

# Lottie PTO Meeting Minutes

## February 6, 2024

### Call to order

A meeting of Lottie PTO was held in Lottie Schmidt Elementary's library on February 6, 2024 from 7:00- 8:13 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
    - Ms. Yolanda White, Lottie Principal
    - Toni Kaurich
    - Anne Trzos
    - Bill Trzos
    - Carlie Critchett
    - Ashley Mailloux
    - Jill Vanderham
    - Samantha Jozwiak
    - Michelle Groth
    - Patricia McWain
    - Jamie Freeman
    - Stephanie Halicki
    - Stacey Aldred
- Principal's report (Mrs. White)
  - Principal Chat
    - 1st one was canceled due to a snow/ice day (hoping to reschedule this)
    - The second night a few people were there
    - Mrs White really values the time and opportunity to talk
  - Looking for feedback on the Lottie Lineup vs. the newsletter. Which do you prefer/like better?
  - Science Night was not a huge crowd, but it was nice and manageable. Next time hoping to have a shorter assembly during the day and then a longer one at night to hopefully draw in more families.
  - Literacy Night March 14th- more on that later
  - Field Day May 28th (day after memorial day)(also Mrs. White's Birthday!)
    - Only day both Gym teachers were available to be at Lottie all day
  - Kindergarten Readiness
    - At the High School on March 12th at 6 pm

- Online Registration, so there is no need to come into the school, but evening hours will be available for in person questions
  - Pop for Kids Fundraiser
    - 40% of the money raised comes back to the school
    - every student earned a science kit. They will be going home in the next few weeks.
  - Heart Association Fundraiser (sorry for the back to back fundraisers!)
    - This is a normal Lottie fundraiser that happens every year
    - corresponds with wellness week
  - Up 2 You (5th graders)
    - presented by Ms Laura (safety officer for Lottie)
    - we are piloting this program along with Maconce for the district
    - There are 10 lessons, and so far there have been 4 taught the last hour of the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays
    - parents had to sign permission slips for 5th graders to attend
  - Clubs and Enrichments
    - Chess club is ending Friday, but they are hoping to have a new sessions soon
    - Crochet club has a waiting list!
    - Coloring Club will start again soon
    - Lower Elementary clubs are starting - Games Galore and Water Color painting
  - Shoe Drive
    - Lottie and MS North are hoping to collect gently new and used shoes
- Teacher's Report: Ashley Mailloux
    - nothing to report from teachers, but as a parent she would like to see the Lottie Lineup posted on the website and then linked to the PTO Facebook group
  - Approval of previous month's (December 2023 and January 2024 update) meeting minutes (Marjorie Benac).
    - Show of hands vote in favor of approval.
  - Treasurer's Report (Beverly Stankiewicz via Emily Seal).
    - Most events are coming in under budget
    - Home Depot Gift Card
      - Emily would like to purchase reusable greenery for winter next year (approx \$150 per planter)
      - Show of hands vote in favor of approval.
  - Committee Reports
    - Restaurant nights chaired by Beverly Stakiewicz via Emily Seal
      - February 19th - Trini's (this was a big one last year) 11 am -8pm No school that day
      - March 11th - Buffalo Wild Wings
      - Gymnastics Days - The goal is to have 100 kids attend each date. This will be open gym with a ninja course 2-4pm on the following Saturdays: February 17 (during winter break), March 16, and April 13. We are checking with the new place (Empire) to see if they will have fundraisers available.

- Spirit Wear: Beverly Stakiewicz via Emily Seal
  - Next order will be the beginning of school (Sept/Oct) There will be a bigger time frame to place an order and to get the word out
- Raise Right: Jamie Freeman
  - It's all set up with a Lottie PTO account
  - There is an app to download on your phone or you can use the website
  - There is a very minimal service fee to buy from the site
  - NO physical gift cards
  - Anyone can use it, so share with family and friends
  - Buy gift cards and print or email them to be used
  - PTO will get % of sales. Every store has a different percent and some days are special days for certain stores and they will give a higher percent that day/s
  - A flier with a QR code was created and will be posted on the Lottie PTO facebook page, sent home with students and put in the Lottie Line up
- Movie Night: Marjorie Benac
  - This was another free event for Lottie Families
  - 6:30-8 pm was a great time (after dinner)
  - Total attendance was 74 children and adults
  - Budget: \$200 total cost: \$107 (movie, popcorn from GFS, water, fruit snacks, backdrop, glow sticks and 3 raffle prizes)
  - Thank you to committee and volunteers for set up/clean up
- Little Caesars Pizza Kits (Emily Seal)
  - raised almost \$1,500
  - only 1 issue with an order, but it was resolved quickly
- Popcorn Days (Emily)
  - A couple more dates are coming up
  - There is an increase in cost at Gordon's for the supplies, so next year the budget will need to be raised
- Literacy Night (Emily and Marjorie)
  - Committee is already set, but if you want to join see Marjorie
  - Mrs. Sacker would like us to do gift baskets again this year
  - May not be able to get high school volunteers because it is career night at the high school
  - We need to purchase ice cream and topping for the ice cream social and may need to help with serving
- Open Forum
  - Emily
- Emily Seal
  - brought up extending Beverly's term 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)
  - By laws need to be updated this year so that they will reflect an oversight to the original by laws. The board vote will NOT be for a specific position. It will be for only who you would like to be on the board, then the board will decide which positions they would like to have. Emily will write the addendum.
  - Nominations for the 2 open positions will take place in April so that we can vote in May for the upcoming school year

- Jamie
  - Leap Frogs for leap day February 29th
  - One frog will be going home with all students
  - Class color frogs with numbers will be hidden around the entire school. Students can look for the frogs, but only teachers may touch them and collect 1 frog per class.
  - Mrs. White will pick a number at the end of the day for a class prize
  - Students will wear their class color shirt that day
- Ashley
  - can we get an updated teacher wish list for all teachers
  - Mrs. White will add it to Wednesday's staff meeting to get lists together
  - Marjorie will pin them to the top of the PTO facebook page as soon as they are available

Adjournment 8:13 p.m

Notes taken by Marjorie Benac, Secretary