

# PTC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024 @ 7:00PM

## Attendees

- X Dr. Renee Mallot, Principal
- X Erin Shoemake, Teacher Rep
- X Nancy Erwin, Teacher Rep
- X Laurel Plewe, President
- \_\_\_ Mike Roe, Treasurer (not in attendance)
- X Emily Orloff, VP Communications
- X Rebecca Clark, VP Fundraising (co-seat)
- X Janelle Harris, VP Fundraising (co-seat)
- X Andi McKinney, Secretary

## Agenda Items

### I. President Report Out (Laurel)

- a. Mid-year review feedback from Parents and Teachers on communication / room for improvement or suggestions on how to do things differently?
  - i. Communication is good, events are well attended, teachers are excited to attend events.
- b. The last two general meetings are March 12 and May 14. The March meeting will be voting for next year's board members for the following positions: President, Communications and Fundraising (encouraging co-seat for Fundraising as that has worked well.). Experience for the President position per the bylaws states the candidate needs to have been on the board or have significant non-profit experience. Laurel would rather have a new person come in for the President position and Laurel can help shadow (initially could be treated as a co-seat position). Reach out to Laurel (lfptcpres@gmail.com) or Andi (lfptcsec@gmail.com) if interested in a board position or would like more information. Nominations must be made 2 weeks before elections.
- c. No additional feedback on past events provided.
- d. Parents night out for recruiting volunteers will be rescheduled at the Saloon coming up soon.
- e. Winter enrichment classes are low enrollment as was in the fall. A parent survey will be sent out on interest and price point for enrichment classes.
- f. Bingo / Glow Dance Party date has changed to be March 1st. This will be a free event
- g. Beautification on campus - we do not have a specific committee, but if there are ideas of how to beautify the campus, please email Laurel at lfptcpres@gmail.com. One feedback is the map is slippery. The plan is once we get out of the wet season to have volunteers add sand to the paint and touch it

up. Another idea brought up is re-painting of the school (i.e. the trim is peeling). This needs further discussion with the District on if it's a District cost item or beautification / PTC cost. **Dr. Mallot** will follow up with the District on this discussion.

## II. Treasurer Report Out (Mike) - Dr. Mallot reported

- a. Balance of the accounts is as follows:

ACCOUNT	12/12/2023	1/16/2024
Checking	\$21,012.55	\$14,539.07
Savings	\$78,719.01	\$78,720.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,731.56</b>	<b>\$93,259.31</b>

- b. Santa Breakfast made approx \$3,988.86 in profit.  
 c. Fall Festival made \$914.21 in profit.  
 d. Dolphin Drive made \$24,460.49 in profit.  
 e. Art, Reading and Math specialists are ongoing costs. These are the most positive impacts at the school this year.

## III. Communications Report Out (Emily)

- a. Check our website for updates – info on volunteering, upcoming events, minutes, agendas, etc. are all on our website. LFPTC.org

## IV. VP Fundraising Report Out (Rebecca / Janelle)

- a. Gala - Jan 27th is the date of the event, tickets will be sold until Thursday the 18th. The auction items are now available for early viewing to attendees. The auction is only for attendees. The online option provided at last year's event was an added cost and very few that did not attend the event participated so that is not provided this year.. Option for those not attending could ask a friend to bid on items for them. It was suggested to make a post to clarify that the auction items must be bid on at the site.  
 b. It was clarified that the student / teacher experiences were bid on at the Santa Breakfast. Contact the teacher that is planning the experience if you haven't heard anything yet.

## V. Secretary Report Out (Andi)

- a. **Andi** will notify Stacie Hines once minutes are posted to the PTC website so that information can be sent to room parents to share with their classrooms.

## VI. Teacher Report out (Erin / Nancy)

TK / K

- Students are continuing to get ready for Kindergarten! We are progressing through the alphabet (letter and sound recognition). We are learning more and more sight words and reading them in our pre-decodable books! We are learning about all things Winter and how the season compares to Fall. We are finishing our Pilot of Frog Street Press.

Kindergarten

- Students spent the first week back after winter break discussing the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream of a kinder world. All Kindergarten students discussed their dreams for a better world. It was endearing to hear!

We are getting closer to celebrating the 100th Day of Kindergarten on 1/23/24. We have been working on counting by 1's and 10's to 100. Each student will do a Centenarian report to go with this milestone. We also just began our Marble Run unit in Twig Science and love the hands-on lab portions. We will begin story comprehension using Literary elements for discussion and comprehension the rest of the year.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- Students are beginning to learn about arctic animals. We are making our way through Go Math and learning about comparing numbers up to 120. We will also be starting the animal unit in Twig Science!

2<sup>nd</sup> grade

- Students are going to be starting a math chapter on 3-digit addition and subtraction. Students are also learning about MLK Jr. and plan to do a read aloud about Rosa Parks this week as well. Next, we will do some "Read Alouds" and study arctic animals. Some of the 2nd grade classes are working on nonfiction reading, while other classes are working on personal narrative writing.

We just confirmed our Safeway trip, which will be the first week or two of May. We have also reached out to a local restaurant (Viscosos) to inquire about doing a walking field trip. Just waiting to hear back from them.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade

- Students had Splash in the Class field trip where we learned about water systems in our environment. We learned about our ecosystems and how life is impacted through water (dirty and clean). We discussed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all he did. We discussed Civil Rights and reflected on the rights we have in our country.

