



**Long Creek Elementary School
PTO Business Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2017
6:00pm**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Discussion Items

PRINCIPAL UPDATES

- **The first week of school has been great. The students are doing a fabulous job. Teachers are raving about how wonderful their classrooms are.**
- **Implemented a new character education piece called Stride which ties in with how students should conduct themselves in different areas of the building; e.g. restroom, hallway, classroom, cafeteria, gym, during an assembly, etc.**
- **Long Creek collected items for the victims of the Houston flooding. Men of Long Creek and Ms. Alexander delivered items to J.M. Alexander Middle School where CMS volunteers sorted and packed.**
- **Ms. Alexander has submitted a few questions to grade level teachers pertaining to Room Parents to see what they need from a Room Parent. Teacher responses submitted to the PTO to aid in reorganizing the program.**
- **Back to School/Curriculum Night will be on September 19th in three rotations starting at 6:00pm. PTO presence is requested.**

RESPECT ABILITY FOUNDATION (RAF) INTRODUCTION TO PARENTS

- **Anti bullying program that is taught through the use of drama, music, puppetry, and role play.**
- **Teaches kids to be an upstander rather than a bystander.**
- **Getting kids to understand what bullying is.**
- **The program has four categories (expressing yourself, caring community, celebrating diversity, and conflict resolution).**

- **Kick-off is next week. RAF will be present in the school once a week on Tuesdays and present at functions like the Fun Run and Book Fair.**
- **Teachers have been trained in the program and may have started using lessons from the curriculum.**
- **There will be a parent session in February to educate parents on bullying.**

PRESIDENT UPDATES

- **Emily took a vote from attendees on editing the Bylaw that would create a new section under Standing Rules to partner with Men of Long Creek as an ancillary group in which the PTO would support. All were in favor, it passed and will be added to the Bylaws.**
- **Box Tops are being collected through September 8th. The top 2 classrooms that send in the most box tops will win a prize. The winning classrooms will be announced next week. Emily is in charge of Retail Incentives until the chairperson position is filled.**

VP OF FINANCE UPDATES

- **Sonia forwarded her updates to Emily to present in her absence. \$90.00 of old spirit wear inventory got sold. E-storefront and the uniform sale have been successful. The ending balance as of September 7th is \$9,095.00. See Financials document for detailed information.**

VP OF OPERATIONS AND ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR UPDATES

- **Gena informed the group that she met with Lindsay Tatum and Sherry Walker a few days ago and they discussed revising room parent responsibilities. Lindsay will be the coordinator of K- 2 and Sherry will be the coordinator of 3 – 5.**
- **The uniform closet has been organized by size. There is still a lot of uniform clothing available. Some have been donated to families in need.**
- **Consignment Sale – Questions from Gena: Was it worth our time? Are we doing it again? If so, who is storing it? These questions tabled until a later date.**

VP OF ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

- **Boohoo Breakfast went well with about 20 parents.**
- **The kick-off to the Fun Run was on September 5th and the event was Live on Facebook. Mr. Kirk was the MC and he wore his cowboy hat and boots. He was awesome getting the students hyped. Shae has coordinated the Fun Run times with Mr. Kerns – Pre K – 1st is 8:30 – 9:00, 2nd - 3rd is 9:15 – 9:45, and 4th - 5th is 10:00 – 10:30. Pre K will have a short activity time during K – 1st.**
- **A donation to the Fun Run has been received. Because of the recent devastation due to Hurricane Harvey and the relief efforts, we need to rethink how we market the Fun Run. Open for ideas/suggestions. Niki Watson has offered to donate bottled water to the Fun Run.**
- **Chick-fil-A Spirit Night will be soon. Yolanda and Shae met with the marketing coordinator of the Norklake Chick-fil-A to discuss Spirit Night options. A few options are to sell biscuits to parents in the car rider line, sell calendars, or sell meal tickets. A parent suggested that parents park and come inside of the school to purchase biscuits for themselves and their child. Ms. Alexander's response was that Chick-fil-A would be a competition with the free breakfast that the district provides to all students. Fundraising committee will continue to explore options.**

EC LIAISON UPDATES

- **Autism Speaks Walk being held on October 28th. Linda Arrieta wants to know how to promote as a community event as it will occur during fundraising for the Fun Run. Anyone with ideas/suggestions should contact her. Flyers have been printed for the event as well as donation requests forms. A team has been created for Long Creek. The Autism Speaks Walk will be advertised through the PTO Facebook and website.**
- **Guest speakers to come out to PTO meetings. Currently working to get an ABA Therapist to attend November's PTO meeting. Would like Long Creek to be the school for What is EC? CMS has created EC Advisory Committee Board.**

MISCELLANEOUS

- **SLT will meet on September 12th at 5:00pm in the Media Center**
- **Picture Day is September 15th**

- **Teacher Workday on September 21st and 22nd**
- **Fun Run on October 13th**
- **Early Release Day on October 18th – Trail Mix Bar for staff. Teacher Appreciation team will ask parents to donate trail mix items the weeks leading up to the 18th.**
- **Next meeting is scheduled for October 5th.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm