

Lakota West PTSO Minutes
September 9, 2024

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

In attendance: Tricia Wade, Lesley Ferguson, Emily Jackson, Yufang Vangaasbeek, Ali Boger, Jennifer Collier, Chrissy Baker, Sarah Wadhwa, Jennifer Richarson, Julie Shaffer, Tara Armstrong, Leslie Lopez, Linda Swiatek, Stacy Bradley-Robinson, Annette Meyer, Tricia Thompson, Kate Brooks, Julie Hill, Lisa Phair, Tess Slough, Amit Chitnis, Ami P, Alyssa Louagie, Emily Jackson, Lisa Marchand, Taryn Baker, and Scott Laman

Review of Minutes from May 2024

Motion to approve: Jennifer Collier, Second: Julie Hill, Approved

Principal's Report – Scott Laman and Taryn Baker (Associate at West Freshman)

- Together WE Can... is Lakota's theme for 2024-2025.
- Safe Schools Training is underway.
- New graphics on windows for safety improvements.
- Schedule for Important Dates were shared.
- Graduation is Friday Night at 8 PM on May 23rd at Cintas Center at Xavier.
- New Cell Phone Policy – Cell Phones are turned into a collection spot at the front of each classroom
- First Conferences will be Thursday, September 19.
- Homecoming Dance on September 28th – Let's Glow (Neon Theme) 7-10 PM outside on the Football Field. \$20 per person
- September 27th – Future Firebirds and Homecoming Royalty will be celebrated at the football game.
- Lakota West has 6 semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarships this year.
- State Report Card – News of last year's results just came out and we earned more stars this year. Details will be shared soon.
- Freshman Campus just got their new microwaves and the students are enjoying them.
- Dr. Whitely is doing Listen and Learns around the district. December 9th will be our opportunity to meet with her at Lakota West.
- West Freshman is getting a new air conditioning system this year.

Treasurer's Report: Emily Jackson

- Shared the budget that the board created this year. New Line Items are in red: Prom, Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Class.
- Motion to approve the budget: Emily Jackson, Second: Ali Boger, Approved
- The staff decided not to have their workrooms decorated. With the money that had been set aside, the staff has request
- Motion to approve the ice and water filtration system for the Freshman Building with an estimate of \$8000: Emily Jackson, Second: Lisa Phair, Approved
- Spending so far this year includes: Advertising for the Craft Show and Supplies

Craft Show Report – Yufang Vangaasbeek

- A student videographer from Butler Tech will be making a promo video for Craft Show as a project.
- 5 Food Trucks this year instead of concessions
- Increased Promotion this year
- QR Codes for Volunteers have been shared and hyperlink will be shared, too.
- Volunteers can earn a donation of \$25 per 3-hour shift for the student club of their choice.

DPC Updates: District Parent Council Representatives -

- Barb Bossu Date - April 23 at Lakota West
- Kelley Casper and Doug Horton are the School Board Representatives for the school year.
- Community Conversations – first for this year will focus on Cell Phone Policy. September 25, 6:30 PM at West Freshman
- Parent Square – Goal is to streamline communication. Final Forms will eventually move to Parent Square. Betsey Fuller is willing to come to any building to explain how it works during parent meeting.

Other Committee Reports

- Conference Dinners – We will serve pizza, salads, fruit, and desserts on September 19th. Jennifer Collier and Ali Boger are looking for additional helpers who can assist with set up, clean up, and shopping for the meals.

President's Report: Tricia Wade

- Tricia Wade will send monthly email with minutes, upcoming agenda, and important upcoming info.
- Please don't feel like you must volunteer or coordinate something if you come to our meetings. We'd love you to attend because we value your feedback and perspective on what would be good for our organization and the students
- Open Positions – Class Representatives, Vice President, Conference Dinners, and Staff Appreciation.
- We will continue to consider how we can increase interaction with the school as parents and guardians of high school students and keep a pulse of what our students/parents/families need.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Next Meeting – October 14, 2024, at 6 PM in the Innovation Hub at Main Campus.

2024-2025 PTSO Meetings: 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/21, and 5/12
All meetings are held at 6 PM at Main Campus (8940 Union Centre Blvd) at 6:00 PM