

## LeTort PTO Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021, at 6:30 pm (virtual meeting)

In attendance: Melissa Hochreiter, President; Lauren Wise, Vice President; Tara Beakes, Treasurer; Jess Martin, Secretary; Karen Giffin, Asst. Officer; Dr. Carly McPherson, Principal and one other attendee

Melissa opened the meeting at 6:30pm

### Principal's Report:

Dr. McPherson reported that it was an unsettled start to the year with weather related closures, changes in protocol, etc. but that above all she and the staff wanted to express gratitude to the community for entrusting their children with them through all of it. She said that although it was an eventful first 2 weeks, students and parents handled it tremendously well.

Melissa retorted that in turn, parents were appreciative of all that the staff and teachers at LeTort had to go through the first few weeks, and that most of us understood that many of the hurdles they faced were well out of their control.

### Treasurer's Report:

Tara noted that there is currently \$8,887.58 in the account. She also noted that all bills from last year had been paid.

Tara also mentioned that the biggest payment of the year to date was the \$3,100 that we offered to the teachers/staff at the beginning of the year, to help with classroom supplies and equipment.

### Previous/Upcoming Events:

Melissa reported that Meet Me On The Playground was well attended and that parents/guardians were happy that we had a showing there.

Next, Melissa discussed that due to Back To School Night being cancelled, it forced many events/activities to get a late start/pushed back over a week or two later than originally planned.

Karen Giffin discussed our first Take Out Tuesday fundraiser and said it was a success even though we had some technical difficulties and didn't have a long amount of time to advertise. It brought in about \$120. She also mentioned that we have restaurants secured through the month of December. We will be at Isaac's in October, and our traditional dining-in night out at Mick's in November. Panera will be December's Take Out Tuesday.

Melissa talked about the on-going spirit wear sale, which was delayed a few days due to school closure and no Back to School Night, but it has taken off well and will continue through the end

of September. She noted that PTO will continue to advertise the spirit wear sale, along with the fact that LeTort will be celebrating spirit days every Friday.

Melissa then discussed both bus driver and custodian appreciation days will be coming up in October and that PTO plans to do something for both.

LeTort Roller Skating Night will be held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and PTO will cover the cost of the event. Students will need to pay for skate rentals.

Melissa then discussed the upcoming Laps for LeTort fundraiser, which will be held Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that sponsorship forms had just been sent out and that we already have over \$400 in donations. She also talked about the sponsorship drive to have local family businesses donate to support the cost of the t-shirts provided for the event.

Melissa informed us that we have settled on a new yearbook company this year, TreeRing, who is also used by other elementary schools in the district. Lauren Wise volunteered to head up this project.

Melissa also noted that Erika Ream has volunteered to chair the Book Fair event which will take place in November, during Teacher Conferences. Dr. McPherson noted that there is still uncertainty as to whether conferences will be in person or online.

#### Open Floor/Discussion:

Dr. McPherson clarified that Human Resources is currently working on contacting volunteers on file for updated clearances and noted that all clearances must be updated every 5 years to volunteer in the schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm

Next monthly meeting will take place Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm

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Minutes submitted by Jess Martin, Secretary