LMS PTC Meeting Minutes May 9, 2016

-Board Members in Attendance:

PTC President: Hillary Geoly PTC Vice President: Nancy Juoni PTC Secretary: Eileen Holdridge PTC Treasurer: Dawn Sullivan

-Principal's Report:

- Principal Chris Pomroy reported that 126 students attended the 8th grade Gettysburg field trip. It was a very successful trip and the school received great feedback from hotel staff about our students!
- Reviewed the success and importance of the Digital Literacy class. Students are learning skills that will prepare them for college, careers, and beyond.
- May 24th will be the BMX bike/ anti-bullying all-school assembly. This will be held outside, but there are two rain dates scheduled, in the event of inclement weather.
- Principal/PTC continuing to work closely together to provide a variety of enrichment to our students during their two years at LMS.

-Treasurer's Report:

- -Treasurer Dawn Sullivan provided copies of detailed budget and pie charts showing expenses and income.
- Bank account balance currently \$14,415.38
- Next year we will have donation boxes at various local businesses (this was already approved) for the 8th grade Gettysburg trip. Amy DiRico will organize this (Thank you, Amy!).
- Thank you to everyone who has sent in Boxtops! Keep them coming!

-Presentation by Stephanie Calhoun, BOE member

- BOE originally requested a 4.26% increase, including 4 new teacher positions. At the 4/27/16 Town Council meeting, the Town Council members cut 1 million dollars of that proposal.
- The Town Council did approve a 0.99% increase.
- As a result, 23 positions are being eliminated from the original BOE proposed budget.
- There will be a referendum on MAY 17TH regarding this budget.
- A YES vote will help to pass this budget. A NO vote will most likely result in additional cuts to our Board of Education budget.
- <u>Every vote matters and residents are encouraged to VOTE</u>. Absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting our town clerk.
- If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Stephanie Calhoun at scalhoun@ledyard.net or any member of the Board of Education.
- Help us find our next Superintendent!
 - -Residents are asked to attend upcoming focus groups on May 18^{th} and 19^{th} at 7:00 p.m. in the LHS cafeteria.

-Upcoming events:

- Open House at LMS on **May 19**th for upcoming 7th graders (current and outgoing PTC Board Members will be in attendance to greet new parents/guardians).
- Promotion Ceremony will be **June 9**th (Thank you to Amy DiRico for assisting with this!).

- -Dinner/Dance for students following the promotion ceremony will be \$6 per student and includes pizza, salad, cupcakes.
- PTC will be providing popsicles to students on the last day of school.

-The PTC would like to wish a "Happy Retirement!" to Pam Laramie, Physical Education teacher, and Gayle Marci Guertin, Assistant Principal. We thank you for your years of dedication to your students and we wish you all the best!

-Looking ahead to 2016-2017:

- School store chair person will be Laura Wiers (Thank you, Laura!)

New Officers for 2016-2017 school year:

President: Dawn Sullivan Vice President: Amy Yaras: Treasurer: Janelly Marmol

Congratulations to our new officers!

Thank you to Hillary Geoly and Nancy Juoni for everything you've done during your time at LMS on the PTC!

PTC Members in attendance:

Hillary Geoly

Nancy Juoni

Lesley Dunbar

Eileen Holdridge

Dawn Sullivan

Karen Brown

Jim Sullivan

Amy Yaras

Amy DiRico

Stephanie Calhoun

Janelly Marmol

Kim Paul

Chris Pomroy

LMS families encouraged to join the LMS PTC Facebook page and monitor the LMS PTC webpage where events and reminders are often posted.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Holdridge