

## Logan PTSO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Hybrid Meeting (In person in conference room & on Zoom)

Start Time: 9:00 am ET

Attendees: Will Wright, Kerri Randall, Pamela Fine, Erin Barbossa, Emily Chamberlain, Ruth Estabrook, April Weber, Tian Gu, Jen Stieve-Swarup

### 1. Principal's Report– Will Wright

#### a. Upcoming events-

- i. Pie Day (Natalie)- building wide. Math activities in classrooms. Pie in the cafeteria.
  1. Solicit for pie donation, community wide as opposed to per classroom. Jen volunteered to create a sign up genius for (purchased) pies and volunteers for the event.
    - a. Pie needs: 367 students. 8 new students. Plus teachers and staff. Around 400 people.
    - b. Volunteer needs: 5-10 volunteers per lunch block. 4 lunch blocks (11:00-1:00ish)
    - c. Will take plates and forks from PTO. We just might need to go over line item for paper products.
    - d. Let's purchase pie servers using PTO CC. Order off of amazon and keep them here.
  - ii. Will responded to a company that donates repurposed furniture from closed offices. Ordered 60 desk chairs. There is no commitment however they do not provide labor. We may need volunteers if the truck and chairs do indeed arrive next week.

### 2. Teacher's Report– April Weber on behalf of Tierra Jackson

- a. Solar Eclipse April 8th 2-3:30 (during the school day) Can we provide a way to watch the eclipse via grant or donation?
  - i. Will says hold off on this idea. AAPS is exploring ways to support the entire AAPS community.
- b. Clague middle school orientation/tour for incoming 6th graders is scheduled the night before winter break. For families who are going on vacation they can contact the Clague principal for an alternate date.
- c. In-district transfers vs. orientation on times. If orientation is occurring after a registration window, still register during the window. Free to attend any or both of the orientations.
- d. 5th grade graduation- June 12 at 2:00. (Clague- 8th grade graduation- June 11th)

- e. Kindergarten graduation date TBD.
3. Presidents Report– Kerri Randall and Pamela Fine
    - a. There is a social event every season (4 major ones). Let's consider restructuring the leads for these events in order to divide the work. Instead of one social chair in charge of all events, consider having individual chairs for each event. The social chair will still oversee all the events.
  4. Book Fair– Jen Stieve-Swarup
    - a. March 4-8
    - b. Send sign up to Sonali to start weekly emails.
    - c. Scholastic dollars- keep a balance of \$250 so that every child walks away with a book, whether or not they brought money.
      - i. We have families we specifically support so we should use the money for that first. Then open it to the children who don't have their money.
  5. Disability Awareness Workshop– Erin Barbossa
    - a. Disability Awareness- just over 5 weeks out. Sign up genius is out or volunteers. Only have 3 so far. Physical Flyer is going out with a QR code.
    - b. Erin has a list with things that need to happen each week. Next item is 4 weeks out. Looking for someone else to be another lead with.
    - c. Do we need volunteers to do transports of the kits? Kits transport to disability network. Last year they had a van so hopefully they can do the transport again to avoid a complicated volunteer role.
    - d. Should we reach out to the 3rd grade class since next year this will be their role? Send to kids with IEPs?? It would be nice to reach out to families in our self-contained program but not necessarily all kids with IEPs. But maybe just 3rd grade families with IEPs only?
    - e. Send the email separate from the ebackpack. QR code and link. Send as PDF so it doesn't change the format.
  6. Social Chair and Hospitality Update– April Weber, Tierra Jackson, Jayme Gherke & Ruth Estabrook
    - a. Talent Show- March 21st at 6:00. Auditions are February 26th right after school. Options for virtual submissions as well. We need a guest judge to volunteer.
    - b. Dress rehearsal- March 19th right after school, 4:00. Maybe the theater teacher could be a judge? Would the staff like to do a special performance? Does the high school want to do a presentation?
    - c. Hospitality- looking for NAAPID items. Requests are sent out. Asks that are buried get ignored. We could also put this in the whatsapp community. 150 families on the whatsapp group.
  7. Treasurer's Report– Tian Gu

- a. Items sent out to families
  - b. Tax forms to families
  - c. 3rd grade Field Trip donations forms
  - d. Mrs. Wood (5th grade) Mini-Teacher Grant Request
    - i. For the Health Curriculum she is requesting money for a “Grow Food from Seeds” grant. This would enable her to buy seeds which the students will plant, learn to grow & nurture like farming, and go home with a mini garden.
8. Additional questions and parent concerns– Kerri Randall and Pamela Fine
- a. Math Club
    - i. Tian Gu mentioned starting a Math Club for lower el students after school. Another local school has this Club and a Logan parent would be interested in running a Math Club at Logan after school. Principal Wright mentioned this would be something Logan could participate in, but he would need to know more specifics around the Club; the plan, who would run the club, what age group would be attending, etc.
  - 2. PTOC
    - i. Meeting is Monday, Feb. 12, at 7p via ZOOM covering Bullying and Cyber Bullying.
    - ii. NAAPID
      - 1. PTOC was called upon to keep the focus of NAAPID centered around African American family involvement from the community.
      - 2. The center has shifted throughout the district to ALL families participating in NAAPID and not solely African American families.
      - 3. Logan Elem., in the Fall 2023, has brought discussion around our Logan community having special events centered around different cultures. Trying to bring more inclusion to our very diverse community.