

LAFAYETTE PTA GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

October 17, 2018



ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Call to Order	Amber Zeddies, PTA President on 10/17/18 at 7:38 p.m.
Meeting Type	General PTA Meeting
Note taker	Monica Smith, Co-Secretary
Timekeeper	Alana Holmquist, Co-Secretary
Attendees	see attached

VOTING SUMMARY

1. Meeting minutes (9/25/18) are APPROVED: Yes

Reading of the minutes by Alana

Jenny filled in for Amber. Jenny introduced PTA members and encouraged everyone to join for \$20 per family. We have a competition for the most students in a class to register for PTA.

Events Update

Kristin and Karin: Back to School BBQ was very successful and we had to go get more food since more families were here. Oktoberfest was great turn out. We made \$1800. Skate night is coming up on September 6 & 7. It's paid for by the PTA. We are going to have a craft fair at the end of November. We will have a winter lights activity for the winter season. We have a family dance in January. Auction will be on March 30th. Rummage Sale is Mother's Day weekend. Spring Fling on May 31st. We need someone to lead Spring Fling.

WAT by Jen Wheatley: 45 volunteer spots need to be filled. Movie Night is November 16th. We raised \$11,400 through sponsors. \$2700 was through classroom.

Veteran's Day Celebration, Cup Stacking, and student led conferences.

100th Anniversary Update by Pamela: The school name "Lafayette" name is 100 years old. We thought about doing a time capsule. We have a logo design. Idea would be to have a big 100 focus. Yearbook will have a big focus. 100th day of school would be a fun day. A banner for the lobby is a good idea.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Jennifer Barringer: Background in teaching and with special ed in different schools in Seattle Area through Treehouse. Members of her committee are Rebecca Evans, Fatima, Jennifer Bolsam, Pam Philips (PTA Special Ed liason). Talked to librarian about book selection. Meeting with various families. Meeting with Special Ed teacher next week. Met with Selina in front office. Met with our new part time counselor. What do we mean by Diversity, equity, and inclusion? Let's get a consensus about what that means. If you want to be part of the committee, please reach out to

me. There is a training called Talking with Children about Race. She is interested in going. It's in December. She's in contact with other schools.

Laura Kaplan:

Lives in West Seattle and works part time here and part time at Gatewood. She's bilingual. She was part of Teach for America. Amber did a Q & A with Laura.
Book: Only Love Today. Vacation: Miami. Favorite Educational Memory: Spanish Class in high school. First Impressions of Lafayette: Lafayette staff are really kind, loving, and happy. It's a very positive school. Parent community is really impressive and PTA with such a giant Board.
Educational Philosophy: Wants everyone to have the opportunity to succeed at their highest level possible. Now, she's focused on the "whole child" aspect. It's so important to know them socially and emotionally. We should get to know their story, strength, and need.
What does the VP vs the Principal? She makes the ultimate decision but they do the same thing, although she's only here part time. She works with teachers and the BLT. Might be the first person for discipline issues but our school doesn't seem to have any problems that the teacher can't handle. It's not a high need. She goes through the classroom, lunchroom, and playground. She's good at organization and detail and Cindy is better at big picture. She is here for 4 half days a week. MT mornings, ThF afternoons, and every other Wednesday.

Renee Dodds

New form for funding is created for transparency and for tracking. The forms will be located near the reimbursement forms in the front office. Feel free to email Renee if you have questions. The form might need to be fine tuned. This form was created because of Red Nose Day. We want people to be able to come to the board and request something in a seamless process.

Running Club

We need extra hands to help find the cards. Every child is enrolled already. They receive tokens for certain miles. We have fun events throughout the year. Open to ideas about fitness and wellness. Working to partner with Play 60.

A parent (Katie Wallum) has concerns about the trees that were removed. She would like to help resolve the issue. Laura Kaplan responded. The district removed the trees. Ellen responded that when previous stumps were removed. Watering is one of the issues regarding the trees.

Teacher Representative Ann Weiland:

Teachers want a Wish List. Erika responded that there is a communications request form to help spread the word out to the community. We also have a budget request form for anything that needs actual funds.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

DATED October 17, 2018

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Monica Smith, Board Co-Secretary