

## **Luxmanor Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2018**

**Attendees:** see sign-in sheet

**Called to order** by Beth Rivers at 7:05pm

**Last month's minutes:** motion to approve (Nicole D'Isa), seconded by Debbie Berger. Motion passed unanimously.

### **1. Principal's Report** (Ryan Forkert)

- a. Luxmanor received the national blue ribbon school award, chosen from the pool of state winners. Congratulations!
- b. Buses: Mr Forkert does not schedule busses. Calls/feedback are forwarded to transportation dept. He continues to work with transportation to work out timeliness of busses. Please keep emailing comments to Mr Forkert and he will pass on to transportation.
- c. Construction: update to come after meeting,
- d. Early dismissal this Friday, Fab Dads breakfast and open house Monday. Book Fair begins Monday.
- e. Science Fair is October 23.
- f. Halloween: working on parade route for class parties. Will communicate to everyone when it is set. Parade starts at 2, class parties afterward around 2:30.
- g. Record enrollment ~580 students, 42 above projected enrollment. More are still moving in and enrolling. Not yet at the point to be able to request another teacher, but some classes are getting large.
- h. Q: Is there lunch on early dismissal days? A: yes, but no recess.
- i. Check principal's newsletter for days off in November.

### **2. President's Report** (Beth Rivers)

- a. Membership for PTA – please join any time throughout the year.
- b. Also do direct donations, no fundraiser sales. All donations go towards children and classrooms.
- c. All volunteers must complete the online Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect training.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Categorical report available at meeting.
- b. 106 family members have joined, 20 staff members (record high).
  - i. We are about halfway to budgeted membership for the year.
  - ii. Paypal is available for membership dues.

### **4. MCCPTA News**

- a. Advocacy Priorities document is out, will be distributed on the listserv. Represents ideals of the whole county. It has leadership input, but also soliciting our input. Deadline is Nov 7 so it can be presented to MoCo BOE.

- b. Ballot measure #1 coming out next month relating to casino proceeds. Money should go to education, has not been well monitored; this would create a lockbox for money to go to schools. \*\*PTA endorses a YES vote on this.\*\*
  - c. Issues relating to safe water or fields – opportunity to get involved.
- 5. Cluster Report**
- a. Oct 26 is decision on CIP (where the money goes).
  - b. Debbie will email for support at certain key meetings. We wear green for our WJ cluster.
  - c. Redistricting considerations on BOE may affect us and look disturbing. Debbie will review and communicate more as information comes out and meetings occur.
  - d. Anyone interested in joining the Cluster committee is welcome, meetings are on Wednesdays of varying length.
- 6. Committee Reports**
- a. **Fab Dads and Special Guest Breakfast (Andy/Beth Rivers):** Monday, Oct 8. Silver Diner, Ize's, and other foods.
  - b. **Book Fair (Yelisa Rojas): Volunteers still needed!** next year will need 1-2 book fair co-chairs. Please see Yelisa and consider volunteering this year.
    - i. Setup is this Friday shortly before early dismissal at 12:30.
    - ii. Open during and after Fab Dad's breakfast
    - iii. E-wallets: can sign up with Scholastic so children don't have to carry money. Check flyers coming home with your children.
    - iv. Last year: 1,411 books either went home or to the classrooms. This all supports the school.
    - v. PLEASE sign up to volunteer. We need more help!
  - c. **Science Fair (Eric Shelton/Aisha Moinuddin):** Oct. 23 in AP Room @ 7pm.
    - i. Setup is at 6:30, fair runs until about 8.
- 7. New Business**
- a. **Community Outreach (Maria Zimmerman):** We are supporting NGO Stepping Stones shelter. Getting kids involved rather than donating money. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be making coffee sleeves and selling them at the Halloween Party and Science Fair. Sales will help buy items for the shelter.
  - b. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee (Debbie Berger):** looking for committee volunteers for variety show, flowers, commencement, yearbook, etc. Please sign up for any help, small or big.
  - c. **Rockville Rewards cards are on sale!** \$25 all goes to the school. Contact Debbie Berger. Cards are available to purchase at tonight's meeting.
  - d. **Silver Diner "Eat Well Do Well" cards:** it's free. Scan it at Silver Diner and 2% of your bill goes to school. Do need to re-register your account each year. Contact Debbie Berger to get one.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, December 4th. Mrs. Silverberg will present after the meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED by Beth Rivers at 7:35 pm.**

Presentation and discussion of construction updates followed. (Still on schedule!)