in May to tie up any loose ends including the projector project.

2. Teacher Report (P. Kennedy)

- a. P. Kennedy reported that she worked with Becca Boland (a LP parent and librarian at the Skokie Public Library) on Leaping into Literature. They put together book talks that will be

shared towards the end of April. P. Kennedy shared that hopefully Becca will continue to help in future years.

3. Ed Foundation Report (M. Reyes)

- a. M. Reyes reported that the Ed Foundation is likely doing an online fundraiser in May to auction off items collected from 2019-2020. More details to come.

4. Treasurer Report (J. Foley)

- a. J. Foley reported that we netted \$ 10,648.19 from the Roar n Read after we purchased the shirts and some gifts.
- b. J. Foley reported that our previous balance was \$ 19, 994.18.
- c. J. Foley reported our total deposits were \$ 13, 336. 82. This was from the Roar n Read, 5th grade shirts, and social connections.
- d. J. Foley reported our withdrawals for the month were \$1,996. 24 for teacher reimbursements, social connections and Roar n Read.
- e. J. Foley reported our final balance as of 4/5/21 is \$31, 334.76
- f. The board discussed the possibility of having the Kona Ice Truck on 6/1/21. J. Foley reported the cost is usually around \$800. We discussed doing this in shifts and including the remote students to come during the lunch hour. J. Foley will follow up with cost and times.
- g. The board decided to skip the donut breakfast at this time and possibly postpone until the fall of next year as a welcome back.
- h. A. Alog shared that McDonalds is not doing the traditional McTeacher night because of Covid, and the board decided not to participate at this time.

5. VP Report (P. Susmarski)

- a. No VP report at this time.

6. Principal Report (K. Kelly)

- a. K. Kelly shared that they are so excited to welcome kids back next week.
- b. K. Kelly also shared that almost 80% of LP students will be returning on April 12, and approximately 20% will remain remote with a dedicated teacher. An updated video will be sent on later this week to welcome kids back.
- c. K. Kelly shared that the last six weeks will serve as a trial for our new "normal" for next school year.

- d. K. Kelly also reported that there will be quite a bit of testing/assessment when kids are back as mandated by the state. The admin team did choose to eliminate some of the testing this year that was not required.

7. BOE (J. Kobus)

- a. J. Kobus shared that the decision was made to go back full in person with a remote option. Lincoln will offer some kids with a dedicated full remote as well as a live stream.
- b. J. Kobus reported that the admin team did try to search to add teachers but this was difficult at this point during the year.
- c. J. Kobus mentioned that our local election is on 4/6/21 and there are four open positions for the BOE and six candidates.
- d. J. Kobus shared that the BOE and admin are discussing options for added support over the summer.
- e. J. Kobus reported that the BOE has requested a security assessment for the buildings. There are some limitations due to Covid but will still be completed and possibly take action this summer. It is likely that an additional assessment will be done in the fall when students are back in the buildings.
- f. J. Kobus reported that Mary Gorr was selected as the new superintendent and that they are finalizing the contract.

8. Topics for Discussion

- a. **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK-** The board discussed how to handle teacher appreciation week with Covid restrictions. We discussed prepackaged meals and maybe have less days. Some ideas included: Mrs. P and Me, Station 34, Buona Beef, a coffee truck, and smoothies
- b. **YEARBOOK-** K. Kelly shared that in the past the yearbooks were donated to teachers free of cost and brought up the idea of possibly purchasing yearbooks for the staff. J. Foley shared that we need to get more photos for the yearbook and P. Kennedy said she would remind staff.
- c. **5th GRADE PICNIC-** J. Pagel had a list of questions that M. Wintermute will pass on to K. Kelly for review. We discussed bringing in the remote students to participate and a survey will be sent to them. The picnic will be tailored to Covid restrictions and will have mitigation efforts.
- d. **POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR-** An email will go out with positions that are currently taken and in need of volunteers. It will also

be shared on social media. The PTO plans to fill all positions even if we have a few things we cannot have.

- e. **RUNNING CLUB-** M. Wintermute shared that 40 kids showed interest, but only could accept 25. There are 6 volunteers and kids will be split into groups. Info from the lottery will be going out this week. There will be four sessions and will not move indoors due to rain.
- f. **FIELD DAY-** K. Kelly reported that we will hopefully have a field day with some changes due to Covid. More information to come.
- g. **PAWLOOZA-** M. Wintermute shared that a flyer is being created and that we will follow up with A. Ross on more details. The show will be virtual and done likely in May.
- h. **STEM FAIR-** M. Wintermute shared that a reminder will go out to add videos to flip grid from Roseann and Natalie.

9. Adjournment

- a. M. Wintermute adjourned the meeting at 9:49 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 3, 2021 at 8 pm