

# Lawton Elementary

## PTA Board Meeting

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*Meeting Minutes*  
*February 2, 2017*

Attendees: Amanda Armes, Pricilla Wenneman, Kelsey Fatland, Kamila Kilayko, Mikelle Nuwer, Dorian Manza, Gina Craig, Valerie Cooper, Marilene Bysshe, Deanne Allegro, Jenni Currit, Terry Richardson

### 1. Thanking Volunteers

- a. Mikelle passed out list of teachers and volunteers. Each board member will help write thank you notes to all the volunteers.
- b. Once done, board members will put the notes in the teacher's boxes in the office.

### 2. Spring Auction Update (Terry)

- a. Auction will be on 5/5/17 at the Ballard Bay Club
- b. Ticket prices will be \$65 per person until 4/15/17 then they will increase to \$70. The event cost \$89 per person (due to increase in cost of room rental and auctioneer price). There will also be a "sponsor a teacher or Lawton family" option. Susan will be point of contact for advising which families would be eligible.
- c. The committee is still working on confirming the theme
- d. Centerpieces have been confirmed
- e. Sponsors are going well. 4 at exclusive level, 1 anonymous at silver level, 2 new sponsors and 3 returning.
- f. There hasn't been any final decision on volunteers.
- g. The committee is considering asking for bottle service at the tables
- h. Committee would like to discuss options for a reserved parking space for the auction winner. Can the space be moved? Dorian will talk to teachers.
- i. Committee is still discussing if they will auction off reserved seating for events at the school.
- j. Kelsey talked to teachers about sign-up parties
- k. Auction committee will pre-sell photos to be picked up at event.
- l. Committee is working on expediting check in and will vault cards. There will be no checks accepted. The committee is aware that some families don't want to pay the 3% fee on their total at check out. They will discuss options.

3. BLT Ask (Dorian)

- a. BLT was wondering if we can use Raise the Paddle to fund the .5 discretionary position (Guidance Counselor) for the 2017-2018 school year.
- b. The benefit of a counselor is that the counselor can handle problems instead of the teacher. They follow RULER guidelines and training.
- c. If we use funds from RTP to pay for a counselor then that money can't be use for any thing else.
- d. Due to the SPS budget shortfall, Lawton is at risk of losing a .5 discretionary position (currently our counselor) and a .5 Assistant Principal position. There is a possibility of losing one teacher with the lowest seniority.
- e. Next year, the Guidance counselor salary will be \$52,000/year
- f. PTA suggest that we use the RTP to fund the budget gap ("Fund the future?") and then we could potentially use those funds to pay for a Guidance Counselor
- g. Dorian will discuss these options with the BLT
- h. On March 13, 2017, there will be a community event to discuss the new boundary assignments for Magnolia Elementary

4. Request from IslandWood Committee (Terry)

- a. Committee Fundraisers
  - i. Charleston Wrap: raised \$304.00 to date
  - ii. Mabel's Labels
  - iii. Magic show with Evan the Magician on March 23, 2017 at 6:30. Cost of tickets will be \$10/adult and \$5/kid.
  - iv. There will be a passive fundraiser at Thackeray café and bar. Families and friends of Lawton is invited to eat there and Thackeray will donate a part of the bill to Lawton. This is an all day event.
- b. Committee is asking that the funds raised by Fourth graders during the Move-A-Thon go to the IslandWood general fund.
- c. IslandWood cost approximately \$10,000 in expenses, \$315/student and scholarships totaling \$1850.
- d. Kamila motions to approve Move-A-Thon funds raised by Fourth Graders to be put in the IslandWood general fund. Motion is seconded, all in favor and none opposed.

5. Nominating Committee Update (Deanne/Bryn)

- a. There have been several people interested. Deanne will keep the board updated via email
- b. By March 6, 2017 there will be a slate ready to be approved at the next General Membership meeting on April 6, 2017.
- c. Kristen Noel is the new staff liaison.
- d. Jen Wenrick can no longer chair the Yearbook committee. PTA is going to look into options. Can children help with taking pictures? Deanne will meet with Jen to discuss options and Kamila will research how many yearbooks have been sold during DBD.

6. ASP Spring Registration Update (Amanda)

- a. Registration numbers
  - i. 241 registrations
  - ii. 44 classes offered
  - iii. 27 classes available after lottery.
  - iv. 20 scholarship asks (PTA has \$3000 available for 2016-2017 school year)
- b. Scholarships are given top priority to students who need it the most (e.g. kids on free/reduced lunch). The scholarship covers one class. Students remain anonymous.
- c. Cheryl Parks will take over as ASP lead for the 2017-2018 school year. Tiana Mayachar will assist her. Ideally, there will be less than 44 classes offered next school year and they will be looking into other options for registration. PTA will consider sponsoring the program so the room fees will be free. ASP would not use PTA insurance and payment will go directly to teachers.

7. Budget Update (Kamila)

- a. We have received more matching funds from Boeing
- b. Lawton may meet our Direct Drive goal of \$115,000!
- c. We have received more PTA teacher sponsorships
- d. Pricilla will become the committee chair for the Sandwiches for Hope program and will sign all reimbursement forms.
- e. The funds for the safety equipment (for lockdowns) are available in the general priority fund and just need to be ordered.
- f. The playground committee just submitted their last reimbursement form and the playground is done!

8. Other Items

- a. Valerie will forward a list of Republican Senators to call regarding House Bill 1059 that delays the implementation of revision to the school levy lid.
- b. Valerie will post advocacy information to Facebook and the newsletter
- c. All information will be kept informative and not political