

LME PTC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES- October 18, 2016

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Meeting called to order by Marie at 6:06pm with 18 people in attendance. Quorum was met. Meeting minutes from August 2016 were approved. Introductions were made.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. Fedele presented a slide show on PBIS that is being implemented here at LME. She explained the PBIS program. It is research based. SACS middle schools have been using this program for 3 years. Posters are up in the school. The program provides consistent practice/verbiage wherever the students are i.e., the bus, classroom, cafeteria, playground etc. PBIS stresses being respectful, responsible and safe. It promotes a positive environment, is safe and conducive to learning. Phase 1 was implemented last year which was mostly planning. LME is currently in phase 2 which is "rolling out" the program. There are multiple tiers involved. Tier 1 addresses/covers most kids; tier 2 addresses children with a more specialized approach; tier 3 is for children who need extra support. So far this school year, they have had 75% less recess and bus referrals since this time last year. They have had 50% less classroom referrals since this time last year. Students earn tickets that they can place into a drawing for prizes. Also, teachers can reward extra recess etc. The school has already had a school wide dance party. There is a wish list of items available for parents to purchase for prizes. The committee discussed ways to motivate 4th and 5th graders with this program since motivation for this age group is low. The idea of a school store was discussed where students can use their tickets to purchase items such as candy, school supplies, front of the lunch line passes etc. An idea for allowing older students to award 5 tickets to other students was also discussed.

Building updates: Mrs. Fedele reported that we are moving on with phase 1 with the new sound system. It will be installed by Christmas 2016. Phase 2 will be expensive. Please see previous PTC meeting for details. Mrs. Fedele reported that once technology needs in the building are met this school year, then they can look into possibly using funds from the fundraiser toward phase 2. She is asking for more lockers in the 3rd grade hallway to be installed by Christmas as well as more cabinets for storage since our population continues to grow.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Muffins with Moms and the book sale will be the second week of November. Sign Up Genius emails will be sent out for help with both events. The book fair theme will be "We Vote to Read" since it is occurring election week. Marie will specify classroom times on the Sign Up Genius so that parents can choose to volunteer during their child's class time.

Rebecca provided an update on the memorial for Mrs. Barber. The LME staff purchased and hung a plaque on the stage and dedicated the stage to her. Donations have been accepted from parents to purchase musical instruments for the playgrounds, however, not near enough money has been collected. A total of \$194.00 has been donated so far. Other

ideas suggested would be to buy a tree to plant in her honor or to purchase a nice wind chime. The committee as a whole agreed that a wind chime would be best. The cost of a wind chime will be researched and this will be discussed at our next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fall Fundraiser: Teri reported on the success of the fall fundraiser. LME received \$18,695.70 out of the total proceeds which will go into the student activity fund. Mrs. Fedele reported that this money will be used to continue to update smart boards throughout the building. These are all approximately 10 years old. She anticipates that approximately 3 a year will need to be updated. She will use any remaining money from the fundraiser proceeds for additional technology needs in the classrooms. If there is any money remaining, she will apply that toward phase 2 of the sound system. The fundraiser had just fewer than 45% participation rate of the students. Overall, our fundraiser proceeds were down this year. Discussed considering easy fundraisers throughout the year e.g., Papa John's nights. Teri suggested creating a survey through Facebook for parent input as to other easy fundraiser ideas. Discussed where we could have straight donations instead of participating in the fundraiser. Some parents may prefer this. Maybe have a "drive" in the middle of the school year for straight donations to help alleviate stress of all things asked at the beginning of the school year.

Fall Carnival: Sarah reported on the carnival. Overall proceeds were \$4600.62. This allows us to give teachers an additional \$50.00 this school year for a total of \$150.00 per teacher this school year. PTC is looking for a chair/committee for next year's school carnival. Christie Salcedo and Logan Bianski volunteered to be on the committee.

Holiday Shop: Shawnette is looking for more parent volunteers to build/craft items for the holiday shop. So far, she has recruited 6 parents who are already working on items at home. She will send out an email to ask for more donations to the holiday shop specifying that we are 501c3 and donations can be tax deductible. The committee discussed maybe letting students save 10 tickets earned from PBIS to use to purchase at holiday shop. Amber Coleman offered to help create a spreadsheet for Shawnette for all of her receipts for holiday shop.

Box Tops: Angie reported that at least \$1200.00 was raised from the first contest. All box tops collected will be sent in to corporate by the end of this month. Miss English; Mrs. Flora; Mrs. Gerig (in order) were the winners. All these classes were awarded a donut party last week. Our second contest will resume late winter.

Nature Center: Mrs. Fedele reported that we are ready to move forward with the purchase of the trees that she presented at the last meeting. She reported that we need another committee meeting to keep moving forward with the planning. Sarah will get another quote to see if the trees are the same. ***Rebecca made a motion that we accept the lowest bid for the quotes for the trees and move forward so we do not have to wait for***

the next meeting to approve this. Marcie seconded the motion. A vote took place and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

A co-chair is needed for the Flower and Plant Show beginning in 2017. Logan Bianski volunteered to take this on.

Kroger rewards were passed out to the committee.

A suggestion was made to have a general suggestion box for parents set up in the office. Concerns were raised regarding carpool lines being too long and parents not following procedures.

ADJOURNED:

Marie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

NEXT PTC GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 9th, 2016 AT 9:15AM IN THE SCIENCE ROOM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcie M., Co-Secretary