



## LEARNING PREP SCHOOL

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### Partners in Education Notes November 17, 2022

- Welcome/Introductions
- Executive Committee members (2 MS, 2 HS, 1 either)
  - Timothy Flood            started on committee 21-22    parent of an 11th grader
  - Stacey Suckerman       started on committee 21-22    parent of a 12th grader
  - Roslyn Michelson       started on committee 22-23    parent of an 11th grader
  - Andrea Cawthorne       started on committee 22-23    parent of a 7th grader
  - Angela Zuccaro           started on committee 22-23    parent of a 5th grader
  - Amy Davis - Principal
  - Amy Plante - Assistant principal
  - Kurt Moellering - Executive Director
  - Cate Wilson - COO
  - Vanessa Mendes - CFO
- Vote on bylaws
  - Questions:
    - **Can the bylaws be amended before the 3 years?** Yes amendments can be made as needed.
    - **Can there be a teacher representative in addition to Admin staff in PIE?** Yes! All parents and staff are members of PIE, but due to timing of the meetings, teachers typically cannot attend. Amy D and Amy P will see if any teachers are free for future meetings to attend.
    - **What does the extension in section 3 mean?** The PIE executive committee can vote to extend membership to parents whose student has graduated if they want to stay involved.
  - **Bylaws unanimously accepted by: Kurt, Vanessa, Cate, Amy D, Amy P, Stacey Suckerman, Andrea Cawthorne, Roslyn Michelson, Tim Flood and Angela Zucarro.**



- Balance of PIE funds \$14,897.61
- Past ideas for events, etc.
  - All school Spring Cookout
  - Teacher appreciation luncheon - parent organized with LPS contact
    - May 5th - ½ day
  - Canobie Lake Park - parent organized with LPS contact
    - Typically at Saturday at the beginning of June
- **PIE discussion:**
  - Would like to repeat the cookout, teacher appreciation luncheon, pizza and pickleball.
  - Ski trip- has it been done since covid? It was attempted last year, but was canceled due to a lack of interest.
  - Revisit the idea of using half days for parents to hold student engagement events. There is 1 half day for parent teacher conferences in February that could be an opportunity for this idea. Transportation would have to be worked out. With parent support and organization this could work. Grade level parents to discuss further offline. Amy will email grade level parents.
  - Other family event ideas include: Paint night, Rocky Woods family event
  - Partnering with the City of Newton to rent recreational space such as Ice Skating rink.
  - Has there ever been a Buddy System to encourage relationships between older and younger students, i.e. homework help, activities?
    - At the winter fair, seniors will help younger students with purchasing and the seniors will help run the games.
    - Blue/Green events also have teams made up of MS and HS students and staff. Past events have included: candy land, name that tune, trivia, etc.
  - Suggestion: Create a shared doc for parents to share potential PIE or grade level parent events.
  - Discuss at next meeting: Fundraising for the Angel Fund- the fund to help families pay for LPS after school programs. Current balance is \$1,056. 41.
    - Tim Flood would like to work on this. Anyone interested in helping to fundraise for this, can email him at [tfloodbelmontma@gmail.com](mailto:tfloodbelmontma@gmail.com)

**Next PAG meeting-** 12/15/2022

**Next PIE meeting-** 01/19/2023