

LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

In-person meeting, Long Valley Middle School Library AND Virtual (via Zoom)

In Attendance: Meliissa Cervenka, Ashley Collins, Nina Dorlon, Allyson Gallup, Lauren Huston, Tori Reade, Jessica Santaiti, and Chris Satmary.

Welcome: Nina Dorlon opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary/Communications Update/Ashley Collins:

- The PTA's monthly newsletter will publish the week of 12/19, before the winter break.
- The 11/2 meeting minutes were approved, with a motion made Allyson Gallup; seconded by Jessica Santaiti. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Update/Allyson Gallup:

- There is a balance of \$19,249.38 in the checking account.
- Misc: the deposit to Drum Cafe (for February student assembly) is outstanding/not yet cashed. \$728 will be paid for NJPTA dues. We are also paying out \$578 and \$4,329 for Teacher Grant awards this month.

Membership Update/Tori Reade: Membership is at 193 members (23 staff and 170 families).

Holiday Shop/Jessica Santaiti

- The PTA's annual Holiday Shop is this week, 12/12-16.
- Gifts are moving. Nina and Jessica are replenishing merchandise every night. Students are allowed to come in Friday during support.

Other News-Board Update/ Nina Dorlon

- Nina Dorlon is stepping down from her role as President due to personal reasons. Allyson Gallup is also stepping down as Treasurer for health reasons. We need to fill these two important board positions in the interim to exist as a PTA.
- The group discussed how parental response is not great, but we need to keep momentum with the PTA and follow through on 8th grade year end plans. Tori R. suggested restructuring so it works for us and the school, along the lines of evolving into grade level groups. Jessica S. suggested sending out a survey. Melissa C. shared that this situation happened at Cucinella, and through an awareness campaign, they were able to secure a new President, etc.
- Nina asked that a communication go out ASAP, positioning the President and Treasurer as interim roles until June 2023.

8th Grade Committee/Allyson Gallup

- The 8th Grade Events Committee held its first meeting on 12/12 over zoom, and will meet again in January.

- The PTA sponsored events will be a “Jeopardy” game, and 8th grade dance, following the promotion ceremony. Tori R. reminded us to keep the dance theme under wraps, to keep it a surprise.
- \$8,500 is budgeted for the 8th grade events.

LVMS Principal Report & Other:

- Nina shared the LVMS Principal & Asst. Principal Report, as Mr. Mirabella had a scheduling conflict. The report highlighted December school events. The PTA needs to clarify with the school who is booking the 8th grade game show. (Ashley Collins to follow-up).
- Spring Festival: The group discussed whether to fund the school’s spring festival again for 6th and 7th graders. The PTA paid out \$7,075 toward this, last year. While we could commit \$1,000 from the 6th grade social budget (according to Melissa C.), the 7th grade social funds are locked up in the scavenger hunt costs (we have a credit from the canceled Fall event). This is something the PTA cannot commit to just yet.

Next Meeting:

- January 11 at 7 p.m. in the LVMS Library.
- Future 2023 meeting dates are 2/1, 3/8, 4/6, 5/1, and 6/7