



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2020

I. **Yearly Calendar 2020-2021 Review**

- a. 1st official PTO Meeting September 2, 2020

II. **Treasurer's Report:**

- a. \$60,371 in bank including annual payments to PTO Today, estimated taxes, website, etc.
- b. Preparing tentative budget to present in September

III. **Physical Education/PEAK:**

- a. No PEAK for 20-21 school year as of today
- b. Total savings of \$17,000
- c. FYI – PEAK looking for location with bathroom to assist in childcare with LAUSD requirements.

IV. **Computer Education:**

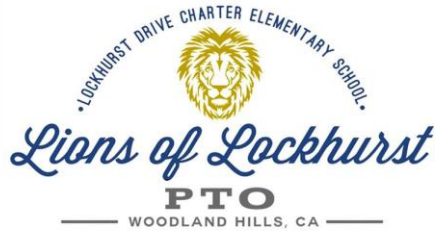
- a. Decision to eliminate BRAVO for 20-21 was made due to following reasons;
 - Parents were unhappy with their response to distance learning conversion last year.
 - Lack of response and support to improve distance learning goals.
 - BRAVO could not provide a clear plan for distance learning goals and would not agree to present to PTO for 20-21.
 - BRAVO costs over \$35,000 and nobody felt it was worth the investment.
 - Children are spending all their time on computers – navigating programs. Unless computer classes are focused on coding or practical programs like PowerPoint, Movie software, etc, the feeling is the children are getting enough practice already.
 - If we do go back to the school grounds for learning, the 'computer lab' is an antiquated way of teaching since all kids have their own devices.

V. **Annual Student Fund Committee:**

- a. Seliene reported that all 12 surrounding schools are keeping annual fundraising drive. Some schools are keeping it the same while others are decreasing.
- b. Need to communicate to parents what funds will be used for if asking.
- c. Consideration to 'name your own' donation while providing the 'suggested donation' amount from last year.
- d. Communicate funds will be towards our operational expenses, supporting teachers in virtual learning with supplies, and providing virtual assemblies and field trips (Annenberg Pet and others that have cost).
- e. Decisions on communication of donation requests is pending further discussion with Student Fund Committee and may require email communication for agreement between now and school starting date.

VI. **Fundraising Committee:**

- a. Decision to discontinue chocolate sales program for 20-21 was made.



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- b. Consideration for Fall and Spring fundraisers;
 - i. Boon or Charleston – Eve to follow-up with Charleston contact for Fall/Winter
 - ii. A-thons – discussion to possible do a Read-a-thon in Spring
 - iii. Continue virtual restaurant nights
 - iv. Virtual Bingo
 - v. Kona Ice
 - vi. Food Truck Friday's
 - vii. Discussion around pumpkin sales + carving. Most felt pumpkins are a lot of work for small return – instead, make it a virtual contest of decorating/carving for community building instead of fundraising
 - c. Tammy has stepped down as official Chair, Eve will assist together with Seliene and team.
- VII. Merchandise:**
- a. Too much supply of XS, S
 - b. Considering in-person sales of merch during supply pick-up at school
 - c. Provide updated numbers to Eve for online sales
- VIII. Community Building Activities:**
- a. Ideas shared including; Game night, Talent Show, Science Fair, Kindness Rock Project
 - b. Need to work together to build distance learning community and make sure parents and kids feel connected.
 - c. Planning an introduction letter for material pick-up introducing PTO
- IX. PTO Membership:**
- a. Discussion around charging \$10-15 annual membership fee
 - b. Some felt the fee was previously required for PTA dues but shouldn't be expected now
 - c. Others felt like people who don't contribute their time or money should not be allowed to vote on important issues for the school. Continue to include membership with Student Fund contribution.
 - d. Tabled for now.
- X. Principal's Report:**
- a. Thank you to those that attended the Taft Schools Meeting – clear that 20-21 distance learning will look much different that last year.
 - b. Everyone needs to be registered on Schoology – this is critical because everything will be there. Please help support registration on Schoology to all parents.
 - c. Devices will be handed out – more info to come.
 - d. Pepperdine program – "Let's Argue" for 3-5th graders.

Attendees: Seliene Hacker, Laura Castle, Jennifer Nelson, Heather Alizadeh, Hilary Roble, Melissa Doorn, Patty Elliot, Russell Deveso, Sarah Estilai, Azi Rassouli, Tammy Tolgo, Vivian Robertson, Josh Alegria, Eve Tronson, Erin Cohen, Susie DaCorsi