

# Lions of Lockhurst

## PTO

LOCKHURST DRIVE CHARTER ELEMENTARY  
PTO ASSOCIATION MEETING  
February 5th, 2025

- I. **Welcome!**
  - a. **Call to Order 7:32pm**
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes from 12.4.24 meeting**
  - a. **Motion:** Eve Tronson
  - b. **Second:** Zaira Sherengo
  
- III. **Treasurer's Report – Jen**
  - a. Birthday Package \$1,377
  - b. Restaurants \$1,564
  - c. Kroger \$710
  - d. Sponsorships \$421
  - e. Grants \$1,000
  - f. Merchandise \$4,225
  - g. Fall Festival: \$700
  - h. Fit-a-Thon \$965
  - i. Auction - Golf \$267 (Student Fund)
  
- IV. **Old Business**
  - a. **Is there any?**
    1. Slow down signs
      1. Carolyn Gawkoski designed a sign for the sandwich board; will share it with PTO board
  
- V. **New Business**
  - a. Glow dance 2/22 6pm to 8pm
    1. We really need volunteers
      1. We have 4, we need at least 16 more

- 2. This event is easier than Fall Festival
- 2. PTO closet might have neon paint
- 3. Donation requested \$10, optional
  - 1. PTO had to pay to use the venue this year-unexpected cost
  - 2. Add donation request to the flyer
- 4. Fifth grade will have a bake sale and sell glow toys
- 5. Can someone create a balloon arch or some sort of backdrop?
  - 1. Marni will brainstorm with Carri
- b. Hundred X **2/17/2025 to 3/18/2025**
  - 1. The maximum payout is \$10,000.00 at \$1.60 per piece of feedback.
  - 2. Feedback is easy, and ANYONE can participate.
- c. Restaurant night
  - 1. Baskin' Robbins 2/13 1pm-9pm
    - 1. 15% back
    - 2. Next Restaurant Night: Urban Plate March 13
- d. LOL Directory
  - 1. Chastity is going to put together a business directory of businesses owned by Lockhurst families
- e. Room Parent Coordinator
  - 1. Send an email with information regarding Glow Dance, Hundred X, and LOL Directory
- f. Assembly fundraiser
  - 1. Coffee sale and merchandise sale at the assembly
  - 2. Alan will reach out to Shiva to coordinate bake sale

**VI. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Wagner**

- a. Teachers are happy, nothing to report
- b. Ms. Bella is doing amazing with the school's restricted budget

**VII. Principal's Report – Ms. Bella**

**a. Budget cuts**

- 1. 5 instructional assistants (IA); reduced from 8
- 2. bought one Psych day, one less than last year
- 3. Did not purchase out PSA
- 4. Cannot afford to buy intervention during school hours
  - 1. currently we have 2 intervention teachers
- 5. Coordinator (Ms. Chacham) is coming back full time

6. How far away are we from Title I?
  1. Ms. Bella will check and get back to us
7. Are other school PTOs paying for aids?
  1. Woodlake has always paid for aids
  2. Woodlake fundraises a lot and charges for everything; not sure that's the experience we want for our school
8. Ms. Bella is working on maintaining enrollment to regain funding (138K)
9. Cultural Art Program funding
  1. decreasing from \$100K to \$57K
10. Extended learning opportunities funding will continue but needs to be spent after school hours and be provided by a vendor
  1. Two robotics classes will be offered next year
  2. Lego engineering for younger children
11. Children are enjoying College and Career day
12. Next week is Kindness Week 2/10
13. Student Council is collecting items to support people affected by the wildfires
14. Jen Nelson: a few years ago PTO helped pay for an aid
  1. Before we fundraise for it, Ms. Bella would like to reconnect at a later time when she knows if she gets her charter block grant back
15. Could parents leave reviews if you have something positive to say?
  1. Great Schools
  2. Yelp
  3. Google
16. Zaira: Can we have parents help out when these cuts happen and volunteer those 3 hours to help the teacher ?
  1. It's a possibility. They would need to be approved volunteers - always welcome volunteers but not necessarily for instructional assistance.
17. Ms. Bella is thinking through what instructional tool to use/maximize to raise scores
18. Prop 28 funds

1. will fund music for two semesters TK-2, 2 days a week
2. Visual Arts (Theater Of Hearts) 1 day a week for one semester and Orchestra will continue
- b. Garden has been hit or miss with some grades and classes
  1. Next year we think through how we want to continue; maybe as a club for children with more interest
  2. Don't fundraise for a garden curriculum
- c. Literacy Night and Science Night will be scheduled soon

**Next meeting: 3/5/2025**

**Meeting Adjourn: 8:25pm**

**Attendees:**

1. Kate Gersten
2. Jen Westmoreland
3. Erika Vasquez-Chilin
4. Eve Tronson
5. Brittany Langer
6. Vivian Robertson
7. Preya Vekaria
8. Zaira Sherengo
9. Ali Faal
10. Carolyn Gawkowski
11. Shiva
12. Marie Westbrook
13. Darcy Pollan
14. Kari Staine
15. Oria Wagner
16. Krista Bella
17. Alan Taaghol
18. Tina Platt
19. Holli Jackowski
20. Lauren Levenbrow
21. Carri Kessler
22. Marni Askut
23. Seliene Hacker
24. Abdi Maleki