

September 14, 2022 / 6:30pm

In Attendance

Jennifer D'Angelo –President, Jessica Stearns – VP, Sarah Susco – Treasurer, Emily Shrader – Secretary
Parents/Teachers – Principal- Brian Kalkreuth, Teachers- Laura Tiffany, Tracy Gilpin, Grace DeGrowth,
Parents- Samantha Saren, Melissa Donovan, Sheng Jiang, Gayoung Choi, Marissa Pena, Michelle McQueen,
Lorraine Galvis, Candy Markovitz, Rassul Azizov, Bre Beach, Steph & Dave Buske, Heather Treptow, Kelly
Hanretta, Elizabeth Merun, and Nicola and Irene Faraone

Introductions

The board as well as the parents/teachers introduced themselves.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Kalkreuth stated that he is very impressed with the collaborative environment at Lillie B. Please reach out to him if you have any questions or concerns.
- Upcoming dates
 - 9/22 Back to School Night
 - 9/29 Early Dismissal
 - 9/30 Picture Day
 - 10/10 No School
 - 10/13 4th Grade Mile Run at ELHS 9:30-11:30
 - 10/14 Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat
 - 10/17-10/21 Book Fair
 - 10/19 PTA Meeting

Treasurer's Report

- There wasn't much banking activity over the summer. People's Bank changed to M & T. The PTA donated \$1,518 towards the Gaga pit and Melissa Deloreto/ Lillie B donated \$1000 to us which also went towards the Gaga pit.
- Budget presentation: Sarah handed out copies of the predicted budget, noting that she underestimated profits and overestimated expenses in order to be conservative. With this budget, we start the year with \$20,321.12 and are projected to finish the year with \$18,532.67.
- In summary, income is expected from Amazon Smile, Membership dues, Apparel Sales, Change Challenge, Basket Raffle, Book Fairs, Box Tops, Charleston Wrap, Cookbooks, Dine Out, Elf Shelf, Lyman Orchards, School Photos, Un-fundraiser, and Yearbook Sales.
- Expenses are expected for the 4th Grade Fun Run, Barnes Grant Enrichment, Basket Raffle, Book Fairs, Classroom Experience, East Lyme Scholarship Fund, Elf Shelf, Fall Fest, Gaga Pit (check hasn't cleared yet), 4th Grade Ice Cream, Liability Insurance, CT PTA Membership Dues, Star Auction, Printing and Copying, Retirement Gifts, Staff Reimbursement, Supplies, Teacher Appreciation, T-Shirt, Yearbook, and Quickbooks.
- Only members may vote on the budget. We will vote next month.

Fundraisers

- Fundraiser's Report:
 - Un-fundraiser has brought in \$1605 so far.
 - Apparel Sale is going on now and ends 9/23
 - Charleston Wrap (Danielle Lavallee)- runs until 10/3. Currently sold \$835.90 of merchandise. Prizes will be handed out at the end.
 - Lyman Orchards Pies (10/3-10/17) Pies will be delivered 11/10 and will need to be picked up same day since they are frozen and we cannot store them. We will need volunteers to help sort and distribute. We will be in the small gym this year with more tables to organize orders. Pies will be distributed 3:30-6:00.
 - Square 1 Art (Heather Treptow)- Your child's art can be put on gifts and make good Christmas gifts.

Old Business

- Gaga Pit- installed by a group of dads over the summer. It seems very popular amongst the students and is a great success. Our goal is to make all future playground equipment handicapped accessible so if the stone dust doesn't harden enough, let us know so we can remedy it.

Upcoming Events/New Business

- Star Auction: Mrs. DeGrooth explained how the Star Auction works and how all students look forward to this 4th grade honor throughout elementary school. It is a behavior incentive and an economics lesson. The PTA purchases popcorn and the 4th graders sell the popcorn to the entire school. Prices have gone up for the prizes and last year Mrs. DeLoreto contributed \$100 towards the end of year pizza party. To further offset the cost of the prizes, popcorn is going from 50 cents to 75 cents. No change can be given and no pre-payment can be accepted. Any extra money sent in will be considered a donation to the Star Auction.
- Open House will be 9/22. The PTA will have a table and will be selling items such as cookbooks, smencils and last year's yearbook at a discount.
- Picture Day is 9/30. We have some volunteers to help.
- Fall Fest/ Trunk of Treat is 10/14 (6:00-8:00pm). There will be a prize for the best trunk. Please sign up to decorate your family-friendly trunk. Trunks will be in the front parking lot. We will be collecting candy for the trunk hosts to pass out. We will need many volunteers to help make it a success. There will be games and fun activities inside as well. A parent suggested that we have non-candy options as well.
- Book Fair will kick off 10/14. It is expected to be very busy the evening of 10/14 and we had trouble with the credit cards freezing the machines last year so it is appreciated if you bring cash or check or use e-wallet instead. We will try to make sure the internet connection is good but it is unpredictable. We will need many volunteers throughout the week of 10/14-10/21. Connecticut is ensuring that all Book Fairs pay appropriate taxes this year so please take that into consideration when your child is purchasing books. E-wallets may be the easier option. We got an extra \$1000 in Scholastic Dollars that expires soon so we donated money to the library and bought some raffle items. The book fair will be delivered as early as 10/6 and picked up as late as 10/28. There is a new fuel surcharge (\$75 cash or \$150 scholastic dollars). It was suggested that there be a sensory friendly time per day for students to come to the book fair and that the teacher wish lists are more clear for the location of the books.
- 4th grade fun run: PTA donates apples and water. One parent offered to donate the water from Stop & Shop.
- Volunteers- Please be sure to fill out your volunteer application every year.

- Nurse Robyn is retiring. We discussed gift ideas.
- Future Planning: Elf Shelf (December)- we have plans to make it more efficient, including having former students/middle schoolers come back to help as elves and to limit the amount of gifts to 8 per student. Gifts will also cost \$3 each considering the higher costs of items. 4th graders will also be allowed to shop during the day so that they can fully commit to being an “elf” during the event. The cafeteria will have activities and there will be several baskets available for raffle.
- There will also be a holiday collection.
- PTA will be reimbursing teachers up to \$80 for classroom supplies.
- We will be working on a directory so students can contact each other for playdates and parties.

Questions/Comments/Feedback

- None

Next Meeting

October 19th at 6:30pm, the Library at Lillie B. Haynes