

Lottie PTO Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of Lottie PTO was held in Lottie Schmidt Elementary's library on September 11, 2023 from 7:03- 8:33p.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
 - Carlie Critchett
 - Judah Weber
 - Bill Trzos
 - Anne Trzos
 - Christine Childers
 - Carla Coyne
 - Laura Kretchman
 - Dustin Kretchman
 - Brandon Beck
 - Olivia Beck
 - Lisa Macomber
 - Matthew Macomber
 - Tiffany Saleh
 - Stacey Aldred
 - Kevin Aldred
 - Samantha Jozwiak
 - Michelle Groth
 - Stephanie Halicki
 - Anita Mills
 - Amanda Estes
 - Jaclyn Prevost-Bethel
 - Patricia McWain
 - Rochelle Cooper
 - Jamie Freeman

- Toni Kaurich
 - Laura
- Principal's Report (Mrs. White)
 - Ms. Laura was introduced. She is the new Safety Officer for Lottie. She is a retired Detroit Police Officer.
 - Alice Drill is the new name for a lockdown drill. Retired Officer DePape (Chesterfield Police department and Lottie's old SRO) is now in charge of the District Safety and will be implementing all of these changes throughout the district. Lottie's first Alice drill will be on Wednesday. These drills are not all lockdown in the student's classroom type drills. Teachers have books to read, powerpoint presentations and scenario questions like, What could we do if _____?.
 - Spirit Days are determined by the student council, so Mrs. White does not have a list of those as of yet. As soon as she does, she will get the list sent out to parents. Hopefully this can also be blasted out on Dojo once it gets up and running. The district also throws in random spirit days (Lions Day last week) throughout the year and she will give us as much advance notice as she can. This Friday is Constitution Day, so the students are asked to wear red, white and blue.
 - Title I school: by law, she has to provide this information at the beginning of the year.
 - PowerPoint presentation.
 - Vision: Educational Excellence Together- Educate, Motivate, Collaborate, Cultivate
 - Mission: Empowering all students to succeed in an ever-changing world.
 - Title I: federal classification which provides additional funding and programs to benefit our students. This means Lottie has just less than 40% of students on free/reduced lunch which gives the school extra money. She asked everyone to fill out the free/reduced lunch form even if you think you don't qualify. Only 4 schools in Anchor Bay are Title I: Maconce, Lottie, Naldrett and Middle School South. Some of this pays for the
 - Literacy/enrichment tutors and paraprofessionals.
 - 2 literacy tutors
 - 2 literacy paraprofessionals
 - 1 literacy specialist.
 - at-risk tutor and a math tutor who will start this week. The math tutor will focus on grades 3-5.
 - All staff is highly qualified. The at-risk tutor is the only person not a certified teacher (she has a Human Development background).
 - Additional funds can be used for purchasing supplies and materials to work with at risk students
 - District assesses all students in reading, writing, and math up to three times a year. Scores are used for determining which students need additional services. Contact Mrs. White for more info on assessments. Mrs White and Mrs. Sacker are planning on having a parent question and answer night about all assessments given to the students.
 - PBIS: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports will focus on PAWS: Prepare, Act responsible, Work and play safe, Show respect. Around the building, you will see posters with the acronym containing the guidelines for appropriate behavior in that specific area. They also say the Labrador pledge. PAWS reinforces positive expectations and builds culture.
 - Positivity Project: a focus in Anchor Bay Public Schools. Based on the 26

characteristics research shows exists in highly successful people. The focus is to empower our students to build positive relationships and become their best selves.

Look for weekly emails with that week's characteristic.

- How to be involved: reach out to Mrs. White and be a part of the parent representatives, join the PTO group, participate in the Principal Chat
- School Dojo: This will be used by teachers and school wide. This is meant more for fun stuff (ie. pictures) and reminders (ie. spirit day). Please still keep messenger!! This will still be for emergency information.
- Please update Powerschool. The office has come across a lot of non working phone numbers and a lot of full voicemail boxes this past week. Also please make sure the first 2 listed on powerschool are the 2 that need to be called and emailed first.
- October 4th is count day. Please make sure to send you children that day unless they are sick! They will still count the next day they return, so please, keep them home if they are sick. Just don't plan a vacation for that week!
- Library update: shelving will be installed next week for the books. A wall was put in for the computer lab so that 2 classes can be in the space at once. The other half of the library will be a makerspace where kids can go to be creative.
- Feed the Bay: Anchor Bay District initiative that sends bags of food home with students for the weekend. There will be a collection week (October 9-13), but Mrs White isn't sure what our school will be collecting as of yet. She is hoping to blast that out over Dojo!
- Picture Day: September 26th If you would like to volunteer that day, please speak with Angela Coleman in the office.

• Teacher's Report: There were no teachers in attendance at this meeting.

• Approval of previous month's (June 2023) meeting minutes (Marjorie Benac).

- Beverly Stankiewicz had a correction that had to be fixed in the treasurer's report section. (instead of \$100 it should read 100 participants)

○ All voted in favor of approval.

