



DATE: Tuesday, October 1, 2018

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Lowell Library

MEETING CHAIR: Dawn Barstad

MEETING SCRIBE: Pier Walken

MEETING TITLE: PTA Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS / ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Dawn Barstad, President	Sally Janis, Vice President	Shayna Raphael, Communications	Emma Ootkins-Candler Membership Chair	Colleen Scott, Fundraising		
Katie Loffer, Scrip	Jenny Trueman, Treasurer (absent)	Jenny Jacobs, Events	Pier Walken, Secretary			

1. Call to Order

President, Dawn Barstad, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. Welcome / Introductions / Handouts / Approvals

Everyone introduced themselves. Gemma from Prime Time visited.

3. Discussion

	<i>Discussion</i>
President’s Report, Dawn Barstad	Explanation of meetings and welcome.
Principal’s Report, Ms Rossman	Invitation to monthly coffee chats. October 25 at 2:30: meeting about how Lowell is meeting needs of highly capable students. Bathroom policy change discussed—pass system; only stalls used; 3 kids at a time (grades 1-5)
Treasurer’s report (Dawn for Jenny)	The PTA does much to provide activities, events supplies for classrooms. Budget available on school website. Dawn went over budget. Budget changes: adding Annual Giving Campaign—estimating \$3,000 profit. Request to put drama budget on hold. (\$3,700 instruction, \$1,500 supplies). Sally moves to add Annual Giving Campaign to budget and put drama budget on hold. Emma seconded. Motion approved.
Colleen Scott, Fundraising report ; Katie Loffer, Scrip	Annual Giving Campaign discussed. Catalog sale starts October 10. Need a chair for Box Tops—someone indicated interest. T-shirts on sale. The idea of raising popcorn price to \$.50 discussed. Idea approved. Scrip: Katie explained how the program works.
Events, Jenny Jacobs	Upcoming events: October 10—Walk to School Day; October 26—Carnival. Jenny explained how it works and volunteer needs. Thanksgiving baskets for families at Lowell. Jenny needs a co-chair. Giving Tree—gifts for Lowell kids at Christmas time.
Membership	92 members right now. People can sign up online. Membership is \$15--\$9 goes to state, \$6 to Lowell. A variety of discounts with membership.
Teacher’s Report	Kelly Pattison: Teachers wondering about reimbursement.

	<i>Discussion</i>
Standing Rules Change	5 general meetings per year suggested. Colleen moved to approve. Emma seconded. Motion approved.
Flexible Seating Grant	Sally explained what it entails. \$5,000 allotted per year. \$450 max per class. Requests submitted by Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Pattison, and Mrs. Launius. Requests discussed at Executive Board Meeting. Mrs. Pattison expressed appreciation for what PTA does for classroom teachers.

Parent Feedback and discussion

Running club: Johan explained how the club works. **Foreign language:** Meets Tues/Thurs mornings. Native teachers do instruction (provided by Chi-Chack). Serves kindergarten-5th grade.

A parent asked about finding a way to inform the Lowell population about the availability of Free and Reduced lunch. Mrs. Rossman explained how state funding works related to Free & Reduced lunch. Dawn suggested some ways to get the info out.

Dawn brought up the idea of Art Night including an art auction element. Michelle Farber suggested brainstorming a bit more, perhaps creating things to sell.

4. Adjournment / Attendance & Roster: Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM