

PIE Meeting Notes 09/19/2024

Mission of Partners in Education

The mission of Partners In Education (PIE) is to cultivate and nurture a strong sense of community, to advance goodwill, to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas between the school and parents, to promote and enhance the character, culture, and values of the educational program, and to support LPS in its intent to foster an understanding of language-based learning disabilities.

Executive Council

The executive council of PIE is made up of 10 members, 5 from LPS and 5 parent/caregiver members- 2 HS, 2 MS and the last from either building. Current members:

- Ginger McGill (MS)
- Melissa Isabelle (MS)
- Meredith Lopez (HS)
- Kurt Moellering (ED)
- Cate Wilson (COO)
- Vanessa Mendes (CFO)
- Amy Davis (Principal)
- Amy Plante (Assistant Principal)

We currently have 2 vacant positions:

- 1 HS Parent
- 1 MS or HS Parent

Meredith Lopez

Speaking on behalf of PIE & the Executive Committee: The role of PIE is to build community, celebrate students and staff. 5 meetings per year and the executive committee communicates via email- votes to allocate funds.

Nominations/ Self Nominations for the 2 vacant PIE Executive Committee can be sent to Dawn Hurley

PIE & PAG

Partners in Education (PIE)	Parent Advisory Group (PAG)
Once you become an LPS parent, you are a member of PIE. PIE organizes non-school related events for students & families, fundraises for LPS and co-sponsors school events; speakers, field trips	PAG provides parents/caregivers an opportunity to connect directly with LPS leaders. Discussion topics include the academic program, testing schedules, policy updates, upcoming school and LPS community events, and ways to support the school.

PIE Sponsored Events/Upcoming Events

Past Family Events have included:

- Spaghetti Supper
- Canobie Lake Park
- Davis Farmland
- Bingo
- Tubing
- Hockey
- Family BBQ

Past In School Student Events have included:

- West Newton Cinemas
- Museum of Science
- Senior Week Events- Dave & Busters, Sky Zone, Bowling, Mini Golf
- Freedom Trail
- Enrichment Animal Presentation
- New England Aquarium
- Winter Fair
- Graphic Novelist, Matt Heagerty visits LPS

Upcoming Annual Events:

- November 2, 2024 12:00pm- 2:00pm Family BBQ
- May 2025 Plant Sale
- May 2025 Pickleball & Pizza
- Looking for ideas & support from PIE for a fun "PI Day" event 3/14/2025

Seeking ideas for a PIE /PI Day (3/14/25) Activity for School

Suggestions: Bake off? St Patrick's Day tie-in?

Fundraising

Current PIE budget: \$10,114.75

Events we'll be asking for PIE support:

- Visit from author of Because of Mr. Terupt- Rob Buyea. All students have been reading this as our common read for this year. We've arranged for the author to come in on September 30th!
- After school scholarship
- Fall Family BBQ

Fundraising ideas

- Use the Fall Family BBQ as opportunity to Fundraise- Raffles, 50/50.
- Can donate directly to the PIE fund
 - Question: Are PIE donations tax deductible? No, because PIE is not it's own 501c3. General donations sent to LPS are tax-deductible.
- Question: The committee is evenly split, why is there no tie breaking member? Is there more info re: Structure? Yes, the PIE Executive Committee Bylaws outline the structure of the committee. No tiebreaker on the committee because the procedures are outlined in the bylaws.