

R.C. LaPerche PTA Meeting

Date: September 8, 2016

Board Members present: Jamie DiLorenzo, Julie Dorsey, Justine Sands, Kristin Guilfoyle, Ariana Michaud, Kerri McMahon

22 other PTA members present

Time in: 6:33 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Jamie DiLorenzo welcomed the group and introductions were made
- 6/2/16 PTA minutes were provided to members for review and approval
- Elisha Geller made a motion to approve the minutes, Kara Houle made a second motion, PTA minutes were approved.

II. News from the Principal, Julie Dorsey welcomed the group and reported on the following topics:

- WELCOME! It's been a great first 2 weeks! Thank you to Miss Zucker and Mrs. Paolino for attending tonight!
- Thank you to Mr. John and Mr. Joe for bringing the LaPerche hallways to life! New colors were painted to each hallway over the summer!
- Mr. Joe is leaving LaPerche to join the maintenance team at the high school. He will be missed at LaPerche!
- Thank you to Karla Pinzon for painting the murals in the hallways as well!
- We opened up a second ISE class. Mrs. Bucci will be working in this classroom.
- Mrs. Furtado (reading specialist) and Mrs. Wyrwal (speech therapy) classrooms were relocated to accommodate the new ISE room.
- Mrs. Wyrwal is out on medical leave at this time. She injured her leg which required surgery. She hopes to return to LaPerche in 3 months.
- The stage in the cafeteria was relocated as well. We plan on opening a new sensory therapy room in one section of the cafe.
- There are several paraprofessional positions open at this time.
- F&P testing is going on to determine what level your child is currently reading at.
- **HELPERS NEEDED!! Outdoor Fun Festival** is coming up on Friday, 9/23 at 1:30. This is a reward for all students who completed their summer work. A handout will be going home in family folders soon. Mrs. Dorsey would like some volunteers to help out at different stations for the afternoon. Please email if you are interested!
- Mrs. Dorsey is also looking for **Welcome Wagon Committee Volunteers**. She is looking for families to assist new families at LaPerche as needed. Please email if you are interested!
- Check out the LaPerche website, les.smithfield-ps.org, to get the latest news and information.
- Check out our School Calendar on the website for important upcoming dates and activities.

III. Treasury Update, Ariana Michaud

- The upcoming 2016-2017 Budget was provided to members for review.
- Total Budgeted Revenue is projected \$10,500
- Adjustments were made...The \$300 for the outgoing 5th grade planners was redistributed to miscellaneous. Families are required to purchase the planners this year for middle school.
- We are still doing Amazon Smiles and A+ School Rewards through Stop n Shop! Please sign up if you haven't already!

IV. Membership Dues, Justine Sands

- We like to increase our PTA membership each year!
- You have to be a member to vote at our meetings!
- We request the all Event Coordinators become members and highly encourage all volunteers to become members as well!
- \$6/person, \$10/for two. Please contact Justine if interested!
justine.sands24@gmail.com

V. Upcoming events for the 2016-2017 School Year

- Open House is scheduled for Thursday, 9/15, 5:30-7:30. Come see your child's classroom and meet their teacher!
- Book Fair will also be going on during Open House hours.
- Back to School BBQ, Friday, 9/16, 5:30-8:00. \$5/person, \$20/family. Will need some **volunteers** to help set up.
- LEAP AfterSchool Program scheduled to start 9/27. Will run Tues./Thurs. for 6 weeks. Elisa Geller is the event coordinator. She will need **volunteers** for each class as well as for sign in/out. Elisha is also looking for someone to take over as coordinator next year. Please email Elisha at elishageller@gmail.com if interested!
- Hayride at Confreda Farms to be scheduled sometime in October. Karina Kopija is looking to form a committee to help set this event up. karinar82@yahoo.com if interested.
- Thanksgiving Feast, Tuesday 11/22. Will need helpers as we get closer to the date!

VI. Fundraising Events and More Ideas for the Upcoming Year, Amy Antunes

- **Holiday Bazaar** is booked for Saturday, 11/19! 10-3 in the LaPerche Cafeteria. Food/concessions & raffles to be sold as well. 22 vendors booked so far. Still in need for some crafts tables. \$35/table. **Volunteers** will be needed for this event. Contact Amy at amy.antunes@gmail.com if you would like to help out!
- Survey results for other fundraising ideas...41.4% of families would like to participate in the **PAWS** fundraiser!
- We are going to plan to do the **PAWS** in the spring! \$15/family.
- A close 2nd and 3rd were the **Coupon Books** and **Direct Money Donations**. There is a direct money donation form on the PTA website if anyone is interested,
rclaperchepta.org

- **Coupon Books**, \$25. LaPerche gets ½! 1st motion was made by Donna Swain to start selling the books right away. 2nd motion was made by Nicole Wozniak. All in favor to begin this fundraiser ASAP. Amy will try to have a table set up for Open House with the coupon books available for purchase!
- **Picture Calendar**, got 26.7% of votes. We are still deciding whether this will be an option for a fundraiser.
- **Other Ideas...**
- Sell Gift Cards, LaPerche gets a % from each purchase. Amy will look into getting this started soon as well!
- Thank You to Virginia Slaughter for coordinating our BoxTops Fundraiser!
- Dough Raiser at UNO's/Sonic Fundraiser
- Five Below/Savers also provides fundraising options
- AMAZON smiles and A+ School Rewards through Stop n Shop
- Plum Print, transform your child's artwork into a custom book
- National Grid, Energy Saving Fundraiser Program

VII. Miscellaneous

- Megan Mechler inquired about an new water fountain installed at LaPerche. It will provide our students with amazing tasting water as well as provide a place for them to fill their own water bottles! The cost is \$1000. Board and committee will discuss and vote in upcoming meeting.
- All Event Coordinators are required to become members of the PTA.
- All volunteers are encouraged to join the PTA as well.
- All volunteers need a **BCI Check** and **Volunteer Training** with Mrs. Dorsey.
- All flyers, including 5th grade flyers, must be approved by Kristen Guilfoyle, krisguilfoyle@cox.net and Julie Dorsey, JDorsey@Smithfield-Ps.org prior to distribution.
- Like us on Facebook too!

Next PTA Meeting—October 5, 2016, 6:30 pm! Don't miss out!

Time out: 7:35 pm

Kerri McMahan
2016-2017 Recording Secretary