



Lake Street School PTO Meeting



Tuesday, October 11, 2011

7:00pm

Lake Street School Media Center/Library

Agenda Items

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions

- ❖ Passing of the September 2011 Meeting Minutes
 - Note: September meeting minutes are on the back of the agenda*

- ❖ Principals Report

- ❖ Treasurers Report

- ❖ Committee Updates and Upcoming Events
 - ❖ Family Fun Night
 - ❖ Butterbraids and Citrus Fundraiser

- ❖ Other Business
 - ❖ Superintendent Meeting Update
 - ❖ Candy for Troops
 - ❖ Restaurant Fundraiser (99 Restaurant)

**Please Note: Childcare will be available in the Teacher's Lounge beginning at 6pm.
*We look forward to seeing you there!***

Please contact us if you have additions or updates to the agenda:
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September 2011 PTO Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. 16 people were in attendance who were welcomed to a new school year and introduced themselves, as well as provided the ages or grades of their children at LSS.

James Lamoureux is a Life Scout who is working on becoming an Eagle Scout; he gave a presentation on what he would like to do to clean up around and replace the Lake Street School sign in the front of the property. He presented what the new sign would look like, in addition improvements to the grounds that he would like to make. James is seeking donations to fund the project and will provide us with a handout for all student folders to go home to parents.

1. June Minutes: The June minutes from last school year were passed unanimously.
2. Principal's Report: Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Merrow provided the report on new staff at LSS including our secretary and teachers for Kindergarten, Art, Special Education, Speech and Language Pathology and Hearing Impaired. A special thank you was expressed for the fabulous Teachers' Welcome Back luncheon that the PTO put on for all of the staff. The "Meet and Greet" that was supposed to happen the day before school started (to come meet teachers and see classrooms) had been cancelled by Superintendent Dr. Conway and she is looking for suggestions for next year.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) was coined as the "catch 'em being good!" program. This program encourages everyone to Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Cooperative and Be Safe. Students earn "Lion Loot" (in place of last year's pride points) for following these expectations which they can save and spend on items or privileges and special items to be offered in the school store.

The teachers have completed a quick screening to identify those students who need extra help and are now putting their plans together with a target date of Sept. 19th to begin. This is done 3 times per year to determine any risks. A child's reading fluency, accuracy and comprehension, as well as math computations are reviewed and the goal is to see improvement. Parents can discuss issues and/or concerns with his/her teacher about where their children are on the chart.

Teachers report: Lots of focus this year on building community and school spirit. There will be hat, team and slipper days, interesting parent activities, math nights for parents and classroom buddies and a handout of all of the special events will be shared with the PTO. It was shared that the younger grades are currently having morning meetings which includes sharing time, greetings and going over the calendar.

3. Committee Updates and Upcoming Events: The Welcome Back Ice Cream Social and Bolles Fundraiser Event is planned for this Thursday [9/15]. In lieu of Open House, a Parents Informational Night is being held on Sept. 22nd at 6:30 in the gym first for a presentation including PBIS from Mr. Testa, then on to 2 like sessions to visit with students' teachers. An update was provided on what the grounds committee has done and the plans for the upcoming clean up days [9/17 and 9/18]. Discount cards are available for purchase for \$5 and provide discounts at many local shops in town. The Hospitality committee is still in need of help, as well as Programs and Assemblies, which would involve coordinating with the teachers to get the money that they need to provide 2 per class per year.

4. Treasurer's Report: A copy of the past budget was provided. The amount for Spring and Fall family fun nights was increased and "Paws to Read" was eliminated due to low participation.

5. Other Business: Room parent orientation was provided prior to the PTO meeting. There is a before-school program now being offered at LSS called Rise and Shine Kids and notices went home to parents providing details and the monthly cost. We are sharing the \$2500 cost of going in on a shed from Kloter Farms with the Boy Scouts to provide the PTO with much needed storage space.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.