

Lakota West PTSO Minutes
October 14, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

In attendance: Tricia Wade, Emily Jackson, Yufang Vangaasbeek, Ali Boger, Chrissy Baker, Sarah Wadhwa, Jennifer Richardson, Tara Armstrong, Leslie Lopez, Linda Swiatek, Julie Hill, Lisa Phair, Amit Chitnis, Alyssa Louagie, Christina Norris, Kathy Wyenandt, Julie Shaffer, Taryn Baker, and Scott Laman

Review of Minutes from September 2024

Motion to approve: Chrissy Baker, Second: Emily Jackson, Approved

Principals' Report – Scott Laman and Taryn Baker

- Reach Out Lakota's Stuff the Bus – Students collected 11,918 items at West Main and over 700 items at Freshman. West competed with East for the Stuff the Bus Competition and East won this year.
- PSAT will be Thursday this week.
- Band and choir concerts for 1st quarter were last week.
- The fall play, *Much Ado About Nothing*, will be performed on the weekend of Nov 15th. Spring Musical Auditions will take place soon are open to all students.
- Fall Athletics finishing up soon.
- Yearbooks – Mr. Laman is trying to improve the process so that there won't be missing pictures. He working to see if graduates can receive their yearbook in the mail. Lifetouch photographs each student. Jostens produces the yearbooks. Picture Make Up Day is October 16th, and the senior panoramic picture will be taken at 9:30 AM that same day.
- Butler Tech presentation for 10th graders will be coming up.
- State Grade Card – up 2 stars, more info will be shared by Mr. Laman next month.
- Value Added Score will be coming out soon.
- Real World 101 will be held on November 26 at West Freshman Building. Mrs. Barker is still looking for more speakers. They are also planning a mini Activities Fair with the leaders from Lakota West's student organizations. Student Government will pay for pizza, so PTSO will cover something else (drinks and/or cookies) this year.
- October 23 (6:30-8 PM) – Parents and community members are invited to attend a panel presentation about improving traffic safety near our buildings. Presenters will include leaders from the Lakota School District, the Butler County Engineer, and the Sheriffs from both LT and WC.

Treasurer's Report: Emily Jackson

- Craft Fair – Another successful year. The profit margin was higher due to including food trucks instead of running our own concessions. There was also no loss of \$ for excess food not sold for concessions. We charged a \$200 flat rate for each food truck during Craft Fair.

- Motion to increase the Firebird Fund to \$16,050 so we will be able to cover the complete cost of the ice machine and water filtration system: Chrissy Baker, Second: Julie Shaffer, Approved
- Spending expected this month: PSAT grab and go snacks.
- Motion to purchase 3 more microwaves out of the Firebird Fund: Kathy Wyenandt, Second: Lisa Phair, Approved

Craft Show Wrapup – Yufang Vangaasbeek

- THANK YOU to all Craft Show volunteers!!!
- Preliminary revenue was shared (see agenda).
- Please share your feedback and ideas for next year.
- Already have dates for next year - October 4 & 5, 2025.

DPC Updates: District Parent Council Representatives – Kathy Wyenandt, Lisa Phair, Jennifer Richardson

- A Thought Exchange is open for the Traffic Safety Panel.
- A new Cell Phone Policy will be created before next school year. This policy will also include a policy on smart watches.
- The Master Facility Plan is moving forward. The enrollment study is complete. There is potential for a Bond Issue to go on the ballot in fall 2025.

Other Committee Reports

- Conference Dinners – We will have a SignUpGenius to ask for donations after we decide on a menu.

President’s Report: Tricia Wade

- Connect and Collaborate is the focus for everything.
- Class Representatives names were shared on the agenda.
- A draft PTSO Annual Calendar of Events was shared. Please let Tricia know if anything is missing.
- PSAT – Tricia and a team of volunteers will shop for and distribute grab and go snacks after the PSAT.
- Lakota West Earring Sale – 20% donation back to PTSO.
- This year, we are going to work on updating our bylaws and the PTSO website and will need to make sure we are registered with the Secretary of State.
- Motion to fill the VP position with Amit Chitnis: Alyssa Louagie, Second: Chrissy Baker, Unanimously Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Next Meeting – November 11, 2024 at 6 PM in the Innovation Hub at Main Campus.

Remaining 2024-2025 PTSO Meetings: 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/21, and 5/12
All meetings will be held at 6 PM at Main Campus (8940 Union Centre Blvd) at 6:00 PM

