

LMS PTC meeting

September 12, 2016

Board in attendance-Dawn Sullivan, Amy Yaras, Janelly Marmol, Denise Dittrich, Chris Pomroy

Start of meeting 6:31 PM

Welcome Icebreaker introduction and welcome of all in attendance, 18 in attendance

Principles Report

Mr. Pomroy introduced Jason Hartling our new superintendent.

On 9/12/16 Mr. Hartling visited each school for a brief visit. He said each school by far exceeded his expectations. Mr. Hartling is in the process of planning a full day visit to each of the Ledyard schools. He will begin each visit with a bus ride to school, then visit classes, lunch periods, and recesses. Mr. Hartling thanked everyone for sending their kids to Ledyard and for their support. He looks forward to getting to know everyone.

Mr. Pomroy stated that school is off to a smooth start and all the kids are remarkable. A little confusion with the lockers and if it was white or blue day. This is nothing out of the ordinary.

Now that all the rules and policies have got been reviewed, homework has started.

Map testing that looks beyond Ledyard and compares our town to the norm will begin soon.

Each Grade level 7th and 8th both have 168 kids.

Even with the budget cuts class sizes are still reasonable.

All chrome books have been handed out to eighth grade students which leaves all the older equipment for the seventh grade.

Google Chrome is an exciting addition the middle school! Students and teachers can access their work from anywhere from any device. We are all learning, the teachers and staff are modelling that they are learning too! It's OK for kids to see adult struggling and to see that they can get through some of presenting challenges, LMS is a learning institute.

Weekly emails go out every Friday from Mr. Pomroy. If anyone is not receiving them please drop an email to CPomroy@Ledyard.net

Picture day will be coming up next Thursday, September 22nd.

A parent asked if LMS will be doing any community service?

Student leadership group often collects nonperishables and that is where much of LMS community service comes through. Mr. Pomroy likes the students to take ownership of this and if they have any ideas he put some of the homework on them to see where the level of interest is.

After school activities will continue, but unfortunately due to the budget cuts late buses will not be running this year. If anyone has any difficulties with rides or finding a ride please contact Mr. Pomroy.

Many parents have started Facebook groups etc. for carpooling. ***Cont. next page

The first LMS dance will be September 23, 2016 for both grade 7th and 8th grade. 7th graders are invited to attend at 6:30pm for a pizza dinner and 8th graders are welcome to attend starting at 7 PM. Tickets can be purchased during lunch starting Monday 9\19\16 at the LMS school store table. Mr. Pomroy stated that there will be 3 to 4 certified staff, along with himself and the assistant principal Kelly Gordon on hand to do the chaperoning. There was also a signup sheet at this meeting for PTC volunteers to help with the pizza dinner and snack sales.

BOE report

-The BOE is hoping that one or two board members will be able to attend each of the PTO/PTC meetings throughout the year, Stephanie Calhoun welcomed the new superintendent and stated that there is a Ledyard flyer for the BOE on their website

http://ledyard.ss7.sharpschool.com/board_of_education/committees

-Budget talks have already begun. If you'd like to get your opinion out there and express your concerns please attend the many upcoming meetings.

-There was a change in the board chair, Anthony Favry will be taking over that position.

-The BOE is watching a current lawsuit about funding for small towns. Here is a link for that info for anyone interested in following along

CT Mirror article about the education reform decision by Judge Moukawasher-

<http://ctmirror.org/2016/09/07/judge-strikes-down-state-education-aid-choices-as-irrational/> ...inside that article is a link to the actual PDF decision (...very lengthy decision!).

LEAF has raised the funds for the first phase of Project Lead The Way. The second phase will bring Robotics and Automation to the middle school raising \$37,000 for that project. The Ledyard Rotary Club gave \$1000 donation. www.ledyardeducation.org

September 29, 2016 there will be a cocktail party to support LEAF.

If you're a shopper on Amazon please set up an account through Amazon smile and picked LEAF as your supporter. For that link go to smile.Amazon.com

Treasurers Report

The current budget was presented to all in attendance and approved for the 2016 2017 school year. The current budget is available upon request from parents or guardians or at any PTC meeting.

PTC Presidents Report

-The calendar for the upcoming year was reviewed by all and can be found at

www.lmsptc.weebly.com/calendar.html Upcoming cultural events will include The Brain Show and other shows to be determined.

-It was suggested by Stephanie Calhoun that we research the possibilities of having a makerspace area.

For more info on what a makerspace is see www.makerspaces.com

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-Lots of volunteers are needed for the Color Run please contact Dawn Sullivan
Dawnmsullivan@ymail.com

-A new Book Fair for this year was added to the calendar, volunteers will be needed for this event.
Watch for a sign-up.com link to use for signing up for available spots.

-An amendment was presented to all in attendance and will be voted on at the October PTC meeting. An Amendment to article 5.Section 2.Subsection D- officers shall be voted on by ballot. Absentee ballot maybe obtained by a nomination committee member and return to the office in a sealed envelope. The ballot will remain sealed until the evening of the election and tallied along with the general election vote count. Absentee ballot need to include name, address, phone number, child's name and homeroom. Only one vote per parent regardless of the number of children attending.
Looking for a corn maze chairperson.

Chair People Report

School store- All is going well with school store. Dance tickets will be sold during lunch the week of September 19th.

PTC sponsor dance-Thank you to all that attended the meeting and signed up to help volunteer to hand out pizza, sell snacks and check in at the door for the upcoming dance. Seventh graders will arrive at 6:30pm for a pizza dinner, all others can arrive at 7pm for the dance. Items will be available for purchase during the dance.

Volunteer opportunities include

School store

Color Me Fall Festival 10/15

Chair people needed for Corn Maze, Dodgeball, March Madness, and Kid Fun Night

NEXT PTC MEETING All are welcome 😊 Monday October 17, 2016 6:30pm LMS Library

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm

Sincerely, Denise Dittrich

LMS PTC Secretary