

LPCG Meeting Minutes

12/13/16

In attendance: Carla Williams (President), Suzanne McCray (VP), Carmen Petrizzo (Secretary), Sherrell Tillis (Board of Director), Jada Johnson (Board of Director), Tameka Davis (Primary Parent Rep.)

Parent attendees: Teresa Johnson (2nd grade), Alexis McDowell (3rd grade)

School Administration: Mrs. Lee

- **Welcome**-presented by Carla Williams, introductions and announcement of the new board's first general meeting
- **Treasurer's Report**-presented by Carla Williams, currently **\$3,517** in the bank (including latest Zumba payment), Yankee Candle net profit total was \$1729, Yoga funds are not listed as a line item, proceeds are going toward 8th grade graduation activities
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business**
- **Introduction & Mission of New Board**- all members introduced themselves, our collective goal is to bring "FUNDS and FUN" to Lenart school.
- **Presentation of the By-Laws for the LPCG**-By-laws briefly discussed, it was mentioned that an agenda must be posted to the front door 48 hours prior to a meeting and the meeting shall be announced via email and website one week prior. By-laws need to be posted to website. Carmen to work with Stacey Young to transition website use to the new Secretary. It was discussed that there are areas of the by-laws that may require clarity and amending as we move forward. Not discussed in great detail at this time.
- **Treasurer/Board of Director/Parent Representative Vacancies**-Per the by-laws, we must appoint a nominating committee to fill vacant positions and open the positions to the school community. The nomination form needs to be emailed and posted ASAP on the website with a 1/10/17 dead line. If more than one candidate for the open positions applies we will run an election in February. If only one candidate per open position applies, they will automatically be appointed. If no one applies, the LPCG board will move to appoint Suzanne McCray Treasurer and Tameka Davis Board of Director. VP and Parent Rep. are not mandatory positions and therefore by appointing Suzanne and Tameka to the vacant positions, the board would be complete. The goal is to have this process complete by February.
- **Fundraisers (Dine-Out-Teacher's Wish List-Dave & Buster's-Video Purchase Winter Fest)**- Tameka will work on Dine-Out Restaurants with Carmen's help. LSC would like to see a schedule of locations at next meeting. Teacher's Wish List will take the place of Teacher's Grants. Dave & Buster's is scheduled for 2/19/17 from 4-7 pm in Orland Park. If another Family & Friends event is held, we will research Chicago location-per LSC request, Video Purchase discussed briefly with Mrs. Lee. Is there a CPS policy regarding video-taping and distributing the tape of students? What about students whose parents opted out of the media consent?
- **Insurance for the Lenart Parent Community Group**- Carla will inquire with Stacey if this already exists.

- **Lowes Toolbox & Walmart Grant**-Lowes' Grant opens 12/15/16 and closes once 1500 applications are received. Walmart Grant closes 12/31/16. Group discussed possibility of remodeling the Teacher's Lounge (new refrigerator, cabinets, counter, carpet etc). This room is also used for after school cooking classes and could also be utilized in the evening for parent volunteers to work on projects. The idea is give teachers and staff an inviting place to take a break or to meet...indirectly providing a benefit to the students. LPCG has its EIN# but still needs exempt # for IL. We will ask Ms. Sims if we can use the school's numbers to not miss out on these grants. Jada and Carmen have agreed to start working on grants with any other members who would like to help.
- **Parent-Child Dance**-Date is 2/10/17, discussed having an interactive DJ to MC the event. Also discussed having a silent auction with baskets or other donations. Will need LSC approval for silent auction.
- **Room Parent Information Sharing**-LPCG board agrees we'd like to have room parents for each grade. Room parents exist for K-3. We are not sure about other grades. Would like to use room parents as another channel to disseminate information.
- **Parent Suggestions/Questions**-Teresa Johnson clarified if Teachers' Wishlist will take the place of Grants (answer is yes), Potential Pancake breakfast (possibly in conjunction with Grandparents' Day) was discussed, Also idea of Spring indoor Carnival was mentioned. Jada Johnson would like to put an envelope and flyer in each room to increase box top participation.
NEXT LPCG MEETING IS 1/17/17 AT 4 PM (IDEA OF MAKING THIS AT A LATER TIME WAS SUGGESTED BY Jada Johnson)