

September 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Doug Haughey at 5:33 P.M.

Welcome and Introduction of Officers

Doug Haughey, President; Tim Buchanan, Vice-President; Melissa Belz, Secretary; Mandi Amell, Treasurer; Open position, Special Events Coordinator, Dan Barone, Communications & Membership Coordinator; Brittney Kirkwood, Teacher Liaison.

Approval of Minutes

Principal's Report

- Thanked everyone for attending. Remarked at how well the students' first day of school went. LPE has the highest percentage of students returning as brick & mortar students. Currently LPE has 489 students enrolled, 366 are on campus and 123 are using virtual learning.
- Benchmark 2 of last year showed 5th grade was 1st in Language Arts and Math and 2nd in Science. Looking back to when they were Kindergarteners testing showed them placing 10th in district. LPE is proud of the students' learning and achievements. Additionally, 4th and 3rd showed in the top 5 and all grades were in the top 5 for all grades.
- Last spring LPE had the best attendance of all 30 elementary schools in the district. Thank you to Mrs. Young and her team for taking the lead to ensure students continued learning. Thank you to the parents, as well.
- There are 22 new, sizeable trees on campus. District had criteria for approval (wind safe, non-toxic ..) Chosen trees – Oak, Gumbo-Limbo, and Japanese Fern. The planting came timely with this year's theme Panthers Save the World.
- The 2 shade canopies have been attached to the playground equipment.
- Has a Volunteer Request. The 4x4 raised garden boxes are in need of repair from dry rot and landscape nicks. A carpentry type of repair. Please contact the office if you can help. 3rd grade is ready to start gardening.
- More information to come from the District. Later in September all breakfast and lunches will be free to all students to Collier County Schools.

President's Report

Doug made the following announcement(s):

- PTO provided teachers a delivered luncheon as a welcome back. Students were provided with a lanyard.
- Last Year – Walk A Thon – Had a great turn out, thanks to Parents and Students. Gifts from the Heart items are postponed so that they can be enjoyed and be done safely. Parents have the option of wait or refund.
- Panther Path Bricks were not offered due to closing of the campus. Fifth Grade Graduate families may still order one, please PTO. When 10 orders are placed then they can be etched and placed in the path.
- Two candidates were submitted for the open position of Special Events Coordinator, Janeth Ramirez and Allison Bringardner. A vote was taken, Allison Bringardner will fill the position.
- Yearbooks – Mr. Marker reported that Lifetouch has stated that they are behind and expect to have them ready this month.
- Fall Fundraiser – Believe Kids will be used again. They have given the school nice discounts, prizes and \$1,000 shopping spree for additional giveaways. *Looking at 2nd week of October*, orders should be fulfilled by Christmas. This will be double checked. Concerns/ Thoughts: Parents brought up the concern of checks and cash handling. The question was asked regarding the amount of online vs cash/check orders received in the past. Order fulfillment at school or at home delivery. Cost was associated for home deliveries. There was always a considerable amount of cash received.



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- Upcoming Events & Programs
 - Fall Fundraiser –*Looking at 2nd week of October*
 - Ongoing: Smile.Amazon.com (Select Charity: Lake Park Parent Teacher Organization Inc.)

Treasurer's Report

Doug made the following announcement(s):

- Last year we had earmarked funds for headphones for the classrooms, this has been tabled.
- School Store has some spirit wear. Mandi has coordinated some sales to new parents on Face Book. A spirit wear formal order form will be provided school wide.
- \$18.56 was donated through Amazon.Smile.com. Flyer/Social Media Announcement will to be sent out regarding how to sign up Smile.Amazon.com to benefit LPE PTO.

Communications & Membership Coordinator

Dan made the following announcement(s):

- A committee for each individual fundraiser throughout the year is formed to help organization. Please feel free to continue to sign up to help with an upcoming project.
- If you did not get a direct email from LPEPTOMembership@gmail.com , please email to be added to the list.

Open Discussion

- When will PTO meetings be held? In the past PTO meetings were held in Café at 9am every 1st Tuesday. With current conditions evening zoom will be utilized. District likes elementary schools to have Tuesday events. Next meeting will be determined and announced.
- What is the best way to stay connected to the school? A call to administration is always welcome and emails are great for the teachers during the day. A weekly school news blast will be emailed on Wednesdays and/or in the Wednesday folder.



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