

PIE Meeting 11/21/2024

LPS Attendees: Kurt, Cate, Amy D, Amy P, Vanessa, Marianne

Family: Stacey Santos, Jonathan Phillips, Kim Phillips, Melissa Isabelle, Meredith Lopez, Karl Martens, Cary Meyer

PIE & PAG

PIE: Partners in Education

PIE organizes non-school related events for students & families, fundraises for LPS and co-sponsors school events; speakers, field trips

The PIE group meets 5 times each year, on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 9-10am

- ~~Sept 19, 2024~~
- ~~Nov 21, 2024~~
- Jan 16, 2025
- March 20, 2025
- May 15, 2025

PAG: Parent Advisory Group is a mini-State of the School presentation that 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.

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- ~~October 17, 2024~~
- December 20, 2024
- February 27, 2025
- April 17, 2025

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89453990390>

Fall BBQ

Very successful Fall BBQ featured a catered lunch from Blue Ribbon BBQ. Families and staff came together - friends and family were invited for an afternoon of fun!

PIE Executive Committee Members

Family Executive Committee	LPS Admin Executive Committee
Meredith Lopez Melissa Isabelle Ginger McGill Jonathan Phillips Lindsay Weiner	Kurt Moellering-Executive Director Vanessa Mendes-CFO Cate Wilson-COO Amy Davis-Principal Amy Plante-Assistant Principal

How does LPS use PD time?

At a recent meeting, we were asked why LPS has half days every day for the first week of school. Our half days are full days for staff to give our staff the training they need.

Each year, before students return to campus, New staff have 2 full days of training and All staff have 3 days of orientation training. These days are split between Professional development, department meetings, classroom setup, and file reading.

Other 766 schools do weekly half days to allow for staff professional development. We opt not to have weekly half days to minimize impact on families while giving our staff the trainings they need.

DESE mandated trainings for all staff annually:

- a. Reporting abuse and neglect of students to the Department of Children and Families and/or the Disabled Persons Protection Commission;
- b. Student discipline and behavior support procedures;
- c. Program's use of physical restraints;
- d. Runaway policy;
- e. Emergency procedures including but not limited to, evacuation drills, emergency drills, utilization of the alarm system, and evacuations in instances of fire or natural disaster; and
- f. Civil Rights responsibilities (discrimination and harassment) regarding race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, and homelessness.

These DESE trainings are all orientation and beginning of the year preparation for staff

LPS-mandated training for all staff annually:

Note: Training fluctuate a little year to year based on staff needs and school initiatives.

- A. Annual Refresher Training for all staff
 - a. Thinking Maps curriculum
 - b. Social Thinking
 - c. CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention)
- B. DEI workshops
- C. PLC meetings
- D. Neuropsychological Training
- E. Data collection training
- F. First Aid & CPR
- G. Training for the new IEP
(goals, benchmark, CPL, data collection)

How does LPS schedule student time?

DESE Mandates:

180 days of school (half days count)

990 instructional hours

Learning Prep mandates (this year):

180 days of school
1013 instructional hours

Annually we plan the 180 school day calendars and then we go back to see where we can plug in half days for staff trainings.

We will be mindful of the impact on families.

Question: Will the impact of the half days on families be added in to the family survey?

Response: We do value the feedback, but we'll have to be careful with the wording, because asking may imply changes to the early release schedule that we cannot promise.

Suggestion: Could it be a satisfaction rating re: first week of half days for the question using a Likert scale?

Question: If Staff need the half days for important training- why are we even considering the feedback and satisfaction if it is something that can't be changed?

Response: It is good for us to know the pain points, regardless of our ability to challenge it. We'll keep thinking on this. PIE and PAG feedback is always appreciated.

Question: Could there be creativity? Would a midweek start for students give teachers more training time?

Response: We'll continue discussing.

Fundraising:

Thank you PIE for approving our Recent Expenditures

Author Visit- \$1500

BBQ- \$1499

PIE balance:

\$6,946

Fundraising ideas?

Halloween idea- decorating pumpkins that can be auctioned off. Could be worked on in class and have parents bid on it. Possibly consider something similar for Valentine's day. Marianne will look into times of the year that this idea could work.

Homeroom baskets- each homeroom would be given a theme and students can work to put together a basket by gathering items from their families. Baskets would be wrapped and raffled off. Could something like this work for Pizza and Pickleball?

Winter fair- Could there be a small raffle allowing students to choose a staff member to PIE in the face or silly string?

Pizza and Pickleball- sell LPS jerseys with staff names?

The PIE Executive Committee will be meeting coming soon to plan a Winter Fair fundraiser.

PIE and Pi day even (3/14)

PIE making event is tomorrow for Family and Friends Fund. Families will be on campus to make PIES with Chef Peter

Email Marianne any ideas that you may have and she's happy to work on the logistics to coordinate

Question: How was the attendance at the Fall BBQ?

Response: It was good, more MS families attended than HS. This year was well attended. May be PIE's best opportunity to raise funds.

Upcoming Events

December 13: HS Winter Ball

December 19th: Winter Fair

We're now collecting new or gently used items for our white elephant table through December 17! The white elephant table gives our students the opportunity to purchase items for themselves or holiday gifts for family members and friends

White Elephant table is a really cool experience for students to be able to independently purchase a gift for friends or family. They are so proud of themselves.

January 25th: HS Monster Mini Golf

Blue/Green Events

All staff and students are assigned a team and given a LPS shirt. On the first Friday of the month, everyone is asked to wear their blue or green shirts for school spirit. We also hold Blue/Green events that bring together all staff and students to participate in a fun event. Recently had a Mad Libs event.

Next Meeting is a PAG meeting on 12/20! Our next PIE meeting will be January 16, 2025.

In the meantime, please reach out with any questions or fundraising ideas!