

## PTO Minutes- November 11, 2009

Attendance- Claudia Anderson, Don Begier, Wendy Cogdal, Barb Courtney, Kim Drennan, Lorna Fair, Barb Limes, Vicki Martin, Allie Molinda, Suzanne Mountfort, Janet Okerman, Joan Poston, Becky Shew, Stacey Shigaya, Betty Thompson, Lou Walters, Lora Witt, and Carol Zierk

Announcements- Barb Limes announced that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade information night is now called "Lion Pride Preview". Seven parents were asked to join a student/staff/parent team to answer parent questions. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 – 8 p.m.

PTO Presidents' Council (PPC) report – Kim Drennan:

- 620 participants attended last weekend's Littleton Stride. A few concerns noted by parents included the conflict with the PLAN test and the elimination of the 10K event for elite runners.
- Parents are urged to become familiar with the financial issues facing the district – information is available on the LPS website.  
<http://www.littletonpublicschools.net/DISTRICTINFORMATION/BudgetMatters/tabid/8470/Default.aspx>

Approval of Minutes - The October minutes were approved with no further corrections.

Treasurer's Report- The current PTO budget was handed out.

VIPS- Kathleen Peterson and Nita Gilbert were selected as PTO Volunteers of the Month for their work on hemming the Syrens' and Troubadour's dresses. It was suggested that Linda Rankin also be recognized as she helped spearhead this project also.

Principal's Report- Don Begier gave updates and answered questions on the following:

- The snow day made it necessary to postpone the National Merit reception until November 19<sup>th</sup>. At that reception, nine students will be recognized including National Hispanic Heritage honorees.
- Veteran Celebration – families were notified about the morning reception and thirty people were honored with 7-8 attending the event.
- A number of students made the All-State choirs; LHS has had students in these choirs every year.
- Fall sports are complete.
- We have just completed the five year IB review with many commendations and minor recommendations.
- Mr. Begier spoke at a recent Littleton City Council meeting, highlighting Littleton High School.
- Tours/Shadowing – there were many comments regarding the implementation of a shadowing program at LHS. Suggestions were made to match potential students with a student with like interests, conducting tours during off-hours or on Wednesdays when there are shorter class periods. The school is concerned with the disruption of shadowing, but Mr. Begier will consider the PTO's endorsement of a tour/shadow program.
- Email announcements are still arriving a day later than when they are announced.
- The LHS mission statement is highlighted in the most recent newsletter.

- A parent suggested some changes to the format of the LHS website and the increased use of current school year photos. The Marketing Team is looking at the website as part of their efforts.
- Budget cuts – Mr. Begier advised that they have been asked by the district to look at several budget reduction scenarios. The staff is looking at inefficiencies in the Master Schedule.

Liaison Report: SAC- The focus of the last meeting was district finances. Scott Murphy, Dr. Amy Oaks and Dan Maas presented the financial projections for LPS. The format was presentation and Q & A; and the meeting was attended by the SAC members, several parents and a number of LHS staff.

Liaison Report: Booster Club- Kim Drennan and Wendy Cogdal invited everyone to attend Novemberfest on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 10 p.m. Dinner is being catered by Romano’s and tickets are still available (\$9 each or four for \$32). The volunteer schedule will be posted on the LHS Sport’s webpage and training for those assisting with computer bidding will be held at 4 p.m. prior to the auction. Students will be asked to volunteer also.

Liaison Report: Encore- Betty Thompson gave a brief overview of upcoming events including: Marching Band potluck on November 13<sup>th</sup>, Participation of the band in the Parade of Lights on December 4-5, Holiday play is “Mrs. Kratchett’s Wild Christmas Binge” on December 4-5, State Thespian Convention in December, Holiday concerts are December 8<sup>th</sup> (choral) and December 10<sup>th</sup> (band/orchestra) and the spring play will be “Curtains”. In addition, Encore purchased two sewing machines for the Performing Arts department.

Liaison Report: IBPO- Claudia Anderson updated PTO on recent IB activities including: IB parents have donated \$5500, of which a portion was used to fund two teacher requests (Cadaver lab and a field trip) and Outward Bound scholarships, 44 out of the sixty-two Junior IB students went on the Outward Bound trip, the IB parent social will be rescheduled for sometime in January/February, eight different 6<sup>th</sup> subjects were presented at the last IBPO meeting and the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be focused on LHS IB grads discussing “Was it Worth it?”.

Committee Report: Hospitality – The on-line program, “My sign-up” is working well for recruiting volunteers and communication through email is the preferred method for all Hospitality communication. Two more parents are needed to bring cookies for the upcoming Lion Pride Preview.

Committee Report: Middle School Bulletin Boards – The Political Committee would like LHS to have a bulletin board at Powell Middle School. Lorna Fair and Barb Limes will contact the committee to discuss.

Committee Report: After Prom- Cathy Kennedy will be assisting with volunteer recruitment for After-Prom.

Committee Report: Staff Appreciation – Lorna Fair shared that they acknowledged staff earlier this month.

Committee Report: CCC- Vicki Martin invited parents to attend the next CCC meeting which will be held at Lakewood H.S. on November 12 at 8:45 a.m. with a discussion on the “Mystery of Adolescent Self-Injury”.

Faculty and StuCo Report: Becky Shew – No new update on the Student Intervention Team (SIT) and the PLC teams are discussing ways to maximize the PLC efforts and implement their plans.

Lion’s Follies will be held on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Ticket proceeds go towards funding prom.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9 and snacks will be provided by Carol Boos and Lisa Breashears.

Minutes submitted by Janet Okerman