

## R.C. LaPerche PTA Meeting

Date: September 4, 2018

Board Members present: Jamie DiLorenzo, Julie Dorsey, Kathy Libutti, Kerri McMahon, Joanna Stepka

33 other PTA members present

Time in: 6:32 pm

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

- Jamie DiLorenzo welcomed the group and introductions were made
- 6/6/18 minutes were provided to members for review and approval
- Virginia Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Eileen Tobin made a second motion, PTA minutes were approved.

### **II. News from the Principal, Julie Dorsey**

- WELCOME BACK!!! It has been a fabulous and hot first week of school!
- Thank you to Mr. Medeiros and Ms. Zucker for coming to our meeting!
- 3 School Improvement Goals for this year:
- Responsive Classroom—evidence-based approach to teaching that focuses on a safe, engaging and joyful community
- New Reading Program being piloted in a few classrooms—American Reading Company (ARC), check out their website
- Staff members are looking at student's work during staff meetings to allow other teachers to give feedback and guidance for improvement
- The School Improvement Team is looking for 2-3 parent volunteers to join the committee to look at these goals and provide feedback as needed. Meets 1x/month. Please let Mrs. Dorsey know if you are interested.
- Volunteer training is currently underway for all new families wanting to volunteer at LaPerche. Check out calendar for upcoming training sessions.
- BCI checks are needed to volunteer at LaPerche as well.
- **Check out the LaPerche website, [rles.smithfield-ps.org](http://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, Elena LaVallee**

- Budget for new school year, \$11,100
- A \$500 donation was made to the Smithfield Education Foundation in memory of Doreen Nicholson
- \$250.42 was used to purchase a new rug for Mrs. Ferreira's 3rd grade classroom
- PTA provided first day of school breakfast to the LaPerche staff, \$212.23
- 5th Grade starting balance for this year, \$237.32

#### **IV. Digital Update**, Joanna Stepka

- myschoolanywhere APP is being used for the family directory, online store, volunteer signups, school calendar and family folder communications. Please register at [join.myschoolanywhere.com](http://join.myschoolanywhere.com)
- Use invitation code: RCLPTA, we will verify your info and allow access to the system
- Please fill out Volunteer Interest Form if interested in helping out with any of the upcoming events.
- We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter. Please LIKE our Facebook Page, **LaPerche PTA** to get the most up-to-date information and stay connected.
- Our Website is [rclaperchepta.org](http://rclaperchepta.org)
- Be sure to sync the LaPerche calendar with your calendar so you know what's going on every week at LaPerche
- Any questions please reach out to Joanna Stepka at [laperchepta@gmail.com](mailto:laperchepta@gmail.com)

#### **V. Membership Update**, Kathy Libutti

- All Event Coordinators are required to become members of the PTA
- All volunteers are encouraged to join the PTA as well
- In order to have your vote count, you must be a member
- Please sign up using our APP at the online store

#### **VI. Upcoming Events**

- No School, 9/12
- Open House, 9/13, 5:30-7:30
- Book Fair, 9/13 during Open House (Sherri Briggs), looking for a co-chair to assist with the fair, 2x/year. Contact Sherri at [sherribriggs@gmail.com](mailto:sherribriggs@gmail.com)
- Fun Festival, 9/21
- Back to School BBQ and Movie Night, 9/21 (Elaina LaVallee, Kathy Libutti)
- **\*\*\*We need volunteers to help set-up for event/grill/clean-up\*\*\***
- Spooktacular, tentative date, 10/26 (Jane Testa)
- Girls Choice Dance, 2/1
- Boys Choice Dance, 3/8

#### **VII. Fundraising Ideas**

- **One and Done**—-10 tickets/student, \$10 each
- Looking for 3-4 big prizes for raffle, we do have 2 tickets for a Patriots' game
- **\*\*\* We need volunteers to assist with managing student prizes/tickets sold\*\*\***
- Please fill out Volunteer Interest Form if you would like to help out

#### **VIII. Miscellaneous**

- **LEAP**—-6 week after school program held 2x during the year
- **\*\*\*We need volunteers/new ideas for programs\*\*\***
- Some examples: LEGOs, Slime Making, Woodworking, Computer Coding, Quiddich, Fuzzy Animals, Yoga, Dance
- Do you or someone you know have a special talent or interest in running a program? You decide the cost/number of students/ages
- Please email Hannah at [hlcaisse@gmail.com](mailto:hlcaisse@gmail.com)

- **YEARBOOK**—Sherri Briggs is looking for someone to shadow her to be able to carryover the yearbook duties for next year. Sherri's daughter, Sydney, is in 5th grade this year! Please email Sherri at [sherribriggs@gmail.com](mailto:sherribriggs@gmail.com)
- **Walking Club**—weekly walk around outside of baseball field during recess, kids get cards punched and necklaces earned for number of laps completed. **Looking for someone to chair this event.** Please fill out Volunteer Interest Form if you would like to help out
- **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](mailto:laperchepta@gmail.com) and Julie Dorsey, [JDorsey@Smithfield-Ps.org](mailto:JDorsey@Smithfield-Ps.org) prior to distribution.

**Next PTA Meeting—-Wednesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm!**  
**5th Grade Committee Meeting to follow!**  
**Upcoming Meetings: 11/1, 12/4, 1/3, 2/6, 3/7, 4/2, 5/1, 6/6**

Time out: 7:32 pm

Kerri McMahan,  
2018-2019 Recording Secretary