

## LAFAYETTE PTA BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

November 13, 2018, 6:00-7:30 pm



#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Call to Order	Amber Zeddies, PTA President on September 10, 2018 at 6:08 p.m.
Meeting Type	Board PTA Meeting
Note taker	Alana Holmquist
Timekeeper	Monica Smith
Attendees	See Attached Sign-in Sheet

Time: 6:08 pm      Call to Order: Amber

**Announcements by Amber:** Assembly will have to be rescheduled due to a medical emergency. December PTA meeting could be a celebratory event rather than a formal meeting.

**Secretary Report by Monica:** New budget request form on our shared google account. Discussed BEXV and school updates required. Play field update from Amy. Amazon account cancelled per Tricia. Dine-out and Oktoberfest were profitable. Minutes were approved.

**Tricia Coulter, Membership report:** We have 179 family memberships (last year we had 119). All teachers are now members. I entered the WSPTA membership challenge. In order to do so we had to have all board members be paid and in good standing so I paid for memberships for Karin and Ellen in order to meet the deadline. Karin/Ellen owe the PTA account \$21 each for their memberships. Whipple/Wieland tied for the membership drive.

**Teacher Representative:** Brook Jones first year at Lafayette, 1st grade teacher. Asked if she would be able to propose an idea about a science in-class field trip to the Board.

#### TINY SCIENCE IN-CLASS FIELD TRIPS

*Our community entomologist, Jen Paur of Tiny Science, will be bringing her insect crew to Lafayette this year! Jen's visits are always HIGHLY ANTICIPATED and enjoyed by all and bring an excitement for science that lasts.*

*Jen is bringing her insect crew for three seasonal visits this year. These two-day in-class field trips will bring high-level science to your kids' class. With a lecture and lab, Jen introduces advanced topics with engaging stories and her trademark enthusiasm. We will cover anatomy, morphology and comparative morphology, insect life cycles and niches, and insect diversity!*

*\$20 / student for 6 sessions. For K-1 children. Funding can be through STEAM funds.*

**Ms Chaput:** SW Regional Arts Commission. Developing a vision and a mission for the arts in SW region over next 3 years. Mr Pain, Ms Bajaj Ms Adams, Ms Kaplan, Ms Chaput, Jenny King will be on the team. Will bring \$15,000 to our school for art.

There will be a celebration for STEAM at the Living computer museum for all grades.

**Playfield Update by Aimee Corr:** Monica and Aimee wanted to fix the muddy potholed play field. It is owned by the school district. Any changes need to be approved by school. School district will not approve turf due to high cost and upkeep and health concerns with the old rubber turf. Grass replacement with irrigation will be costly as well 60-100K but would require closure for about one year and watering would only be allowed for 2 years due to conservation.

We can fill in the holes at least and some grass seed or clover.

Pamela suggested laying down a foam floor.

**Enrichment Update by Joe Wadden:** Kathy is doing a great job with a variety of classes offered. Would like to get enrichment programs out earlier than in the past. Will have a draft of winter classes before Thanksgiving and Enrichment opened by 12/3 and closed by 12/17. Would like the first class to start on the first day back to school in January. There will be a few changes; moving away from MODE music classes, and instead bring Sing Out Seattle back. Running a surplus of \$5-6K range. We will hopefully increase Kathy's salary from our surplus budget. Ms Chaput would like to use our surplus for transportation for our kids that don't have transportation home from Enrichment programs. Ms Whipple is requesting help with Green team - needing volunteers, possibly on Tuesday or Friday. Or perhaps this is a free enrichment class?

**Walk-A-Thon Update by Renee Dodds:** No walkathon assembly on Friday due to Jen being sick. With match from employers, business sponsors, and individual pledges totals \$75,000. Still \$9300 uncollected.

Movie night: Filling in for Jen Wheatley. We need to know RSVP's. Need to get the movies from Jen's house. We need pizzas and popcorn. Need volunteers.

Need a replacement for Jen for next year or a committee.

Consider using an outside company next year that will help with the entire walkathon.

<https://boosterthon.com/>

is one option.

There will be a new banking account open for the Garden program with the signers as follows:

Alden Alvarado

Ellen Zoffel

Renee Dodds

Matt Drake

**Legislative Update by Meghan Hogan:** There was only a few minutes for Meghan to chat with Leslie Harris. Leslie says we are not bad enough for a remodel but that we can have little things done to improve our school. All of the safety issues must be completed. Grassy field should be a safety issue and should have a work order placed.

What other PTAs are doing to share they funds. A couple schools shared \$5,000 and sponsored kids to go to camp.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Jennifer Barringer-** Come up with a survey to try to engage more families. Hoping to get more parent engagement.

**Andrea-** Safety issue with streets next to Lafayette. Spray paint cross-walks or all walk like in the Alaska junction. Emily Williams, parent at Lafayette is willing to help. Dig into ways to make our streets more safe.

**Claudina Box Tops:** We have earned \$449 from box tops. Looking at Mioposto for December Dine-out on a Wednesday.

**Events chair:** Light festival is in the works. Mr Chau is retiring, Dec 12th is a celebration for him.

**Garden:** We are opening an account for the Garden committee.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34p.m.

DATED November 13, 2018

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Alana Holmquist, Board Co-Secretary

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