

Monday, March 14, 2022 6:30 meeting (MINUTES)

Board Members in Attendance: Christy Szekely, Erin Kissinger, Jessica Biggs, Amanda Osborn, Caitlyn Demmond, Colleen Ruggiero, Katrina Miller, Kayleen Grand, Megan Start, Maggie Plotter, Nicole Reedy, Sam Loker, Sarah Blum, Sasha DeKam, Tiffany Irvine, Amanda Mollitor, Erika Shoemaker, Laura Bedore

Board Members Absent: Ken Slocum,

Teacher Representatives in Attendance: Alex McCullough, Summer Walker

Teacher Representatives Absent: Ashley Palmer-Vance, Lisa Trott

Parent Members in Attendance: Katie Rodewald

Call to order: Christy at 6:34 pm

Secretary's Report: Approval of January minutes. Motion to approve by Tiffany and second by Colleen.

Treasurer's Report: No variance. Deposit from Turbo Chicken dining out. 2 teacher reimbursements approved. Bus deposit for field trips and pizza party for TT. Motion to approve by Jess and second by Nicole.

School News by Alex: Conferences are this week and have PD day on Wednesday. MSTEP will be after spring break, probably the 2nd week of April. 4th and 5th grade are going to KSO this week. Currently, covid policies have not changed yet. When they do, they will be consistent across the district for elementary schools. 5th grade camp costs will be 100% covered by the district. LCE's assigned dates are later in the year, still working out details.

Old Business

Dining Out Updates – Turbo Chicken raised \$165. Seemed to go well. Looking to do Y'opa 3/24.

New Business

Conference Dinners – Turbo chicken Tuesday dinner and JG Subs Thursday lunch. All dietary needs will be met, Ken doesn't need help with food delivery.

Spring Spirit Wear Sale – Sale started on Friday and will go until April 5th at 8 am. Fliers went home last week/early this week. Orders will be online only. Slight increase in pricing due to blanks going up in price. We also increased the size of the logos for the adult pieces so they're proportional to the shirt.

Family Skate Night– Since we can start to do some in-person events off site, Caitlyn and Katie are trying to make a few skate nights happen! Looking at potential for Thursday before spring break if still available.

DEI conversation – Tabled until next meeting for potential in person discussion.

Update to Activities – Off-site, in person events are allowed again. Looking into girls night/boys night. We can promote it even if it is an off site event. Erin is checking into potential event spaces. Still waiting to hear from the district if we can do onsite outdoor activities.

Teacher Requests –

1. Bev Ropp - motion to approve up to \$4000 for Bass Bars by Amanda M., second Nicole, approved.

Good afternoon,

First of all I want to thank you for all of your special events and generosity to make Lake Center El such a special place of learning for our students.

For the past three years I have been focusing on my Masters in Music Education and pursuing certification in teaching with the "Orff method" and have finally achieved my goal. The curriculum in PPS is very "Orff based" and I wanted to make sure that I am using all of our resources correctly and with the best possible outcomes for our students. We are very fortunate at LCE to have many of the Orff instruments (xylophones and glockenspiels) and all of the students use them often in class.

We are in need of one more essential part of the Orff ensemble that really brings the sound all together. It is the Bass Bar set of instruments (7) that play the lowest note of the chord and give the foundation to the sound in any song. They are the "beat keeping king" of the Orff Ensemble. Many of the PPS elementary schools have the Bass Bars in their music rooms and Lake Center does not have any, yet. These Bass Bars would benefit all students in the school during their music classes each week.

I would like to request a set (7) of the Studio 49, Bass Bar Set. I have researched different brands and this is the best choice for quality and price.

The cost for the Studio 49 Bass Bars is: \$3471.30 set of 7 and \$414.35 for shipping. The total cost is: \$3885.65

The tax is waived for school purchase.

Attached is a short youtube video of the bass bars being used in a music class so that you can see how they look and sound. [VIDEO](#) here

-Katie may have some insight into how we could get the product discounted through a co-op she uses through her work, we will look into this.

2. Lisa Trott - motion to approve up to \$200 by Tiffany, second Colleen, approved

I am putting together center based learning materials for each month throughout the school year. These center activities are directly tied to our priority standards that we are focusing on in first grade. These centers work on both math and reading skills. They also focus on SEL. With them there are some spelling and word word activities that need these materials for the students to be successful. I am asking for these 3 items which will amount to about \$162.00.

1. Foam Magnetic Letters:

- \$5.99 per set, 6 sets needed

<https://www.teachercreated.com/products/magnetic-foam-small-lowercase-letters-20623>

2. Letter Container:

- \$8.99 per container, 3 containers needed

https://www.amazon.com/RLECS-Transparent-Organizer-Compartment-Container/dp/B0899VQHMS/ref=sr_1_2?crid=2Z5PH3MLHAXIH&keywords=bead+storage+containers+non+adjustable&qid=1647282758&srefix=bead+storage+containers+non%2Caps%2C127&sr=8-2

3. Personal Magnetic Whiteboards:

- \$32.99 for set of 10, 3 sets needed

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/magnetic-write-wipe-mini-board-set-of-10/s/LL869X>

-Christy will follow up with individual events coming up due to computer issues.

Upcoming Events

Scholastic Book Fair – We will still have one, but we are working on what it will look like.

Mileage Club (Wednesdays Apr-May) – google form to report again. Christy needs to follow up with Mrs. Kitchen about the start date this spring.

Admin. Asst Day -April 27: Amanda Osborn

Staff Appreciation Week-May 2-6: Christy Szekely, Caitlin Demmond, Laura Bedore

Anchor Run (May 15th): Amanda Molitor, Erika Shoemaker?

Executive Board Member Nominations DUE Tuesday, April 5th

Upcoming Dates

PTO meeting, Monday, May 13th - GENERAL BOARD ELECTION

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Comments, Questions, Concerns?

Meeting Adjourns 7:17pm Motion to approve:Christy, Second: Erin

Checks: All Checks MUST be made out to Portage Lake Center PTO, Inc.

Next Meeting- Monday April 11th, 6:30 pm, location TBD.