

LAKEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2008

In attendance were: Kara Gaskamp, Heather Frye-Ginsberg, Virginia DeNisio, Danielle Swanson, Tara Wilt, Bethany Shine, Kate Smith, Rosa Lum, Cindy Hardage, Henrietta Garcia, Tracy Moulckers, Lori Griggs, Mary Sue McCauley, Tracy Good, Lori Barnett Mitchell, Vicki Price, Kari Durnell

President Kara Gaskamp called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

The minutes were approved as written for the February 12, 2008 general meeting.

Faculty Representative: Mary Sue McCauley – IST

IST appreciates all of the PTO's support with IST's slimming budget. PTO extends IST a \$1000.00 budget. IST is comprised of 9 team teachers. IST used to be called Special Ed. Today, IST (2 Reading Teachers, 2 part-time Speech Therapists & 3 Instructional Support/Special Ed. teachers and Occupational Therapist) reaches all at risk students as well.

IST Instructional items are available to all grade level teachers, ie – TAKS readiness support. IST kids do a yearly project (flip flops, note cards) to fund the project and to buy additional materials for IST.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Swanson

4th Grade – Mr. Fazzio

Supplies for 4th Grade: Laser Jet Toner (91.50 – Laser Jet Toner; 287.88 – 72 Dry Erase Boards; 322.57 – Privacy Shields; 574.87 – Tape Measure, timers, art foil & balls = Total:1276.82

Danielle Swanson motioned to approve \$1276.82. Virginia DeNisio 2nd. Approved.

PE –

Equipment for Instruction: 851.00 - no kink hula-hoops; game; parachute, balls; 148.65 – Soccer ball set, survivor = 995.65

Danielle Swanson motioned to approve \$1276.82. Lori Griggs 2nd. Approved.

Financial Update: \$32,000.00 Bank balance. Balance still owed out for field trip bus transportation, SHE funding. Income expected from Randall's – Community Buck, Lake Travis View Subscriptions, and Box Tops.

Field Trips Transportation Expenses: Seaworld (5th grade) \$4026.00; InnerSpace Caverns (3rd) 440.00. District buses are used for close proximity field trips – coach charters for long distance.

Principal's Report: Sam Hicks

TAKS results are in for 3rd and 5th grades. (4th grade did not need to pass to advance grade level.) 3rd grade had a 99% pass – 1 student failed but was very close (1 question away!) 5th grade was at 98% - 3 failed – 2/3 were 1 question away. Commended performance: 3rd grade 70% (7/10 missed 1, 2 or no questions) 5th grade was at 59%

LWE received the Honor Roll achievement based on commended performance scores-

IST is getting smaller but larger – the government has reduced the number of children labeled as special ed (at the same time the need to give at risk students help has not decreased.) Lower numbers = lower budget.

LTEF grants have helped – ie 2 mobile carts motor lab provides materials for those kids who have fine motor needs.

LWE first line of help is tutoring (PTO and MR. Hick's funded) TAKS at risk kids. Second is for those kids requiring more help – they are sent to Mrs. McCauley. Majority of IST students do take the TAKS. Those IST children not taking TAKS take an accommodating TAKS type test.

Discussion was held re: adding tutoring to line item budget – with IST for 2008-2009.

2008-2009 LWE – 4 to 5 parents raised concerns about the kids remaining at LWE and the loss of friends, issues with change and the excitement about the new school. Sam is focusing on this year and the kids at LWE right now. LWE is however, working on a plan-campaign for next year to keep kids, parents and staff excited about the new year.

Programs Update: Bethany Shine

Super Stars Math program – sheets will be given in the 1st and 3rd Tuesday folder. Program is still on a trial basis in first grade only. Mr. Hicks has paid from the activity fund to buy the supplemental prize cart (mobile) to reward the children & to accommodate teachers. The trophy will be ready this week (to be given to the class who achieved the most stars-most problems correct.) Medals with ribbons will be given to children. Possibility of prize sponsors – Hill Country Pediatric Dentistry. Teresa Bryant will be assuming the role of Super Stars Math coordinator for 2008-2009.

Safety Committee Update: Henrietta Garcia

Henrietta will be meeting with Sam to consider forming a committee – because of a lack of repose (2 people.)

PTO Nominations Committee Update: Heather Frye-Ginsberg

Slate was announced as follows:

President – Kara Gaskamp (LWE)

1st Vice President (Aide to the President) - Heather Frye-Ginsberg (LWE)

2nd Vice President (Volunteer Coordinator) - Cindy Hardage (BCE)

3rd Vice President (Fundraising) – Lori Barnett Mitchell (LPE)

4th Vice President (Programs) – Bethany Shine (LWE)

Secretary – Kate Smith (LWE)

Treasurer – Rosa Lum (Bluebonnet Montessori)

Slate was approved – no additional nominations were made from the floor. Officer elections will be held on April the 8th at 9 am in the LWE café.

Virginia DeNisio will be creating a No Hassle Fundraiser survey for LWE parents and also to include BCE and LPE parents (on Welcome Night.) Will they participate? Examples of items we (PTO) pay for throughout the year.

Kara Gaskamp will present the budget at the April meeting.

Virginia DeNisio talked briefly about the theater budget, a proposed LTEF grant and a monetary consideration request from the PTO. The LTEF grant would propos idly pay for an air conditioner muffler. Sam Hicks talked with Tom Seabolt regarding money making at the play and hopes to decrease the (theater self funded) budget for 2008-2009.

Next PTO meeting is scheduled for April 8th at 9am in the LWE café.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Frye-Ginsberg—Secretary