

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
February 12, 2014, 9:30am

I. Attendees:

Leslie Conroy, Kerry Blankenship, Stephanie Bollini, Elena Golub, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Jennifer Condra, Courtney Johnson, Reshma Eggleston, Liz DiFrancischini, Teralyn Carlson, Eileen Scuito, Ceci Campbell, Tinelle Davies, Karen Landwehr, Cheryl Cass.

II. Principal's Report:

- Yesterday's event "secure the building" was very quiet. Kids were okay. Building was secure. Lunch to the modular was delivered later in the day. Teachers were great to explain kids what is going on.
- The weather may impact the 6th Grade Musical. If shows are cancelled, the music teachers will work to reschedule dates. We will know about 6th grade Musical – rescheduled dates later.
- Please, ensure that kids do their homework on snow days, these days are not holidays.
- The 2nd Annual Faculty Basketball game will be held Friday, Feb. 28th at Madison HS. Come out and support your teachers as they take on the faculty from Wolftrap. Wear your school colors. Game starts at 7:00. Doors open at 6:30. Madison concessions will be open.
- Regarding the transition to Middle School for 6th graders. Thoreau will have additional options for AAP students that want to attend Thoreau. Kilmer, Thoreau, and Jackson has their orientation days set, there may be alternative dates for snow days.
- The date for 6th grade graduation has not been set yet.
- LAES 75: Details about 75th Anniversary are coming. A letter to parents will come in Tuesday folders. LAES already purchased 35 laptops. They will be available next 2 weeks.
- New landscaping in the back of the school. The drainage problem is solved, FCPS installed a new rock bed. LAES worked with the county on the landscaping problem, so they know what to support. Erik Bruner is a new county liaison, and he is very helpful.
- Testing: 1st grade Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test scores will come next week. The 5th grade SOL in writing is on March 18-19. End of the year SOLs will be on May 12-June 6.

III. President's Report:

- Please, consider buying the LAES spirit wear, it is on sale again.
- PTA continues the "75 for 75" fundraiser. We are looking for more donations to finance smart boards for K-3 and the remainder of the cost of the mobile laptop lab. Different options are considered to advertise the fundraiser.

- The PTA is in search of one more person to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will find candidates for the Vice President and Secretary positions for the 2014-2015 school year. Please contact President Stephanie Bollini teambollini@gmail.com if interested.
- PTA needs people in the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee will review the budget and recommend a new budget for the upcoming school year. We need to reduce our budget lines and start new fundraising.
- There is a proposal to start a Technology Committee that will review PTA priorities regarding technology donations and support for the school and work with the library and principal (Elizabeth Toledo is in charge).
- LA75 celebration: Please plan to stop by school for a community celebration between 6 – 8pm on Louise Archer Day, Friday, March 7th. Stop by our open house to see our school transformed into a historical museum; take a tour of our school, see work made by our students and admire displays about our rich history. The PTA put information in all local newspapers. The event is free. Each class will do their presentations. We are doing a museum in the library, also we prepare a quilt for the LAES (Kathy Hardman is in charge). Each student will have a bookmark and a grocery bag with the LAES Logo on it. We are collecting videos of former students and books from Louise Archer time. Please, donate some canned food or a book for the LAES library.
- Walk and Wheels Wednesdays resumes March 5th.
- Pizza bingo is rescheduled for March 21st. Everything you expected of Pizza Bingo will continue on in March--bid on the silent auction, win raffle prizes, volunteer to help out, and of course eat lots of pizza and play bingo!
- Booster ads for the Yearbook will be on sale shortly, 6th graders have priority.
- Skate Night is Saturday, March 1 from 6:10-8 pm at Skate Quest Ice Rink in Reston. Purchase tickets (\$10) online to get FREE glow sticks to wear while skating. Make it a family night the kids will love. Come skate or watch, just come! Volunteers are needed to work the door. Please contact Patrice Scheyer at pdscheyer@verizon.net to help.
- County budget. There are a number of meetings hosted by FCPS to discuss possible changes created by budget cuts. A request to support the FCPS budget request should be sent to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. A number of PTA's have sent letters to the Board of Supervisors supporting the FCPS budget request. LAES PTA voted to send a similar letter. Please be active, it is important that parents voices be heard.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

- PTA cash balance \$75K
- Checks for about \$25K will be disbursed
- Left with \$15K today taking into account \$45K reserve.
- A new budget for the upcoming year will be drafted. Chairs, please, present your budgets.
- Committee Chairs - Please, submit all your expenses ASAP. .

V. Old business:

- Motion was made to approve the January 2013 General Meeting Minutes; the motion carried.

VI. New business:

- Motion was made to reduce the PTA budget reserve to \$40K. Motion seconded and approved.
- Motion was made to fund mulch and weeding for the School Grounds (School Grounds support) at \$2740.80. Motion seconded and approved.

VII. Program Announcements:

1. International Night: International Night to be celebrated on April 4th 2014. Information is on the website with details. Sign up for this event will be in the Sunbeam by next week. If anyone wants to a part of planning this event please contact Tulika Mehra. We need volunteers for table display, variety show, international food & cultural activities .If any group would like to perform let us know. We have heard from Vienna Jammers to perform at the event so far but more are welcome. Please sign up for the event.
2. Hip Hop: Registration opened this morning (February 12th) for the spring session.
3. Chess Club: Registration for the spring session is closed.
4. Garden Club: Adoption of new line item to the PTA budget for annual mulch installment and clean-up.

VIII. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am