

Lottie PTO Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of Lottie PTO was held in Lottie Schmidt Elementary's library on October 10, 2023 from 7:04- 8:04p.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
 - Beverly Stankiewicz, Lottie PTO Treasurer
 - Kristi Weber, Lottie PTO Vice President
 - Ms. Yolanda White, Lottie Principal
 - John Seal
 - Bradley Benac
 - Toni Kaurich
 - Betsy Stein
 - Anne Trzos
 - Christine Childers
 - Emily Thorton
 - Dan Thorton
 - Olivia Berkeypile
 - Amber Mack
 - Ashley Mailloux
 - Stacey Aldred
 - Rochelle Cooper
 - Samantha Jozwiak
 - Salma Talha
 - Anita Mills
 - Jaclyn Prevost-Bethel
 - Patricia McWain
 - Jamie Freeman

- Principal's report (Mrs. White)
 - Mrs. White welcomed us to the new library space. Mrs. Willey is doing an amazing job setting up the library along with parent volunteer help. All of the furniture is in and just needs to be arranged in both the maker space and the library area.
 - This Friday, October 13th, the kids who turned in Summer Reading will get ice cream treats
 - Conferences will all be virtual again this afternoon. Teachers are not required to have a conference with parents unless the student has a C- or lower in the class. Most Elementary teachers will still reach out to have conferences, or parents can request them anytime.
 - Our new name for the newsletter is the Labrador Line Up. Mrs. Coleman came up with the name and it will serve as a quick snapshot of the things going on around Lottie. A survey will be coming out later in the year to see how we feel about the new format.
 - LabABoo will be happening again this year.
 - A flier will be coming home.
 - There will be 3 stations instead of a class party on Friday, October 27th
 - Volunteers will be needed and a sign up will be sent out soon.
 - There will also be a fire drill on this day.
 - This is the day to wear costumes.
 - On Halloween, October 31st, students will be asked to wear orange and black and not costumes
 - Game Night will be November 30th. Learning Gizmos, a store in Warren, MI, will come and teach/explain game play. There will be an opportunity to win and buy games.
 - Clubs for this year so far:
 - Coloring Club -Mrs. Geldhof There was a great turnout for this club. Currently trying to see if this maybe something for K-2 also.
 - Lego Club (possibly Mrs. Cekic) This is for Upper Elementary and will be starting soon. This will be regular building with more students being able to join as the district did not pair with Lego this year.
 - Chess Club- Mr. Mitt starting up soon and will again be on Friday mornings
 - Pathfinder notes coming home with some classes this week. We have 2 teachers in our school who have volunteered to pilot this program. This is a competency based district program which lists all of the standards the students need to learn in a year. The students will level up through 4 levels for each standard. As they grow, they know what is expected of them. Teachers can also provide targeted learning based on student's needs.
- Teacher's Report: There were no teachers in attendance at this meeting. Mrs. White did say that they had one question for the PTO about field trip buses. Some grades have 3 classes and will need 2 buses. Will PTO fund 2 buses for those grade levels? It was decided that this will be added to the budget to be voted on.
- Approval of previous month's (September 2023) meeting minutes (Marjorie Benac).
 - Marjorie will edit the 3 names on the list of members in attendance last month
 - All voted in favor of approval.

- Treasurer's Report (Beverly Stankiewicz). Vote on yearly budget will happen next month as there were a few items that needed to be reworked
- Committee Reports: Committee Chairs will be asking all committee members to fill out a Code of Ethics form. This is a district mandated form and only 1 form will need to be filled out yearly. We will sign up for committees at the end of the meeting.
 - 2nd Annual Costume Exchange: Mandy Estes could not be here, so Emily Seal updated everyone.
 - Over 60 students participated
 - A lot of donations were obtained, so less than \$40 was spent.
 - Thank you to the entire committee!
 - Notes will be coming home to collect costumes November 1-17. No need to store those costumes!
 - It was suggested that this event should remain on a Friday evening.
 - Trunk-or-Treat Chaired by Emily Seal and Patty McWain.
 - Friday, October 20th from 6-8.
 - So far, over 15 trunks and over 60 students have signed up
 - Committee meeting later this week.
 - Patty has 5 students coming so far and is contacting more to help volunteer
 - Event will be rain or shine!! Possible set up in the gym.
 - Candy Monsters have a lot of candy donated and will remain in the hall/lobby for more donations until the day of the event.
 - Restaurant nights chaired by Beverly Stankiewicz
 - October - Carter's Cantina \$60 raised. Thanks to Jackie for setting this up for us.
 - Monday, November 6 - Texas Roadhouse This was a big one last year and we are hoping to make it bigger because gift card purchases are included in the fundraiser!
 - Possibly November 30th (same night as game night!) Cloverleaf Pizza
 - Trini's after the new year - no date yet
 - Buffalo Wild Wings in March - no exact date yet
 - Fun Run chaired by Jamie Freeman
 - Thank you to all the volunteers!!
 - \$3,652.99 profit
 - The survey that was sent out had a lot of great comments
 - There is a sign up sheet for next year's committee starting now. There are a lot of things that need to be started soon.
 - Jackie Prevost-Bethel wanted to give special recognition for all of the hours, especially over the summer, that Jamie put into the Fun Run to make it a success!
 - Santa Shop: Mandy Estes could not be here, so Emily Seal updated everyone.
 - Students will shop during school the week of December 4-8

- Emails going out this week to the committee
- A vote was taken to approve \$1,000 to start purchasing everything needed
 - All voted in favor of approval.

- Cookies with Santa chaired by Kristi Weber
 - Date of event: Thursday, December 14th
 - Emails going out soon to committee
 - Please let Kristi know if you know of anyone willing to be Santa. We have everything that is needed for the part.
 - The high school will be contacted about making the cookies
 - This event will again be free for all Lottie families.
 - Marjorie Benac will again be taking and emailing the photos with Santa
 - Jamie offered costumes for Grinch, Olaf, etc. if we want to use them for the event

- T-shirts (Beverly)
 - Cool Threads is not increasing prices this year and are not charging a set up fee for the initial order. \$9 per youth shirt and \$13 per adult shirt. Lottioe logo will be on the front and sponsors on the back just like last year
 - subsequent orders will be charged a set up fee, so it was decided to purchase extra shirts in popular sizes per grade for possible new students throughout the year
 - Mrs. White said she is also working with Cool Threads to set up a school store for families to order Lottie items
 - A vote was taken to approve \$3,500 to purchase t-shirts for all students, new faculty and staff (We are up 42 students this year so far when compared to last year.)
 - All voted in favor of approval.
 - Grandma Toni commented that she has a contact that will print shirts for \$7 per adult t-shirt for PTO members if we were interested in going that route.

- Home Depot gift card (Emily)
 - some of the funds were used to purchase mums for the planters out front

- Open Forum
 - A member offered the use of a cotton candy machine for any event where it might be needed.
 - Jamie was at her son's PTO meeting and said that a member of that PTO was involved in the PTO at the school for 27 years! She said the biggest take away from her speech was to appreciate everyone no matter how big or small!

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment 8:04 p.m

Notes taken by Marjorie Benac, Secretary