

## PIE Meeting 11/16/2023

**LPS Attendees:** Kurt, Cate, Vanessa, Amy D, Amy P, Korina, Dawn

**Family Attendees:** Geary Vail, Ginger McGill, Andrea Cawthorne, Cary and Wynne Meyer, Kim Phillips, Sara Abbott, Roslyn Michelson, Debra and Matthew Bellantoni, Meredith Lopez, Tim Flood, Rachel Combs

- **Fall BBQ**

- Very successful, great turnout, great weather
- Thank you to the PIE executive Committee for sponsoring the event. People are excited to connect, community energy was great, and has been missing. Would love to make it annual and plan it earlier in the year. Could there be a fundraising component of it in the future.
- Family Feedback: BBQ was great, Kids were proud to show off their new school and the students did not want to leave!

- **Executive Committee Members**

Name	Started on the Committee	Grade student is in at LPS
Roslyn Michelson	2022-23	12th
Meredith Lopez	2023-24	10th
Andrea Cawthorne	2022-23	8th
Ginger McGill	2023-24	6th
Melissa Isabelle	2023-24	6th

Rosalyn and Andrea are returning grade level parents. They encourage parent participation as it builds the community.

Ginger, Meredith, Melissa are new members of the PIE Executive Committee.

Tim Flood volunteered to step down this year to allow parents of younger students to get involved. Tim has been a great supporter of LPS and PIE!

We are grateful for all he has done and are happy to continue working with him!

## Grade Level Parents

The Grade Parent Volunteers are:

12th grade - Laurel Hollinden

11th grade - Kristen Koehler

10th grade - Meredith Lopez

9th grade - Jessie Brauer

8th grade - Katherine Munz

7th grade - Lauren Timmons

6th grade - Christie Ward & Amy Domow

4th/5th grade - Rachael Noonan

Grade Level parents help organize smaller events for their grades.

- **Current PIE Fund Balance**
  - \$10,958.89
  - Recent purchase of ~1400 for Blue Ribbon Food at the BBQ
  
- **PIE Funding Past & Future**
  - Past: Field Trips, Presenters at LPS, Teacher Conferences, Teacher Appreciation Lunch, Pizza & Pickleball and After School Program Scholarships
  - Future Ideas: Allocating a budget to each grade for non-school sponsored events.
    - Other Suggestions?
      - PIE funding the ASP Scholarship- is that delineated? No, it comes from the same account and last year PIE voted to donate \$2,000 of their funds to the Scholarship fund.
      - Allocating a budget to each grade level may be a good idea to be fair. Would not be fair to fund events on a case by case basis as there may be more active groups.
      - Sustainability of this budget- How long does this last?
        - PIE stopped spending money during covid, spending has been slow as life has returned to normal.
          - Significant costs have come from Teacher Appreciation, Fall BBQ, Afterschool Scholarship Program, Pizza and Pickleball
        - PIE has not been raising funds to replenish this PIE Fund. 2 years ago it was ~14k. At one point the balance was as high as 60k. Prior to Covid the average was ~20k.
        - Have had a PIE member involved in finances in the past, similar to a Treasurer. If there is someone interested in being this person they can be connected to Holly who can send a monthly report of the fund.
        - Questions: Where does the PIE money come from? How is it presented to parents? Is it really well mapped out with how PIE spends the funds?
          - A long time ago there was fundraising/donation. Was the Spring Design event for PIE? No- that was a fundraiser for the Annual Fund which supports school operating expenses.
          - PIE fundraising would be separate from the Annual Funder. Under the PIE bylaws, PIE is sponsoring events that bring the whole community together or include all students. Fundraising during PIE events- Family BBQ, Pizza and Pickleball, etc would be the perfect opportunity to raise funds for PIE.
          - PIE is involved in the Winter Fair, Pizza and Pickleball, can use these as opps

- **Fundraising**

- Past Fundraising Events included: Wrapping paper or Candy Sales, Solicitation Letter.
- Thoughts/Ideas about future fundraising?
  - 50/50 raffle at the BBQ
  - Selling a cookbook featuring the recipes that After School Program Cooking students made
  - Silly things- dunk tanks, Kurt doing a silly dance, Pie in a Teachers Face
    - Students were able to squeeze Ketchup and Mustard at the principals for donations to the Marathon fundraiser. Staff members' donations counted towards a raffle for students who did not have a donation.
  - Can we do anything at the Winter Fair to raise money for PIE?
    - Bake Sale profits support the Student Council.
    - Students do not come in with a ton of money so may not be a lucrative fundraiser for PIE
  - Family fun run/walk/color run for the spring.
    - Music for the kids, money raised per lap.
    - Have a raffle at the end of the event, prize is a student gets to "pie" the principal.
    - Boosterthon runs similar events and gives portion back to the school. Ginger to look into
  - LPS Pop-Up Shop with School Merchandise at PIE events
  - Region Specific LPS nights- Could be hosted at homes or local restaurants. If everyone did the event on the same night, could watch the same video or do the same activity.
  - PE Fundraiser- Pedometer step challenge for students with students getting sponsors.
  - Jump-a-thon (jump rope event)
    - What is the property availability?
      - We can use our outside spaces with proper planning and notification
  - Spaghetti Dinner with or without student involvement- Students could provide entertainment and cook.
  - Spaghetti dinner take out night- send students home with dinners
  - Holiday gift wrapping event- people can bring gifts to be wrapped for \$5/gift
  - Valentines card decorating event
  - Parent Engagement to build community amongst parents. Allow parents to connect and find support with other parents
    - Parent Night Out.
    - Bar A Mor has worked with us for Alumni events in the past.
    - Arts and Craft night
    - Tasting at a Brewery
    - A new parent event for LPS feedback and to build connections.

- An event to connect old parents with new parents, could invite prospective parents to gather feedback and foster connections
- An event for Alumni and Current Families to connect and share experiences
- Reach out to the alumni for fundraising.
  - Do we have access to the Alumni/Alumni Family contacts to contribute to or attend fundraising events?
  - Could we start an Alumni fundraising campaign to request donations for PIE in the fall and one for LPS Annual Fund in the Spring

### **Next Steps**

- Form committees to plan some of these events. Send Amy D an email if you'd like to get involved in planning one of these ideas.
- Explore opportunities for E Wallets for Winter Fair and Book fair to minimize how much money students are bringing in
- Please encourage other families to join PIE meetings, attend events
- Look out for upcoming fundraising letters coming soon to collect donations for the family and friends fund!

As we think about future of development future- maybe they should work more closely with PIE