Long Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 4, 2016

Attendees: Felisa Simpson (Principal), Emily Riera (President), Tricia Evans (VP), Yolanda Gilliam (VP), Sherry Walker, Lindsay Tatum, Bianca King, Melody McClanahan, Shelly Black, Niki Watson, Dorothy Figueroa

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Introduction - All attendees stated name, children that attended/will be attending LCE for the 2016/17 school year. Emily welcomed back previous members and new parents.

Principal Updates:

- Simpson informed all of upcoming Student Assignment Review sessions planned for Monday August 8th and Wednesday August 10th of 2016 for Board District 1. New parent asked to explain what Student Assignment was? Simpson's response to parent question in regards to Student Assignment, "Looking for equality and making sure that students are proportionally spread out across the board to create a diverse learning environment. For example Busing, a way to make sure that education is equal and fair for all children."
- Campus Beautification will be Saturday August 20th from 8am-12noon. Encourage all to come out and participate in making LCE beautiful for the upcoming year.
- New student planners this year! New Planner was passed around for all to view.
- > PTO is to come up with a Theme for 2016/17 school year for Back to school letters.
- > Looking for Lunch provider for Teacher Luncheon on August 18th.
- Simpson also welcomed all parents back and expressed sincere appreciation for Parents of PTO.

Upcoming Events:

- Open House plans K through 5th grade: Staggered entry Kindergarten August 29, 30, 31, September 1 and September 2nd off, they will begin Tuesday September 6th.
- Open House for 1st-5th grade 5:30-7:30pm. PTO, SLT, and Spirit Table will be setup at Open House.
- Boo-Hoo Breakfast w/ Leap Pads is Tuesday, September 6th from 8-8:40am in the Media center.
- Back to School Picnic &Literacy Night Name changed to simply Literacy Night. Parents will go to the classroom while students enjoy dinner and a movie. Parent asked what Literacy Night was. Simpson Responded, "It's to promote Literacy and it's an Informational Session for the parents."
- Fall Book Fair- Theme: "Ahoy Bookaneers" Preview for Teachers on August 21st and Preview for students August 22-24th Book Fair starts on August 26th through the 30th.

Touch A Truck – To replace Long Creeks annual Back to School Carnival. Event in which you have Fire trucks, Police Car, Race Cars, Garbage Truck etc for students. Goal is to get area businesses to donate time and service. They will be allowed to buy Booths for a set fee to help as a fundraiser for the school. They will also provide a treat for all students. Tentative date of event is November 5th from 1-4pm.

Financial Updates:

Niki Watson prior year Treasurer reported that LCE will start off the 2016/17 school year with \$11,000+ which is about \$1,000 more than last year. PTO is still in need of a Treasurer.

Retail Incentive Update: Box tops are due and may be brought to Open House. October 26th the second round of Box Tops will be collected by Tricia Evans. A Parent Volunteered to assist in Box Top Collection.

Open Discussion:

PTO Board & Committee positions are OPEN! Volunteers always needed!

Next PTO meeting is scheduled for September 8th Meeting adjourned