



Lakes Elementary PTO Meeting

Thursday, 03.22.18, 7pm

2017-2018 PTO Board Members:

Tonda Kaminski – President

Danielle Maki – Vice President - Community and Fundraising
OPEN POSITION being filled today! – Vice President - Building and Student Life

Amber Kaleward - Treasurer
OPEN POSITION being filled today! - Secretary
LakesPTO@gmail.com

President's Report:

Tonda called the meeting to order at 7pm, and asked our new candidates for VP and Secretary to introduce themselves. Jessica (VP candidate) and MacKenzie (Secretary candidate) are both Kindergarten moms excited to get more involved in the PTO.

The PTO is planning to give \$200 in condolence gifts to Onalee and her son who attends Lakes after a tragic accident took the life of the son's father, her love. Onalee is a big part of the success of our Move 'n Groove, and other PTO projects and it is important that we support her during this difficult time. Any questions, please contact us.

We have now voted, and the new Board Members were unanimously approved! It is our pleasure to welcome to the Board:

- Jessica Steele - Vice President - Building and Student Life
- MacKenzie Gomez - Secretary

Principal's Report:

Thank you for all of the support for Onalee. Lakes is also coming together to support the family.

Kindergarten Parent Orientation was a great success, with more parents showing up than were expected, at least 100 chairs were filled. We will have three or four Kindergarten classes next school year, depending on the final numbers that will be determined after the April 18th Kindergarten Screening. All screening days for the entire district fall within the same two week timeframe.

Charity donations for the March is Reading Month Bracket have been a great success so far. Laurie Keller, a visiting author came to visit us. Paws for a Cause was for 1-4th grades.

Kids have been reading in the “doghouse.” There are book celebrations for kids who meet their reading goal and there have been book give-a-ways during lunch time.

For Cultural Arts, 3rd grade had a presentation to supplement their trip to Lansing. It was a success. 5th grade had a presentation by the Kent ISD, which was enjoyed by the students, but was on a different topic than what was decided upon due to some disorganization on their part.

Many field trips are coming up as we get into spring.

Recently, our 5th graders visited the middle school, and their parents also had a meeting there on the same day.

Vice President's Report (Danielle):

The Vice President of Community and Fundraising position will be open in the fall. Danielle will plan to be involved in a chair position next year, but if anyone is interested, or has a friend they would enjoy working with please have them contact us about this VP position. We would like to get them on board for training purposes soon.

We also need more help with Move ‘n Groove for next year. Bethany has just volunteered to be one of those people. Thank you!

Box Tops: Just over \$300 was earned. Mrs. Johnson's 3rd grade class won the race, and will receive the Ice Cream Party!

Family Night Out: Take a night off from cooking and support our school at The Score! Come on out on Tuesday, April 24th from 5-9pm, and a portion of each dinner bill will go back to Lakes!

Vice President's Report:

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report:

Budget News

Teacher Grant proposals are due on Wednesday, March 28th. They will be voted on at the next PTO Meeting in April.

Next year's budget will be put together during May to discuss during the last PTO meeting of the school year.

Other Business

Jennifer (Cultural Arts):

After this year, Jennifer will not be able to continue being the Chair of Cultural Arts, and needs a replacement. She asks if perhaps one of the Kindergarten parents present might know someone who would like to take over this program?

The ideal candidate would have a flexible schedule. It was difficult for a teacher to cover these events as they happen during school hours, and teachers are responsible for their classes during that time.

She hopes that someone will come forward soon for training purposes. She has a binder of tips and information to pass on to the next person, so the new Chair will be confident from the beginning. Tips like networking with other schools to get the same presentation and therefore getting a discount, what has worked in the past, etc. Please contact us if you would be interested in this position.

Nick Reichenbach (Rockford School Board Representative):

Nick is asking for our support in calling the office of your state representative, who for most in Rockford is Chris Afendoulis, or your state senator Pete McGregor to show support for the governor's budget. The Governor's Budget Proposal would be good for Rockford Schools, but funding could be diverted elsewhere if not enough support is received. Phone calls do more good than other ways of getting involved. Please get in contact with their offices and tell them that you support the Governor's Budget and would like it to be implemented as-is. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm