

# September PTO Board Meeting Minutes

## September 8, 2011

### **Attendance:**

Torii Turman	Lisa Lasky
Kelly Freedman	Adrienne Nester
Diane Lowrance	Melissa Hoeltdke
Melissa Stephen	Lori Cox
Christi Greene	Kuay Sullivan
Rainie Finken	Annette Santos
Lisa Gilbert	Debbie Watson
Deena Martin	Corrine Vick
Brianna Flores	Lisa Hollen

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Torii Turman.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Christi Greene made a motion to approve minutes from August meeting, Deena Martin seconds. Motion approved.

### **Announcements:**

- Guest speaker, Sid Grant, attended the meeting to talk to us about enrollment challenges for CISD.
  - CISD had a growth of 434 students this year (3.4% at elementary level, 68% open rollment, 5% at middle school level and 4.9% at high school).
  - Lakeside actual enrollment for the 2011 school year is 563 students and our projected enrollment was 524.
  - Demographer, Dr. Dennis Harner, was hired by the district in 2008 before the major redistricting. His projected enrollment for the 2011 school year was 9465 and we are actually at 10,600!
  - Some possible explanations for the rise in enrollment could be: families living together, open enrollment, special enrollments.
  - For the district the K-4 average student/teacher ratio is 20.96 students per teacher.
  - CISD did not have to cut any teachers this year, thus middle school and high school classes are large.
  - The silver lining in all of this is that the district will receive approximately \$2,318,000 in additional revenue.
  - The district will more than likely take this money and "bank" it in hopes that they will not have to make any big cuts in the future as

opposed to spending this now by hiring many new teachers...i.e. "tighten our belts".

- Gema gave "props" to Sid for helping to keep our numbers where they are and that you could find this presentation on the website.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Debbie Watson explained that the budget would stay the same as last year with the exception of adding a line item for tax preparation. She also reorganized the layout of the budget to make better sense.
- Shanna Sheffield made a motion to approve the budget. Rainie Finken seconds. Motion approved.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Gema reassures us that we are in good shape here at Lakeside and that the numbers are mostly high at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade levels.
- They also really tried to move schedules around so that teachers had at least 2.5 hours of uninterrupted teaching time without breaks for specials, etc.
- Gema also gave a huge THANKS to Barbara for all the hard work she had done with the additional enrollment! And also big THANKS to Shanna for helping out so much in the office.
- Every classroom has a smartboard...yea!!! Even though we are at max capacity...we are handling it very well. She may ask to teachers to copy less...but that is because she wants the students engaging more and has nothing to do with money!
- She will be asking for money for matching funds in the Fall and it doesn't look like CISD will match funds in the spring. She is looking into ipad carts.

### **Presidents Report:**

- You can support the district with their new revenue generator by purchasing vanity license plates. We will put the link up on the website.
- College night will be at CHS on September 15.

### **Committee Updates:**

#### ***Write a Check –***

- Lori Cox reported that WAC will begin on September 26 and end with Grandparents Day on that Friday. Following the Peace, Love and Lakeside theme.

- There was a brief discussion about using PayPal again this year for those that would like to support Lakeside in that way. Becki and Deena are happy to set it up.
- A class party will be held for the class that has the most forms turned in. Those kids that will be eligible for individual prizes for those that make a donation.

#### ***Room Parent Coordinator –***

- Melissa Hoeltdke reported that the meeting will be held next week. Some teachers still don't have a room parent and that they are working on that. Brianna Flores asked if it was okay to have co-room moms. Melissa says, yes!

#### ***Hospitality—***

- The hospitality committee will be feeding the teachers on Monday at the faculty meeting. Expressed that we may need to update PTO membership as the “sign-up” pool for hospitality is small compared to last year.

#### ***Programs—***

- Texas Living History will be on October 19 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Farmer for a Day will be in May for K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will need volunteers for this day.

#### ***Fundraising—***

- Be aware of spirit nights. Bonker's is next Monday and Rosa's is next Wednesday!
- We can send flyers home from PTO just not the stickers as we have in the past.

#### ***Technology—***

Deena just wanted to remind everyone to give her 48 hours notice if you need something added to the PTO website.

#### ***Spirit Wear—***

- Corinne reported that they have made \$3000 from the summer until now. She also wanted to remind everyone that you can purchase items online and thanks to Deena for keeping that updated.
- Thank you to Lindsey and Tamie for all their help on Residency Verification day.
- They will be rolling out new girl shirts in the Spring!

### **Old Business:**

- Open positions are:
  - Assistant to H&S
  - Program/Ad sales for Silent Auction
- Change in Background checks! You will have to submit a list of volunteers to office ahead of time for PTO functions.
- Meetings will be held on alternating 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Not sure when we will have the February meeting since it is Valentine's Day.

Motion to adjourn by Kuay Sullivan. Melissa Stephen seconds. Motion approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

### **Key September/October Dates:**

GT Curriculum Night – September 12  
Picture Day – September 21  
CHS Homecoming – Friday, September 23  
Write a Check – September 26-30  
Spirit Assembly – September 30  
Grandparents/Special Friends Day – September 30  
Teacher Conferences – October 7  
Sky Ranch – October 12-14  
Red Ribbon Week – October 24-28

### **Upcoming PTO meeting dates for 2011-2012:**

10/11 @ 7p.m., 11/10 @ 8a.m., 12/13 @ 7p.m., 01/12 @ 8a.m., Feb date tbd,  
03/08 @ 8a.m., 04/10 @ 7p.m., 05/10 @8a.m.