

LMS PTC Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

-Board Members in Attendance:

PTC President: Hillary Geoly

PTC Vice President: Nancy Juoni

PTC Treasurer: Dawn Sullivan

-Principal's Report:

- Late buses- obviously not a desirable situation to have to take such a drastic measure to save money at this point in the school year. It's difficult to fathom how such a thing can happen; however, the unfortunate reality is that we are facing a shortfall in this year's operating budget. Special education costs comprise a huge chunk of the overages we have to date, and this is an area that every district in CT faces. The bottom line is that we have had several students move into district over the year (happens everywhere), and it so happens that a few of these are not educated in our schools due to their high level of needs. Each of these students (depending on the program) may cost \$300-\$500 (or even more) per day! And that doesn't include transportation. These are unanticipated students we could not have forecasted during the budget process a year ago. Consider this adds up to literally thousands of dollars unbudgeted for and it only leaves options such as eliminating buses to offset these expenses. Late buses are currently budgeted for and will be reinstated for the next school year pending an approved budget. Please keep in mind that we are also looking at our spending to determine areas to save money elsewhere. But again the reality is that the preponderance of what is controlled within LMS (excluding transportation and other contractual expenses); items such as instructional supplies and materials including postage, etc cannot put a scratch in the surface of the shortfalls we've had to face in the district. Please be assured that the kids at LMS are still receiving a high quality program and that will continue.

-SBAC Testing- these will begin in two weeks. Each student is going to take a total of five sessions on a computer. This number of sessions is less than last year due to the governor directing the education dept to eliminate the Performance Task component of the reading test.

-Student v Staff Basketball- this Friday. We have a nice group of staff including Officer McSwain who will be playing.

-Sofia Sees Hope- This Thursday we will be having an event to raise awareness for rare diseases. This is national rare disease awareness month. As such we are going to be supporting one of our very own students. Sofia Priebe has a rare retinal disease that affects her vision. This organization was started by her family in her name to help raise money a awareness for this disease. As part of this we will be having a fact of the day read over the intercom. We will also be having a "blindfolded lunch challenge" this Thursday where kids who choose to will be able to experience eating while blindfolded. Blindfolds will be provided to any student who signs up and the seventh grade will compete against the eighth grade for the highest percentage of students who participate. Please note WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!! We will have over a hundred students each lunch wave who will likely be participating. Adult hands to help with blindfolds will be helpful. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

-Treasurer's Report:

- Checking balance is \$15,243.94
- School Store YTD: \$1,558.61
- Vending YTD: \$245.21
- Sports Snack Sales YTD: \$462.32
- Sweet Laughs: \$215.00
- Donations YTD: \$245.00

-Upcoming events and fundraisers:

- Butter Braids Fundraiser Pick Up is Wednesday March 16, 2016. 4-6 PM
- March Madness Basketball game. Friday March 18th. 6-8 PM. Tickets on sale at the door. \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.
- Parent / Teacher conference snacks. Wednesday March 23. Sign Up [HERE](#)
- Nominations for the 2016-2017 PTC Board members. [HERE](#)
Nominations are to be sent into the office or emailed to Leslie Dunbar.
LDunbar8@comcast.net
- BMX Bike Anti Bullying Assembly May 24th with 2 rain dates if needed.
- Gettysburg snack coordinator Nancy Juoni
- 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony chair person is Amy DiRico.

Volunteers Needed:

- March Madness. Please contact Hillary Geoly at hsgeoly@gmail.com to sign up.
- Parent/Teacher Conference Snacks
- 2016-2017 PTC Officers

LMS families encouraged to join the [LMS PTC Facebook page](#) and monitor the [LMS PTC webpage](#) where events and reminders are often posted.

2015-2016 PTC Meeting Schedule:

Monday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. (tentative)

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Sullivan