

November PTO Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2011

Attendance:

Kelly Freedman	Debbie Watson	Deena Martin
Torii Turman	Dawn Holt	Gema Hall
Adrienne Nester	Kuay Sullivan	Diane Hiller
McKenna Marx	Mary Creason	
Sandra Wagner	Diane Lowrance	
Lisa Lasky	Brianna Hinojosa-Flores	
Lisa Hollen	Christi Greene	

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Torii Turman.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to approve minutes from September was made by Deena Martin. Christi Greene seconds. Motion approved.

Guest Speaker – Carmen Vlahos, Coppell Education Foundation:

- Guest speaker, Carmen Vlahos was present to give a presentation on the Coppell Education Foundation (CEF). The CEF was formed 10 years ago in response to Robin Hood. Most larger districts have a CEF.
- The CEF raises funds without having to give back to the state. Money is given based on innovative teaching grants.
- Red and Black Attack is the primary fundraiser by the CEF. In the past they have relied primarily on the community with family donations. This year they are also going to focus on businesses. Red and Black Attack ends December 31.
- You can make a donation by going online to the website – www.coppellisdef.com You can also support the CEF by going online and voting where to spend the monies, eating at Anamia's on Monday's (part of proceeds to to CEF), and attending the Fun Run on May 5.

Announcements/Thank You's:

- Thank you to Brianna for organizing Red Ribbon Week (and kudos to all those who helped).
- Thanks to Paula and Lisa for the Texas Living History program! Kids loved it!
- Finally, thanks to fundraising and hospitality for their continued hard work and to Pauline Gray for wrapping up yearbook sales.

Principal's Report: Gema Hall

- THANK PTO for the matching funds! They should have the ipad carts and webcams very soon! Lakeside was the first to turn in matching funds request to the district ☺
- Book Fair will be next week.
- School wide field trip will be on December 14. The Lakeside Drama Club might be performing for the school upon arrival back from field trip.
- November 16 is the 60th Day of School!
- Warren, Stone, May and Timmerman will be attending the TAGAT conference.
- Class parties will be on Thursday, December 15.
- Our Veteran's Day celebration will spotlight the Lakeside Choir this year since the CMSN band will not be able to attend.
- Lakeside is now the 2nd highest in the district for enrollment!

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Watson

- Silent auction expenses didn't get changed when she changed we separated the carnival and silent auction so we might want to look at that.
- She is also looking at the fundraising restaurant nights and keeping track of how much money these are making for Lakeside.
- Motion made by Kelly Freedman to approve treasurer's report. Christi Greene seconds. Motion approved.

Presidents Report: Torii Turman

- September minutes were amended so we need to approve them. Kuay Sullivan made a motion to approve September minutes. Diane Lowrance seconds. Motion approved.
- Reminder that the coat/blanket drive by the Student Council will end the end of this month.
- Yea Lakeside! We will have 6 people attending the ILead meeting!
- At the President's meeting this month, the other schools were very complimentary of Lakeside! We made the 2nd highest amount for WAC (Town Center was the highest).
- The CISD Education Symposium went well.
- Clarice Tinsley from Fox news might come to do some recording during the Turkey Drive this year.
- There was a discussion about using EPI district wide for school supplies at the President's meeting. Thought it might be a good idea for all schools to have an "info exchange" session to share vendors, etc.
- Lakeside is the only school not selling ads in the school directory. We might want to look into this. Gema added that Town Center used to do this with "package deals" for advertisers.
- Dr. Turner was named Superintendent of the Year!
- CISD will be updating the website. You can send suggestions to Tony T. the technical guy.
- Teacher of the year will be announced the week after Thanksgiving.
- CISD night at the ballpark will be May 14.

- CISD joined the lawsuit against the state regarding funds to educate by cutting funding. The lawsuit is also arguing the accountability system in place and looking into different ways to asses.

Committee Updates:

Carnival –

- Carnival date is Saturday, Feb.4 3-8!
- November 28 will be the first wave of announcements/ticket orders to go out.
- No new t-shirts this year.
- Silent Auction will be in April but Teacher Outings will still be apart of the Carnival.

Yearbook -

- Deadline to order yearbooks will be tomorrow, November 11

Health and Safety—

- Brianna and Mary are trying to come up with alternatives other than a pizza/ice cream party for class “winning” parties.
- They have also been in contact with the district chef. Reminder that this month is pumpkin month, last month was apple!
- Anti-bullying week is November 14-18. CMSN will host meeting.
- Gema announced that there is a program set with Mrs. Grafa for March 7.
- SHAC would like 3 representatives from each campus to attend meetings. They meet every other month.

New Business:

Torii started discussion on school newsletter. Do we need one? She does the monthly e-blast and we try and keep up to date on the website. Gema said that she would add into her next letter out to parents that they should check website frequently and like Lakeside PTO on facebook.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Christi Greene. Dawn Holt seconds. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Key November/December Dates:

Last day to buy yearbooks – Tomorrow, November 11 **ONLINE ONLY**

Veteran’s Day Ceremony – November 11, 8:00 a.m.

Book Fair – November 14-18

60’s Day – November 16

Turkey Drive – November 18

Thanksgiving Break – November 21-25

Carnival Ticket Orders sent home – November 28

2nd Grade Program – December 8

School-wide Field Trip – December 14

Early Dismissal – December 16, 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming PTO meeting dates for 2011-2012:

12/13 @ 7p.m., 01/12 @ 8a.m., Feb date tbd, 03/08 @ 8a.m., 04/10 @ 7p.m., 05/10 @8a.m.