• Treasurer's Report (Beverly Stankiewicz). Report can be found at the back of the agenda. Starting balance this year is double what we started with last year! Starting Balance: :\$13,141.90 Last year we were over budget. 22-23 budget: \$11,800 22-23 actual: \$13,704 This year our budget is \$22,050 and our projected cash in is \$22,150. This proposed budget will be voted on at next month's meeting. It can be emailed out to members so that they can be informed and ready to vote. Per Mrs. White, it can not be put on our facebook page. Mrs. White reminded us that last year she donated \$100 toward babysitters for our meetings. So that will be amended in the budget before the vote.

• Events (Kristi Weber): Kristi gave an overview of events planned for the year and had sign up sheets available at the end of the meeting for committee sign up. All events and Restaurant nights will be added to the facebook page and new PTO tab on the Lottie website.

• Field Day Shirts: the PTO would like to be able to fully fund spirit shirts for the students again this year. So far we have \$2,000 in donations from 4 businesses (dentist, realtor, transportation company,

and an eye doctor) Grandma Toni donated \$500 at the meeting and we are hoping to hear back from the orthodontist this week. Lisa Macomber will be reaching out to a landscaper about a donation. We are accepting any monetary amount donations, so please reach out to Beverly if you have any leads.

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- Landscaping: (Emily) We still have \$778 on the Home Depot gift card. We may need to use some of that to keep the planters going and some for the sensory garden that Mrs White is planning. She wants to reach out to the Boy and Girl Scouts first to see if they will do it as a service project and she is also planning a gardening club. Also Mulch will need to be replaced again, but we are hoping the district provides that again. Anne proposed using Chip Drop, but Mrs. White stated that we could not use them because of the possibility of glass being in it. A proposal needs to be written up for the baseball field. John Seal is looking for a committee to get this underway.
- Emily stated that the bylaws of the PTO are under the PTO tab on the Lottie website so that anyone can look at them at anytime.
- Fundraising:
 - Little Caesars Pizza Kits: a very successful fundraiser. We will keep this again for this year in the winter. Emily will be contacting them for exact dates soon.
 - Restaurant nights - we plan on doing one almost monthly.
 - Color run and 5K: we plan on this being a major fundraiser for years to come. More on this in the committee report
- Committee Reports: these will be a large chunk of future meetings. The committees will be where all the main work will focus. We will sign up for committees at the end of the meeting.
 - 2nd Annual Costume Exchange: Mandy Estes is the Chair. We are asking parents to send in gently used costumes to the school. Near Lower EL and Upper EL doors, there are boxes to drop off costumes. September 22nd at Grace Church 4-7pm The PTO is looking for volunteers to go to Grace Church before to set up around 2-2:30. The day of the event, students can shop the available costumes. Sign up on the committee sign-up sheet before leaving the meeting. We are also looking for donations of refreshments (donuts, cider). A member offered to reach out to a contact at Blake's to possibly get a donation. Grace Church will also be doing a donation-only bake sale to support Lottie! This event is sponsored by The Hines Team (real estate company), who is also donating a treat bag for the first 100 people who attend the event.
 - Grace Church has dedicated a lot of time and resources to help Lottie so far. If you can think of other ways they can help, let us know!
 - Halloween Event: Trunk-or-Treat Chaired by Emily Seal and Patty McWain. The date is Friday, October 20th for about two hours (likely 6-8). There is a sign up sheet for the committee.

- Restaurant nights: (Beverly) If you are on the committee, you just contact restaurants to see about partnering with them. Mrs. White said that Cloverleaf really wants to partner with us again this year. So far we have 2 nights set up, Carter's Cantina October 4th and Texas Roadhouse November 6th (gift card sales will count!)

- Fun Run: (Jamie Freeman) This is our 1st Annual Fun Run September 30th 8:45AM start for the color run and 9:30 start for the 5K. This is a public event and is advertised on running websites! As of Sunday, September 10, there were 80 registrations with 80% of those coming in the past week. Total raised \$4,618.75 (\$2,285 registrations and 40 pancake breakfasts, \$1,158.75 in donations, \$1,175 in sponsors) The budget for this event is \$4557.59 with a goal of 300 participants. We have already exceeded our goal. Anything else raised is pure profit. All supplies for the pancake breakfast were also donated. There will be 8 color stations. It is \$250 to sponsor a color station. The New Baltimore Lions donated \$100. The committee needs lots of volunteers for this event!! The pancake breakfast will be in the cafeteria. Patty is reaching out to the high school to get student volunteers for their community service hours. Jamie will send the flyer out to Mrs White to get it put on the district's Friday Flyers. The class prize for the most raised donations will be a pizza or ice cream party. Grandma Toni volunteered to DJ. The committee has a question for all of us, "What is the best way to get this information out there?"

- Open Forum: no questions or suggestions at this time

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment 8:33 p.m.

Notes taken by Marjorie Benac, Secretary