

LAKEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 03, 2007

In attendance were: Kim McCarthy, Lori Griggs, Danielle Swanson, Virginia DeNisio, Kara Gaskamp, Terry Kelley, Sam Hicks, Heather Frye-Ginsberg, Robin Thomas, Gigi Cappello, Lori Foster, Jay Hiller, Leslie Dye, Brad Smith, Tara Wilt, Erika Musick, Karen Wodchis, Linda Michael, Katie Kordzik, Amanda Miller, Marla Miller and Christy Orr.

President Lori Griggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Jim Ratcliff, LTISD Director of Facilities, Planning & Construction gave an update on the opening of Serene Hills Elementary and detailed the decision process to delay the opening of SHE until August 07.

The minutes were approved as written for the March 2007 general meeting.

Principal's Report: Sam Hicks

The projected enrollment for LWE next year is 680 students. Our current enrollment is 740. Mr. Hicks expressed that the good news about the delayed opening of SHE is that he can keep 'his' students and teachers for one more year.

The Art Show/Science Fair/Book Fair were all a success. Thanks to the art department for making our school beautiful.

Mr. Hicks asked the board to cut the PTO budget for next year for two reasons—1) he would like to implement a 'no fun fundraiser' where 100% of the money stays at LWE and 2) he would like all funds collected next year to be spent for next year's events/needs/programs/etc... with no long term projects being funded.

The theme for next year at LWE will be "We are Lakeway".

Pat Matheny (the new counselor) and Allison Cobb will remain at LWE. Allison will transition to SHE at a yet unspecified date.

Faculty Representative: Erika Musick

Erika thanked the PTO for its support.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Swanson

Teacher Wish List Items:

Kindergarten: Kindergarten requests 5 CD/Cassette players & listening centers for \$1,492.50 and 5 calendar math activity programs for \$447.50. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the requests. Virginia DeNisio 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

1st grade: 1st grade requests \$500 for end of year alphabet supplies and \$400 for Dinosaur George. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the requests. Heather Frye-Ginsberg 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2nd grade: 2nd grade requests \$242.07 for handwriting paper & weights, \$143.76 for small group books, \$124.99 for a pencil sharpener and \$232.02 for small group books. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the requests. Kara Gaskamp 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Art: The art department requests \$400 for a metal shelves and \$1,510 for an art display case. Mr. Hicks asked that these items be tabled until May.

GT: The GT department requests \$1,045.48 for a camcorder and accessories. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the request. Virginia DeNisio 2nd. The request includes a 2 yr. extended warranty. All were in favor. The motion passed. Danielle Swanson moved to increase the GT budget by \$50 for a total of \$1,050. Terry Kelley 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

This request generated discussion about technology items that are requested from the PTO. It was decided that items such as cameras, camcorders, etc... will not be approved without extended warranties and clearly defined procedures for securely storing and checking in/out the equipment. This policy is to be used unless otherwise waived by the PTO (for example if an extended warranty for a \$200 DVD player is \$120, it may or may not make financial sense to require the extended warranty). It was suggested that Mr. Hicks define the exact policy and communicate it to the staff.

Music: The music department requests \$129.99 for speakers. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the request. Brad Smith 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed. Danielle moved to increase the music budget by \$130. Heather Frye-Ginsberg 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Jessica Evans requested \$126 for an annual subscription to constantcontact.com. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the request. Robin Thomas 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Terry Kelley presented the proposed 07/08 LWE PTO budget for review and questions. The proposed budget will be voted on in May.

Nominations Committee: Robin Thomas

The slate of officers for 07/08 was announced last week via email, the LWE website and Tuesday folders. Shelley McCannon who was on the original proposed slate for President removed her name for the nominations committee list for personal reasons per Robin Thomas, Chair of the Nominations Committee. The slate is:

President: Kara Gaskamp
1st VP: Brad Smith, Virginia DeNisio
2nd VP: Tara Wilt
3rd VP: Gigi Capello
4th VP: Bethany Shine
Secretary: Heather Frye-Ginsberg
Treasurer: Danielle Swanson

Robin opened nominations from the floor. There were none. Nominations were then closed. The election will be Tuesday, May 1st. It will be a ballot election. All members of LWE PTO are eligible to vote. Both spouses are eligible to vote as our \$10 membership is a family membership. If any LWE parent wishes to join the PTO, membership dues may be paid at the May 1st meeting. Danielle will verify membership. Kim McCarthy and Mary Kozack will count the votes.

Other Business:

Brad Smith moved to amend the motion made at the March 2007 general meeting waiving membership dues for BCE and LPE parents who wished to join LWE PTO. The amendment moves the effective date of membership to January 2008. Kim McCarthy 2nd. This change was made due to the delay of SHE opening. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

A meeting was reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with the following members present: Kara Gaskamp, Lori Griggs, Robin Thomas, Christy Orr, Virginia DeNisio, Katie Kordzik, Danielle Swanson, Kim McCarthy and Sam Hicks.

Kindergarten requests \$761.05 for a camcorder and \$251.99 for a CD burner. The camcorder request includes a 2 yr. extended warranty. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the request. Christy Orr 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed. Danielle moved to increase Kindergarten's budget by \$1,050. Robin Thomas 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim McCarthy—Secretary