4<sup>th</sup> grade

- 4/5th grade girls just started basketball with Mrs. Miller. This week we are sending out Wax Museum choices for students to choose their top three choices of historical figures.

5<sup>th</sup> grade

- Students started our fractions unit. We are also beginning a Colonial jobs project to go along with our study of the 13 Colonies. **Project Lead** will begin next Tuesday—in collaboration with the El Dorado County DA's office and the Sheriff's department. There will be a weekly lesson focused on positive choices and good

decision making taught by a district attorney. Students participate in role playing scenarios to help them know how to make better decisions if faced with tricky situations. At the end, the students will participate in a mock trial at the El Dorado County Courthouse in Placerville.

### Library

- We are beginning to plan for I Love Reading week, we will celebrate it for 2 weeks March 4 - March 8th, and March 11 - March 15. The First week will be Spirit Wear, and the 2nd week will be fun reading activities, still working on that. (I have some fun ideas that Dr. Mallot and I are working on!!

### Counselor

- I have been so thankful to have the Wellness Center to utilize for students to visit during their recess when I am available to have it open. Students enjoy various activities, such as drawing, reading, playing board games, LEGOs, PlayDoh, playing teacher on the white board, as well as using the Calm Corner to relax and snuggle with stuffed animals. I am finishing up the first session of counseling small groups, and will be starting Session 2 in the next few weeks after I gather referrals from teachers and/or parents. In these small group sessions, we focus on self-control, social skills, anxiety management, and more. Peace Patrol will be open to the second round of students who applied during the first trimester. There were a lot of applicants, so splitting it up into two groups allowed students to be able to help out with conflict resolution during recess for the lower elementary recesses more often vs just once or a month. We are continuing our focus on the character trait of honesty this month. I have visited all of the TK-1st grade classes, and in the coming weeks will be making it through 2nd-5th grade classes as well. The students always have such great contributions and questions when we talk about the character trait of the month!

### Garden

- We have started the new year off very wet and cold which actually goes with our monthly lesson - "Winterizing Your Garden." Students have been cleaning out all the garden beds from weeds and then adding leaves that have fallen from our trees to the beds to keep all the veggies growing warm.

For the first time, our compost area created about four yards of the most incredible soil!!! The students have been loading the soil into wheelbarrows and are replenishing our beds with the soil. Full circle! They have attended to this compost pile for 8 months and it is now producing soil allowing them to observe and see the reward of creating and caring for compost.

We will start to clean out our pumpkins from Halloween and prep and save the seeds to plant in small containers and watch them germinate. Planting of our pumpkin patch will be 4/1.

Our recess program continues to thrive thanks to our parent volunteers who assist me with keeping it open each day!! I couldn't do it all without them.

Yard Duties

- We appreciate how positive our yard duties are in communicating expectations with our students during recess and lunch time!

Custodian

- We have Julian working here while Andy Heath is out. He is working hard!

**VII. Principal Report Out (Renee Mallot)**

- a. When people move, people tend to look at Great Schools. Our school has improved, we are ranked as a 7 out of 10.
- b. There are other resources for rating schools; Smarter Balanced CAASPP Reporting and the California Accountability System (Dashboard).
- c. The ELA (English Language Arts) was 69.83% which is a 8.64% increase. The Math was 72.29% which was a 11.38% increase.
- d. The ELA and Math data in more recent test years is not helpful, it does not breakdown the "claim data" information (i.e. scores on specific math subjects)
- e. This year the test is supposed to go back to normal with claim data.
- f. The information shown on California Accountability System shows that Lake Forest has increased test scores for both math and ELA. Academic Engagement is based on attendance records and is yellow for every single school in the greater region, as many families continue to take off time more during the school year post COVID.
- g. Short term independent study contracts are for 3 days or more. All the schools are experiencing chronic absenteeism. If the work provided in the independent study package is not completed the school doesn't get funding. Ideally, would like to get the number cut in half for attendance and suspensions.
- h. March 1 - 15 will be I Love Reading Week. One week will be a spirit week and the second week will be book based / reading based activities with students. There will be some guest authors attending too. Mrs. Shed is willing to be duck-taped to a wall if a certain number of words are read as a reading incentive.
- i. Cool-off room. Some students need a safe space to get out their frustrations / anxiety, etc. There's a desk and a bean bag chair. There's some miscellaneous things that ideally would like to add to the room that add up to approx \$300. Laurel proposed to spend the money out of the beautification budget since there are some funds that are not being used right now. All agreed.
- j. Occupational Therapy and Wellness Center rooms are well used.
- k. Student Council - Mrs. Brancoli is brainstorming community improvement projects for the students to work towards. Students are working on a kindness project for February. An idea could be a pay it forward kindness note of recognizing others acts of kindness, then place the note on the kindness wall in the gym. The bulletin board in the gym could be used as a kindness board. There could be heart cutouts and use a different color for each grade level.

- l. The student council decides as a group how to spend the money they raise but all funds will be applied back on the Lake Forest campus.
- m. An idea could be to engage the student council with “Petal Connection” (company out of Roseville that gets flowers donated from grocery stores). If mason jars and ribbon were donated then students could learn how to do flower arrangements and deliver them to those in need in the community (i.e. senior center, etc.).
- n. April 29th - golf tourney. Lisa is hoping the QR code could be at the Gala to begin to sell tickets. The gala will have one foursome to raffle off for the golf tourney. Prices for the golf tourney has gone up in price, \$175 for early bird before March 20 and \$200 for afterwards. The theme is board games (i.e. Got game).