

Lottie PTO Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024

Call to order

A meeting of Lottie PTO was held in Lottie Schmidt Elementary's library on March 6, 2024 from 7:03- 8:12 p.m.

Agenda.

A copy of the agenda was shared before the meeting started.

- Call to order
 - Welcome - Emily Seal.
 - Introduction of participants
 - Emily Seal, Lottie PTO President
 - Marjorie Benac, Lottie PTO Secretary
 - Kristi Weber, Lottie PTO Vice President
 - Beverly Stankiewicz, Lottie PTO Treasurer
 - Mrs. Yolanda White, Lottie Principal
 - Toni Kaurich
 - Christine Childers
 - Jaclyn Prevost Bethel
 - Ashley Mailloux
 - Jill Vanderham
 - Anita Mills
 - Amanda Estes
 - Patricia McWain
 - Stephanie Halicki
 - Stacey Aldred
- Principal's report (Mrs. White)
 - Leap Day
 - Thanks Jamie! The kids loved it!
 - It was brought up to hide coins for St. Patrick's Day, but Mrs. White said that March was really busy this year. Next year is a possibility!
 - March is Reading Month
 - Check out Smore to sign up for Literacy Night and you can also watch a trailer for the book "South Pole Pig", which is our 1 book 1 school book this year
 - Ribbi from the USPBL was here. The USPBL will be giving away tickets again after students fill out the trivia questions (K-2) or the Bingo card (3-5)
 - Kindergarten Readiness night is the 12th at 6pm. This will be at the High School. Registration is open.
 - Safe Routes for School
 - 2 parents and 2 students have signed up, but anyone else can join
 - Meeting on March 22 to look at grounds and all of the survey information
 - This is a grant between Anchor Bay and Macomb County to make a safer route for kids walking to school

- MSTEP
 - testing will take place after Spring Break (April 8 - May 17)
 - There will be a letter sent home to parents because the thought is to try and get this testing done before NWEA testing starts
 - 5th Graders will take 4 subjects (Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies)
 - 3rd and 4th Graders will take 2 subjects (Math and Language Arts)

- Teacher's Report: Ashley Mailloux
 - Teachers would like gift cards to different things like TPT (Teachers Pay Teachers), so this is a thought for Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Mrs. White has wish lists from teachers and will send to Marjorie to post on PTO Facebook page. (They will also be added to the end of the minutes for anyone not on Facebook)

- Approval of previous month's (February 2024) meeting minutes (Marjorie Benac).
 - Show of hands vote in favor of approval.

- Treasurer's Report (Beverly Stankiewicz).
 - The budget is looking good especially since most events are coming in under budget
 - We just gave a check to Mrs. White to help out the school for assemblies and office supplies (paper and toner for PTO use).

- Committee Reports
 - Restaurant nights chaired by Beverly Stankiewicz via Emily Seal
 - Please mark interested or going on the event on Facebook even if you are not planning on going. It helps spread the word about our event.
 - March 11th - Buffalo Wild Wings
 - A request was sent in for Panda Express on April 25th. They give 20% back.
 - May might be Sugarbush Tavern??
 - Gymnastics Days - March 16 and April 13 at Cutting Edge. Empire does not have fundraisers available yet. They said to keep checking back in the future.
 - Popcorn Days (Emily)
 - Going great! 1 per month with a pretty consistent crew
 - We think we are good for supplies for the rest of the year, and we are still under budget.
 - Braces friendly popcorn is being supplied this year by a donation only for kids with braces.
 - Put in a donation request to GFS for a gift card to help pay for supplies for next year
 - Literacy Night (Marjorie)
 - We will need help! High school students are not available because of the career fair.
 - We are contacting South's NJHS to see if we can get some volunteers.
 - 6 baskets are being made for the raffle. 2 for K-1, 2 for 2-3, and 2 for 4-5
 - Most of the ice cream and toppings for the ice cream social have been donated.

THANK YOU!
 - 5th Grade Celebration (Marjorie)
 - The location will be the Brandenburg Park Pavillion
 - Toni has volunteered to DJ and Ashley offered her cotton candy machine
 - We will be doing 2 fundraisers outside of school. Texas Roadhouse peanuts with an

appetizer coupon attached and a month long bottle drive.

- Donations are coming in! Our committee has hit the pavement (and keyboard!) and it is paying off!

- Open Forum

- Emily Seal

- Beverly's term will be extended by one more year as Treasurer so that next year only 2 new board members would come in (the thought was that 2 would exit and 2 would stay every year to have a more stable board)
- If you would like to vote for a new board, you must attend 1 PTO meeting before the May meeting where we will vote.
- Nominations for the 2 open positions will take place in April so that we can vote in May for the upcoming school year. A few expressed their desire to run at tonight's meeting.

- Marjorie Benac

- If you are on a committee or running a committee, try to get donations! We are missing a lot of opportunities out there, especially at Meijer where you can apply for up to 25 events a year!
- I am creating a document of all of the corporate businesses that donate and how to apply. Some ask all sorts of questions that need to be submitted by a board member, but some are simple and you just have to ask!

- Toni Kaurich

- Is the PTO willing to buy a snow cone machine?
The answer was no because the type of machine we would need to service all of the students in a timely manner would be very expensive.

Adjournment 8:13 p.m

Notes taken by Marjorie Benac, Secretary