



Lancaster Parent Teacher Organization

PTO Meeting NOTES June 16, 2021

- Meeting Called to Order: 6:31p
- Introductions and Attendance (See Attendance Sheet)
- April 2021 PTO Minutes reviewed and approved: Approved Unanimously
- Treasurer Report
 - Account Balance: \$80,131.65
 - Allocated Funds: \$6346.57
 - Remaining Balance: \$73,785.08
- Funding Requests:
 - 8th Grade Day of FUN (approval done thru e-mail)
 - PTO paid \$4000, Principal fund will pick up the remaining amount.
 - The 8th graders had a wonderful day
 - Virtual Reality System - \$18,000.00 requested
 - Devices, professional development to use the tool, and delivery
 - \$400 a year fee for educational programming per year
 - Laura likes idea of giving people different way to experience things.
 - They have different ways to experience the tools once we get it
 - Lead time 2 weeks on the headset, 4 weeks for who

 - Who in charge of it?
 - Bought in the PTO name and owned by them but the school should be in charge of it.
 - Decision not made yet on who 'owns' it
 - Could live in the computer room with Sandy Aidkmen

 - Outstanding questions:
 - Review the warranty and tech to make sure the school network can support it
 - What is the life cycle of devices?

Voted and approved 'up to \$18,000' in funds available if they decide to go forward



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➤ Funding Requests Continued:

- Health/PE Teacher Request
PE Equipment sorted and used by all the kids and left out in the elements. They would like to request money to replace some of the equipment from this year.
Jacki Reinert offered to help with the logistics
Requesting \$1,000.00 for the PE department – approved unanimously

➤ Closed Business

- Andrew Foster Scholarship - Given out at the award ceremony last week
- Sam Pawlak Scholarship – Given out at the award ceremony last week
- Nature’s Classroom event at MRE – went very well, kids enjoyed it
- Coffee Pond Contract – contract signed and returned to them
- Calendar Auction – Successful event
How can we find out who needs to pick up their auction gift?
Have winners claim by Monday or redraw a new winner.
Jess will share the list on FB as a list!

➤ Current Open Business

- Book Fair
In person book fair in the Fall?
Heidi will reach out to Mrs. Frommer and find out what is going on at the school.
Heidi will reserve the auditorium
Do the fundraiser around Halloween
- Additional Funds for the Book Room
We do not vote on scholastic dollars



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- Current Open Business Continued
 - MRE Husky Gear – New Spirit Wear Vendor (Both Schools)
 - Alexis from possible vendor, lives in Lancaster/Sterling and doesn't mind dropping off
 - She will work on setting up website
 - PTO figure out whether the money goes to the principal fund or the PTO
 - School photo purchase is what principal gets to use from their fund.
 - If spirit wear can be separated by school, put towards photo, and if not separate then go to general PTO account
 - Boon Supplies Fundraiser
 - Total Boon Sales = \$687.98
 - Total for MRE = \$275.19
 - Summer Theater
 - Have to cancel for this summer
 - PTO Board positions for 2021 – 2022 School Year
 - All positions open (When do board positions officially expire?)
 - President – Megan Bates and Amie Caraballo Voited in
 - Vide-President – Michelle Currier Voted in
 - Treasurer – Jessica King Voted in
 - Secretary – Marcie Not voted in
 - Discussion about PTO Dues (\$10)
 - Should we continue asking for funds to become a 'PTO member'?
 - Sam Pawlak Race (Fall Date TBD) (Virtual or in person - TBD)
 - Megan reach out to Mandy to have the race
 - 2021-2022 PTO Event Dates locked in (In person vs. Virtual events)
 - What will next year look like?



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➤ Cultural Enrichment

- Sheila would like to remain on but may need help with being at the event in person.
Heidi will help her out this coming year again
- SEPAC Wanted to address the PTO
How do we work with each other to help each other out?
Share events/info/education on each others FB page?
How can we leverage each others audience?
Let them come and present at a PTO meeting.
PTO team up with SEPAC to open it up for parents
Have educational 'for everyone' events –
Executive Functioning meeting, social emotional awareness.
Have 1 every other month?
PTO representative set up a meeting with Christine and Charlene about how PTO/SEPAC can work together.

We need to set up a meeting with SEPAC (Charlene Cabral and Christine Collins) to talk about how PTO and SEPAC can work together, support each other, understand each other and our unique and shared goals, promote inclusivity, and raise community awareness about SEPAC.

➤ Meeting Adjourned 8:05p