

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
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Teacher's Lounge – September 12, 2012, 9:30am

I. Attendees: Katherine Yagle, Leslie Conroy, Marilyn Schuyler, Tae Crotty, Bo Young Yeo, Yong Joon Cho, Ceci Campbell, Allison Blackman, Courtney Johnston, Karen Landwehr, Elizabeth Klamut, Elizabeth Toledo, Neena Scaria, Cathy Hardman, Mary Franceschini, Robyn Nguyen, Christine Booziak, Misun Kim, Stephanie Bollini, Beverly Jurenko, Elena Golub, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Jennifer Condra

II. Principal's Report:

- We had a smooth school opening and have 821 students.
- Welcome our new Assistant Principal Jennifer Condra.
- Welcome many new staff members.
- Principal Coffee/Meet & Greet for new families in the Library after PTA meeting at 10:30 am.
- School has some new improvements (cabinetry).
- Louise Archer ES had to turn 2 rooms into classrooms; there is no classroom for art, but we have Art on a Cart, which has worked in the past.
- We are continuing our work with the county to increase space.
- Request to respect parking regulations.
- Announce Back to School Night.
- County adopted new Math Project on-line.
- More math papers are coming home.
- County has a new format for the Progress report.
- The Track project funded by PTA (walking path) is starting next week and will be done by the end of the week. Track has a lot of added benefits.

III. President's Report:

- We already had 2 big events: beautification of school grounds, ice cream social.
- PTA is starting 7 new programs; they are budgeted for the fall.
- Online registration for programs will start next week, likely on Wednesday; the delay of registration is due to the county process of assigning space.
- As voted by PTA last year, we continue support for a track project, which is a gift from the PTA.
- Last year we did really well with fundraising, so we give \$10K check to school.
- PTA eliminated some fundraising projects like Sally Foster.
- PTA biggest fundraising program this year is Sunshine 5K & Fun Run. We would like to encourage everybody to participate.
- PTA uses donations to support after school programs and events: we support PTA activities and try to keep our programs at break even.
- Last year the Bylaws were revised; they are posted online for review and comments for 30 days. The Bylaws will be on vote the next PTA meeting.
- Next PTA event: Wednesday, September 19th is 5% day at the Vienna Whole Foods Market. 5% of sales is donated to Louise Archer ES, school principal is in the Whole Foods Market from noon to 1 pm. No code is necessary at the checkout.
- Back to School Night – PTA will have info available and welcome desk; any program chairs can put up a poster for their program.
- All PTA program info is on the website, including info for program chairs; PTA is paperless.
- We have some open positions now; if you have a program idea, please, step up.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

- Thanked program chairs for submitting information.
- Presented budget.
- 2 fundraising events are cancelled, we ask for your donations.
- Budget situation is healthy – \$60K in the bank.
- New programs could be considered by the end of the year.
- Budget will be posted online today, and voted on at our next PTA meeting in October.

V. Program Announcements:

- Walk to School
 - Applied for \$1K grant;
 - Walking Day is Wednesday;
 - Walking sign blocks will be bought;
 - Kids will get small awards.
- International night
 - Will happen in April, 2013;
 - Poster will be presented at the Back to School Night;
 - The Program is looking for volunteers.
- LAS 5K is on Saturday, October 13th.
 - Registration has started and can be done on-line at <http://la5k.louisearcherpta.org/>.
- Foreign Language
 - Two new languages are added: French and Mandarin
- Lego Robotics
 - The program has been discontinued as a PTA activity. However, the PTA will invite parents interested in Lego Robotics to a meeting so that amongst themselves they can decide how they would like to proceed.
 - PTA is starting We Do Robotics program.
- Yearbook
 - Asking to send pictures to the Program Chair
- Garden Club
 - Meets every Friday morning at 10 am in front of school;
 - Every Thursday a reminder is sent to members;
 - Looking for volunteers to join.

VI. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.