

## **LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes**

**November 2, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

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

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In Attendance: Rose Allocca, Kara Buchanan, Meliissa Cervenka, Ashley Collins, Jessica DeCicco, Nina Dorlon, Michelle Els, Allyson Gallup, Taryn Mansolino, Kim Miele, Michael Mirabella, Tori Reade, Jessica Santaiti, and Chris Satmary.

### **Welcome / Guest Appearance:**

- Nina Dorlon opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and introduced Guest Speaker, Sgt. Robert Oranchak
- Sgt. Robert Oranchak, of the WT Police Department, spoke to attendees about his role as a school resource officer at LVMS and OFRS and on the topic of school safety.

### **Treasurer's Update/Allyson Gallup:**

- Allyson Gallup reported a balance of \$19,601.57.
- There is \$7,610.56 in the Raffle Account.
- We netted \$4K from the color run fundraising, and these monies need to be transferred.

### **Secretary/Communications Update/Ashley Collins:**

- The 10/3 meeting minutes were approved, with a motion made by Tori Reade; seconded by Nina Dorlon. All were in favor.
- The PTA's monthly newsletter will publish the week of 11/7 according to Ashley Collins.
- Other: Teacher Grants were highlighted at the LVMS teacher meeting according to Michael Mirabella, to promote the opportunity. Nina Dorlon then updated us that Diana Simon, Kira Theesfeld, Corrine Bengzon will form the committee once again, to administer the grant selection/approval process. Grants will be awarded in mid-December.

### **Membership Update/Tori Reade:**

- Membership is at 163 Families and 21 Staff.
- Recent student social registrations have helped to increase membership (since we offer a PTA member discount).

### **Student Assemblies - PTA Sponsored/ Jessica DeCicco:**

- The (free) Cyber Safety Awareness Assembly was rescheduled to 12/8. This is for all grades
- On 2/8/23 all grades will enjoy an African Drummer ensemble o.
- On 4/11/23, 7th and 8th graders will enjoy The Signature Project assembly

### **Student Socials:**

- Chair Melissa Cervenka reported that 68 6th graders have registered for the 11/3 6th grade skate social at Villa Roller Rink.

- The 8th grade social will likely be at Villa Roller Rink, too, in mid-December. Allyson Gallup, Kelly Pelesky, and Kristi Daggat are involved in the planning.
- The 7th grade fall social was canceled due to low registration numbers. Plans are underway to revisit the scavenger hunt/challenge event in the Spring. Allyson G. suggested showing a video that demonstrates the event to garner student interest.
- The 8th Grade Events Committee is forming to organize and execute June events like the Jeopardy game, 8th grade celebration, and dance. Several parents have expressed interest in joining. Nina Dorlon recommended 1) communicating plans/cost early to parents, and 2) thinking of using PTA funds for mementos like t-shirts, i.e. “thinking outside the box”.

#### **Book Fair & Holiday Shop Update / Jessica Santaiti**

- The Scholastic Book Fair is underway, 11/1-4. Jessica reported that by Day 2, we are close to \$1500 in sales.
- The Holiday Shop for LVMS students will now take place 12/12-16, with set-up on 12/9. Jessica is looking at wholesalers - not a vendor - for gift items. Since Jessica needs a purchase budget, Allyson Gallup made a motion to budget \$4,500 for the Holiday Shop. Tori Reade seconded the motion; All were in favor.

#### **Other:**

- The December, March and April PTA monthly meetings are rescheduled to 12/5, 3/8 and 4/6, to avoid scheduling conflicts with school events.
- Possible fundraisers were discussed: a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament; a “Nothing Bundt Cakes” sale during holidays (Mother’s Day; Easter)
- Michael Mirabella presented the LVMS Principal & Asst. Principal Report, highlighting Nov. school events, parent teacher conferences, and dates to consider if the PTA wanted to set up a table.

#### **Next Meeting:**

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