

The Lane School
PTO General Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
9:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

President's Update

- Our upcoming tax bill will have an increase of 3.5% for the school portion of property taxes. This is the maximum allowable percentage by law without taking a vote. Anything over this amount would have to go to referendum.
- There are several district wide resignations this year including: Mary Tickner, Troy Whalen and Pam Kizee.
- PPS programs. The PPS program continues to grow and has many upcoming parent education programs/presentations.
- D181 Foundation Grants. We would like to encourage teachers and students to apply for a grant through the D181 Foundation. The PTO will send out info in the ATL and Doug will meet with the teachers to encourage participation.
- Oak School has an EC pre-school that serves many families across the district. They have asked for our monetary support to help the Oak School PTO fund this program. They are looking for donations. Numbers to follow.

Principal's Update, Doug Eccarius

- Please send your kids to school in appropriate winter attire. If the temperature is in the single digits, then the students stay in the building/come directly into the building in the morning. Only students with hats, gloves, coats and boots can go outside. Snow pants are required to play in the snow.
- Teachers and staff have completed training for the new performance evaluation model. This new process will begin in the fall. Student growth is one aspect of the evaluation for principals next year and for teachers in the future.
- At the upcoming D181 BOE meeting there will be a presentation made by Dr. Moon which reviews results of the district wide gifted program evaluation.
- MRC – Stephanie Stieglitz has requested \$6,000 in funds from the PTO in order to update/add books to the MRC. She will be using a total of \$7,177.08. \$3,386 for Gum Drop non-fiction (240 books), \$1,536.76 for Baker and Taylor fiction titles (136 books), \$229.50 audio books (24) and \$1,047.82 for Follett playaways. \$6,000 is to come from the PTO and the remaining from Book Fair proceeds and the school MRC budget. This will be put to a vote at the February General PTO meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Stephanie Geier

- Financial reports were presented. The addition of an MRC line item in the budget was discussed. An amount of \$3,000-4,000 was suggested. This will allow Stephanie to purchase books on an ongoing basis.

Committee Reports

Adult Benefit: Donations are coming in. Live auction items are all set. We need more adult/kid parties. Raffle and silent auction items are going well.

Local Fundraisers: Standard Market 1/25-1/26

Misc

Blue Ribbon Signage was discussed. Do we want a sign? What are the costs and is this something that we can add to the adult benefit fundraising? Courtney agreed to do more research. We need to think about school signage on the whole.

Outdoor play equipment was brought up. Doug needs to think about a) what needs to be replaced and b) do we want to bring in an engineer to make recommendations.

The exec board approved a \$600 expense to purchase indoor board games.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12.

Respectfully submitted by,

Betsy Elman

The Lane School PTO Recording Secretary