



Lakota East PTSO

Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2017

Called to order: 6:58 PM

Attendance: Amy Rupp, Kathy Strack, Libby Willms, Darla Higgins, Maria Wiedwald, Susan McLaughlin, Jill Patton, Amy Stiefel, Rita Gayer, Linda Lohman, Beverly Smolyansky, David Addison, Steve Silverberg, Colleen Pyron, Lisa Mullins, Jeanne Turek, Dara Zucker, Kelly Kruback, Melissa Hoke, Francene Lord, Kathy Boeskool

SPECIAL GUEST:

- Matt Miller, the new Lakota Superintendent joined us prior to the meeting for a meet-and-greet for the Lakota parents.

Principals' Messages

Suzanna Davis

- Outstanding start to year; Matt is making a great impact on district taking the time to listen and learn about us; no lack of motivation and inspiration, he asks "how can we be the best?"
- Class of 2018 is the first graduating class using the air test points. There has been an outcry across the state regarding too many students who won't graduate this year due to change. Legislature came out with one year extension of eased requirements to help students graduate.
- How do we make staff, parents and students integrate and be excited about our partnership? We are continuing extensive staff training; 23 students on student advisory council (Rich Bryant leads). It's a powerful concept; going to roll out to student body (voluntary). How to introduce to parents?
- Social media uptick – We've asked teachers – how do you see yourself and your image in the classroom and on social media? How do parents see you, students? We are playing music in hallways. During the opening days, students did twitter session for staff and will now do for the community (Sunday at 2:00 and next Tuesday at 7:00) in the professional digital learning center (off cafeteria, straight ahead)
- Changes in Ohio legislature attendance – no delineation between excused and unexcused absences; waiting on our policy company to get them to us for approval; districts w/95% attendance don't have to worry about this and we were at 94.6% attendance. We have no way to do bell by bell attendance so it's based on the first period attendance.
- Sophomore and freshman orientation went great! Our link leaders sat down with Suzanna in July with ideas to make it better and they implemented them all! Students talking to students versus adults not speaking to students.
- Football game Friday – 210 people signed up to come from staff; elementary students coming out for future hawk night – 16 minute Rozzi fireworks set to music - lots of buzz in community
- We are now 3rd largest high school in state – Mason first followed by Centerville.

Rob Burnside

- He was a student and football player here 20 years ago when East became East!
- PTSO purchased T-shirts for Freshman campus opening day, wanted them to feel like a high school student. Worked on easing tension, building relationships and their culture. Guest speaker, Nick Jackson's message was "we need everybody to make this year successful". Final chant "We Are One", panoramic photo of all freshman wearing the shirt.
- PTSO purchased Keurig connected to water line for staff. Staff supplies their own K cups. It was greatly appreciated.



Officers Reports

President: Amy Rupp

- Introduction of board – thank you for volunteering.
- Linda Lohman will be “graduating” this year and would love someone to shadow her for craft show.
- Over the summer the executive board met and discussed our vision – grade level enrichment that we can have an impact on. Sponsored freshman speaker and t-shirts for opening day. Sophomores have had Be The Difference; juniors/seniors after prom, etc.
- Thank you notes from: Deputy Doug from resource officer training (we sponsored); Rob’s team for the Keurig machine; a student for a scholarship;

Vice-President: Libby Willms

- Sally Kolks is now working full time so we need some help with staff appreciation meals at freshman campus

Secretary: Darla Higgins

- *No minutes to approve*
- *Emails using new membership list have gone out so if you haven’t received an email, please sign up or email us*

Treasurer: Maria Wiedwald

- Increased staff appreciation budget based on past spending; no yard signs purchased this year. Donation to 20 year anniversary celebration to bring down our surplus cash
- **Motion to approve budget by Susan McLaughlin/2nd by Kathy Boeskoolapproved**
- Procedures for reimbursement: we are tax exempt so we do not reimburse for tax; request for check or cash in advance (1 week) form on website; to send with minutes; can email to her; no money goes out without documentation; all records are available to view; she reimburses for stuff but doesn’t purchase it;

Vice President Ways and Means: Kathy Boeskool

- Updates below by committee

Vice President Student Activities: Libby Willms

- Updates below by committee

District Parent Council: Kathy Strack & Susan

- Meeting next Wednesday



Committee Reports

Membership & Directory: *Kathy Boeskool*

- Membership \$3945 so far which has passed our goal! check your spam folder if not receiving emails

Senior Camo Pants: *Kathy Boeskool*

- Ordering 33 more pairs if hurricane Irma doesn't change that; may be discontinued

Staff Appreciation: *Melissa Hoke*

- Need help at freshman campus – 4 dinners plus week of staff appreciation
- Menus planned with cooking class for main campus only (Donna Edler); class does food prep and helps serve
- Sept 27 is first dinner

Craft Show: *Linda Lohman & Rita Gayer*

- This year's show is November 11-12; all booths full; no drop outs; 120-150 applicants for 15 open spots; huge team that helps it run;
- Student volunteers help tape booth locations; set up crafters,
- Donations help cover food cost; \$9000 budget; building and custodial fees in the past have been waived; Tom and Connie Landers, as well as Carolyn Landers (who all take care of the food) will not be coming back next year (need someone to shadow this as well as Linda's position) IF INTERESTED, PLEASE let us know.
- End of September will be volunteer signups for students; 75% of our money comes in from the craft show; media specialist (maybe a student???)
- How about a shuttle from freshman campus on day of show? The Edge has a vehicle, maybe they would shuttle; liability? Not enough parking at main campus; some day parking on the street near Children's Hospital may become a problem.
- 3 ways to help: attend, donate water, food etc., volunteer at event

Future Hawk Night: *(Amy Rupp)*

- Kids excited for it at East football game this weekend; link leaders are assigned to each school to coordinate. 40 helping

Scholarships:

- No new information

After Prom: *Libby Willms*

- April 21st
- Trying to update wonderland theme (from 3 years ago);
- Budget numbers aren't the same each year; Different income based on individual tickets vs prom packages as well as early ticket sales; spring break was in the middle of pre-sales this past year resulting in less income; \$15 we get from first week of sales; \$10 from second week sales; if they delay purchase, we get less \$
- 46 fewer students last year than previous year
- No magician next year – weren't happy with show
- Under budget last year



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Baccalaureate: *Jill Patton*

- May 15 is the date this year; preshow 7:15; show 7:30; May 14 at 3:00 is rehearsal
- Deposit/contract done
- Need speaker suggestions

Senior Picnic:

- AP test (per Suzanna) –beginning May 7; 10 days of testing; so all the way up to graduation; may have to make modifications to several senior events to maximize the attendance and minimize the conflicts

Old Business

- none

New Business

- **Competition requests** – American computer science \$925 for 3 competitions; junior classical league (latin) in Columbus \$500; art department \$1000 to scholastic art awards; jazz band for \$250 for Beaver Creek Jazz Festival; \$2675 total and we budgeted \$3500; no vote needed since in budget
- **Be The Difference** – For Sophomores on November 17, 20 and 21; 730 kids appx; need volunteers 7:30-3:00; no t-shirts this year for them; will do something different this year instead of t-shirt

Meeting Adjourned: 8:22 pm , motion by Maria Weidwald / 2nd by Kathy Strack

Next TWO Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, October 4th @ 7:00 pm @ Freshman Campus Media Center
- Wednesday, November 1st @ 7:00 pm @ Freshman Campus Media Center