

Agenda Feb 6th, 2025 @ LBI Grade School media center, 4:00 (called to order at 4:05 by Marci Blead, president)

In attendance: Shelley Smith, Danielle Hagler, Erica Jenkins, Rachel McDill, Frank Birney

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome and introductions
- Treasurer's Report

LBI PTA Treasurer's Report – 2/6/25

Games of Chance Account Bank Balance - \$6,660.54

Outstanding Expenses

Reimbursement - Event insurance \$140.72

Set the Bar \$800.00

Farm on Main \$2,425.72

Current working Games of Chance Account Balance – **\$3,294.10**

General Operating Account Bank Balance - \$41,028.71

Outstanding Expenses

Reimbursement – Teacher Appreciation \$750.00

Reimbursement – Enrichment \$12.66

OCCPTA \$13.00

Melanie Cassie Photography \$31.57

Reimbursement – Postage & supplies \$46.40

Outstanding Income

Enrichment \$1,370.00

Membership \$365.00

Boxtops for Education \$20.00

Current working general operating account balance - **\$41,930.08**

Rachel L. McDill

Treasurer, LBI PTA

- important dates:
 - Family night Brainwash at 6:30 February 13th at EJ
 - Dance @ LBI March 7th
 - Auction @ The Farm on Main March 22nd
 - Teacher Appreciation - week of May 5th
 - Clothing Drive May 17th
 - Field Day May 30th (rain date June 6th)
 - Bay Day June 5th (rain date June 9th)
- Volunteers needed
 - Auction- donations
 - Dance- committee
- Committee reports
 - Assemblies- Marci Bleam
 - Brainwash- February 13th (both schools and family night)
 - Magic science- March 12th (both schools)

Discussed the possibility of having the assembly, "Beyond the Laces" is a multi discipline presentation by authors Bob Solomon and Rick Young. Focuses on character building with themes of kindness and perseverance. Aligns with anti-bullying campaigns in education. Consideration of scheduling the presentation for next year instead of this year. Potential acquisition of the book for teachers to enhance impact. Current school year has multiple assemblies, making it challenging to add more. We discussed adding an additional assembly at EJ for this year. Mr. Birney felt that there is too much going on in April, May, and June
 - Restaurant fundraiser- Marci Bleam
 - Burger 25 January 23rd- \$542.67

Decision to skip the restaurant fundraiser due to recent events like Brainwash Night. Plan to hold an event at Wally's in March. Intention to reach out to contacts at Wally's to organize the event.
 - Social committee- Erica Jenkins/Coleen Garabedian

Erica reached out to Colleen for assistance with the dance committee. Scheduled a meeting for next week to discuss dance details. Erica will coordinate with Toby scheduling a meeting at the Terrace Tavern in May to vote on new committee positions. Erica is going to offering several dates in mid May

Proposal to pin a PTA calendar on the school's social media for easy access to event information.

 - Coordinate with Kathy to implement a pinned events calendar on social media.
 - Schedule a social media blast for the auction event on February 23rd.

- After school enrichment- Danni Hagler
 - Positive response with many sign-ups.
 - Mr. Cotov has taken additional students from the waiting list for piano classes.
 - Coordination of permission slips and communication with teachers.
 - Compare payment lists to identify missing payments.
 - Develop a system to track permission slips more efficiently, possibly using a shared Google Sheet.

- Book fair
 - Initially considered holding a second book fair.
 - Decided not to hold a second book fair this year due to scheduling conflicts and limited capacity.
 - Explored alternatives such as a book swap or establishing a little free library on school grounds.
 - Implement book swap or little free library initiative.
 - Encourage donations of books from students and parents.
 - Explore the creation of a custom little free library using repurposed materials.

- Membership- Judy Meehan
 - Membership count increased to 141, with 33 new members from recent efforts.
 - Achieved 100% teacher participation for the first time in a long while.
 - Mrs. Maschi's room earned 100% participation

- Thundering surf- Judy Meehan
 - No additional tickets have been sold

- Auction- Danni Hagler/Jessica Scangarello
 - Tickets are live with limited sales so far.
 - Concerns about ticket pricing and associated service fees deterring purchases.
 - Strategies to increase ticket sales through community outreach.
 - Plan additional promotional pushes after the price increase on February 22nd.

- Teacher appreciation- Sheilla & Jill
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- 6th grade graduation
 - Affirmed the protocol for fifth-grade parents to organize sixth-grade graduations.
 - Kindergarten graduation remains self-managed by respective teams.

- Bay day
 - Lynda Scholey takes care of most of this day. Marci Bleam will email the parents that volunteered to coordinate the rest.

- Field day
 - Considering themes that reflect the school's upcoming consolidation, such as "Unity" or "Stronger Together."
 - Consult with PE teachers for theme ideas.
- Great Adventure 6th grade:
 - The Great Adventure – Physics Day
 - Scheduled for May 2nd with discounted tickets.
 - If postponed due to rain, tickets revert to general admission pricing.
 - Event includes parking and tickets but not meals.
 - Coordination with chaperones regarding meal arrangements for attendees.
- New Business
 - Megan Smith- product with a purpose
 - Local boutique aiming to create community opportunities by hiring people with disabilities.
 - Interested in collaborating with students through activities like hand-painting garments and creating note cards.
 - Ideas for integrating student involvement, such as a holiday shop featuring locally made items.
 - Potential for an enrichment program where students create and sell products in partnership with the boutique
 - Little free library
 - Mr. Birney will give Marci Bleam the contact information for the company that does Buddy Benches to see if they could build a little library with our recycled materials.
 - Lisa Leonard is looking into any town regulations

- Announcements:

- Stay Updated: Website-
<https://www.lbischools.org/for-parents/pta/parent-teacher-association> , Facebook,
 Instagram:@lbicsdpta Emails/Texts
 Messages

Upcoming meetings at LBI media center

March 13, 2025

April 17, 2025

May 8, 2025

June 5, 2025