

R.C. LaPerche PTA Meeting

Date: March 6, 2018

Board Members present: Jamie DiLorenzo, Julie Dorsey, Justine Sands, Kerri McMahon, Joanna Stepka

17 other PTA members present

Time in: 6:32 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Jamie DiLorenzo welcomed the group
- 2/7/18 minutes were provided to members for review and approval
- Virginia Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Danielle Connell made a second motion, PTA minutes were approved.

II. News from the Principal, Julie Dorsey

- Welcome and thank you to the LaPerche staff that attended the meeting tonight!
- Curriculum writing is currently going on with our LaPerche teachers
- School-wide field trip to Mystic Aquarium and PawSox game being planned for the spring
- Each class will also be planning a field trip prior to the end of the school year as well
- **NEW APP being used: join.myschoolanywhere.com**, contact Joanna at laperchepta@gmail.com
- **Check out the LaPerche website, rles.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, Justine Sands

- Boosterthon raised approx. \$16,000!!!
- Rock Wall has been ordered and will be installed over April vacation!

IV. Superintendent Paolucci and School Committee Chairman Sean Clough

- Elementary Reconfiguration Committee has been preparing x 2 years
- Stage 2: application has been submitted to Department of Education
- **Plan:** close Windsor, expand and renovate remaining 3 schools, all schools will be K-5
- Will cost \$45 million over the next 5 years
- Planning to get 40-50% reimbursement back from the state with energy improvements, early learning/STEM programs, school hardening/security improvements
- Town must go to the bond council and general assembly to ask voters for the bond to be put on the ballot for November election

- Looking for a **Political Action Committee** to reach out to voters and promote reasons why Smithfield needs to improve our elementary schools. Mrs. Paolucci will be sending out an email looking for volunteers to run and assist with this committee.
- If approved, McCabe will be 1st school under construction, LaPerche and finally Old County. All should be complete within 3.5 years.

V. Spring Events

- UNO's Dough Raiser, 4/5
- Boys Choice Dance, 4/7
- Reading Week, 4/9-4/13
- Teaching/Learning Night, 4/12
- Art Family Night with Pea Podtery, 4/27
- Variety Show, 5/4
- School wide field trip to Mystic Aquarium, 5/31
- School wide field trip to PawSox Game, 6/7
- Field Day, 6/8
- Last Day of School, 6/15

VI. Miscellaneous

- Spring LEAP sessions to begin soon! Let Hannah Caisse know if you would like to help out! hlcaisse@gmail.com
- Board has open positions for next year. Vice President/Treasurer. Any interest, please email Mrs. Dorsey. Nominations must be submitted by 4/27.
- 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 Joanna Stepka, laperchepta@gmail.com and Julie Dorsey, JDorsey@Smithfield-Ps.org prior to distribution.

Next PTA Meeting—Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 pm!

Don't miss out!

Upcoming PTA Meetings—5/1, 6/6

Time out: 7:46 pm

Kerri McMahon, 2017-2018 Recording Secretary