

## MEETING MINUTES

Leon High School PTO

September 13, 2022

General Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6pm in the Leon High School Chorus Room

**Meeting called to order by:** Carly Abbott

**Attendance:** Carly Abbott – Co-PTO President/Chair, Miatta Jalaber - Co-PTO President/Chair, Michael Bryan - Principal, Melissa Wright, Lauren Wright, Valerie Scoon, Bernadette Howard, Chanda Johnson, Kim Autry, Kathy Summers, Ferirose S. Marcos, Nicole Myers, Mandy Schnittker, Dustin Bowden, Patricia Bowden, Allison Deison, Melissa Rudd, Harly Aloos, Jane Walker, Linda Gaines, Taylor Joyner

**Handouts:** Taylor Joyner passed out agenda and Kim Autry passed out current Budget Report

**Welcome & Officers' Reports:** Carly Abbott

- Recruitment of officers: We have quite a few people that have been doing things for a number of years. We do have some positions that are available. This year, if you volunteer you will be mentoring to seamlessly transfer over the reins.
  - Vacancies/Mentees needed:
    - Treasurer – Lauren White would like to shadow with Kim Autry and Melissa Rebmann
    - Secretary – Vacancy
    - Cookie Exchange – mentee needed and Valerie Scoon volunteered to work with Mandy Schnittker
    - Teacher Appreciation Week – mentee needed
    - Death by Chocolate – Sara Barber (not present) & Nicole Myers volunteered
- Teacher Planning Day (Oct 17<sup>th</sup>) – Valerie Scoon suggested that we provide a teacher breakfast, this was previously done and the teachers really appreciated it. Suggested to provide a Teacher breakfast for Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion: Miatta Jalaber and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Melissa Wright. Unanimously passes. October breakfast would not plan for more than 90 staff.
  - **Valerie Scoon would love to shadow for the fall breakfast) Stated that Melissa Rudd volunteered last year, Melissa Rudd agreed to help out.**
- December Cookie Exchange – Previously chaired by Mandy Schnittker. Valerie advised that they sent out a listserve request prior to November, but the donations did not come in until after everyone returned from break.
  - **Valerie Scoon volunteered to shadow Mandy Schnittker this year.**
  - Mandy stated that cookie exchange has not been done since 2019. Would any teachers be upset if the cookies were not done? Kim Autry stated that they would. Another thing is, will there be enough gift cards. Kim advised that in the past if there were not enough giftcards, then there would a raffle for them.
  - Plan for 120 staff

- Monthly Faculty Meeting Snacks – Carly requested assistance with suggestions for ideas for the Faculty snacks and a parent volunteer that would be here from 2pm – 3:15pm.
- Senior Carnival - Kimberly Autry would like to piggyback on the November 8<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting. She would like to have a Senior carnival meeting. Would like for the junior parents to learn how it's done.
- Carly Abbott reminded parents to register for LCS volunteer. Advised that LHS receives funds for all the volunteer hours that we give to the school.
- Death by Chocolate (Feb 14<sup>th</sup>) – requested for someone to chair and or volunteers. Per Kim, there is any and everything that shows up that is chocolate. 2020, Kim she catered the Oreo truck and when her daughter came home, she had complaints from faculty and staff.
  - **Taylor Lee is willing to co-chair and Nicole Meyers volunteered to assist as well.**
- Lions Pride – activities done by donation. Kim Autry, this is something that was taken over by someone else, even prior to covid.
- Student recognition – Kim Autry, they did quarterly recognition, staple the ticket to the report card (i.e., half of a jimmy johns subs). We no longer print out report cards. PTO has not done anything with it in like 3-4yrs. The 1<sup>st</sup> year that Kim was here, she has very faint memories with having conversations with Jimmy Johns. Lauren White has some ideas of how to make it work, she is not very big with social media but can do the logistics, she is willing to chair it. Kim Autry, we would just need to nail down the logistics. We must consider the students schedules, some students leave campus for dual enrollment, work etc. She advised that Leon is big on school pride and excellence. Some alternate ideas: face tattoos. Trinkets of LHS color would go well here. Someone suggested even if it's just a water bottle sticker.
- Financial Donations
  - Mandy Schnittker inquired about making financial donations. She would like to see an email go out. Michelle Rebmann (who is not present) shared with Kim Autry, that there is a link for parents to make donations. Kim Autry suggested that these are the things that we will be doing. Parent inquired about since LHS PTO has their own bank account, could we create a Venmo. The account is under Leon HS and they do not have a Venmo account. Carly Abbott will create a QR code to the link for financial donations.
- Inquiries about Fundraisers –
  - Lauren White – suggestions for fundraising, she's in a sorority and they would capitalize off Football season. They would ask the universities to donate tickets to a game that people would want to attend.
  - Kim Autry the word raffle can cause issues with LCS. PTO has never done a fundraiser, due to all the clubs having their own fundraisers and PTO doesn't want to compete with the clubs. In the Elementary and Middle School you do a lot of student and faculty

recognition. Leon is deep in tradition. We could always speak with Mr. Bryan and he may be open to it. The students are learning leadership skills.

**Principal's Report:** Michael Bryan

- Wanted to address today's Listserv message. Unfortunately, this occurs on multiple campuses district wide. He should not have used "routine". The student was being looked into about another matter and then sadly they observed a hand gun. It's an unfortunate sign of the times. So please be advised that students are not routinely searched. No one was at risk, there was no threat.
- Normally the PTO meeting would occur in the Cafeteria but we are double booked. Also the media center would normally be an option but it is currently under renovation. He is hopeful that the media center will re-open in the spring.

**SGA Report:** Ashby Culpepper (not present)

Kim Autry, the 1<sup>st</sup> year that she was here, SGA hosted the annual SGA conference. PTO sponsored children as needed. Last year we sponsored a child.

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn at 7:00pm Lauren White and Second: Miatta Jalaber, All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**Next PTO Meeting: November 8, 2022 @ 6pm in the Cafeteria**