

Lowell Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9.13.16 @ 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: OCT 11 @ 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY

Chris from Boys and Girls Club:

Chris Crombie came and spoke about the various programs the Boys & Girls club is now offering. The club is open to children ages 7-18.

He described the merit based Education Center, where children go to do their homework, and as a reward for choosing to do their homework over another activity are awarded.

- Create a climate of academic success in the Boys and Girls Club
- Recognize young people's efforts and achievements
- Develop incentive system to motivate youth and increase participation
- Implement one-on-one or small-group tutoring for youth
- Make homework and other learning activities enjoyable, as well as academically beneficial
- Integrate technology

Chris mentioned they partner with Bentley University, who sends about 30 students per semester to partner in the Education Center.

Additionally, the Club has introduced a new system whereby children ages 7-10 are no longer allowed to come and go from the club at will. Once they have been checked into the club they must remain.

Registration is only \$25 for the year; the form can be downloaded [here](#).

There are many great programs the club offers students throughout the year, please visit their website to learn more: <http://watertownbgc.org/>

Question #2 on the Nov. Ballot Speaker Invite.

The PTO voted to not have a speaker in to discuss this question. The parents were told that they could email us for the speaker's information if they would like to discuss it further.

Louisiana Flood Drive

Flyers were delivered to the teachers to send home and parent were told more about the program and what is needed.

FINANCES

Budget approval

The 2016.2017 budget was approved

Dues Update

\$935 in dues so far

Financial report

\$23,168.72 in checking

\$787.69 in savings

FUNDRAISERS

In progress:

Box Tops Summer Contest (ended 9/12)

Winner will be announced on Monday

New contest is going to be Oct. 3 – Oct 21st.

Parents asked what are box tops. This was discussed in greater detail, Nikki to put something on the website and Facebook.

Stop and Shop Rewards

This program was discussed in greater detail, Monica would like to have registration at Movie Night. Parents only need the first 3 letters of their last name and the 13 digit stop and shop reward number. There are step by step instructions on the website on how to register, it will take 30 seconds. Very easy.

Click [here](#) for step by step instructions

Color Run – Oct 2nd @ 11am

This event is hosted by all three elementary schools. The race is Oct 2nd and starts at 11am. The location is the Hosmer Elementary school cafeteria (check in occurs in the café). The race is definitely good for children, strollers, families, walkers and runners.

TBD

Dinner Nights (Not Your Avg. Joes, Chateau, John Brewers, any other ideas)

Nothing determined with dinners.



Annual Auction

Mary Lynds and Nikki talked about the auction. Mary would like a co-chair and ideally would like to start the process in Nov. Mary is also looking into another online auction host that will cost \$250.

Silver Graphics

Great program, raised a lot, will use again this year.

Game Night

Briefly described the program just to let people know about, no action at this time

Watertown Savings Bank

Briefly described the program just to let people know about, no action at this time

Zumbathon

Briefly described the program just to let people know about, no action at this time

SOME EVENTS

Movie Night – Sept 16th , Zootopia

Fall/Halloween Event

Event date is Oct. 28th.

Book Fair Dates/Literacy Night

Briefly described the event

Math Night – Feb?

Elizabeth Kaplan will be in next meeting to discuss

Science Night – May/June?

Elizabeth Kaplan will be in next meeting to discuss

International Night – Jan

Briefly described the event



Spirit Days/ weeks for Sept – Dec

Described what spirit days are, discussed having it one week rather than last Friday of the month.

Food Drive

Briefly described the program

FIFTH GRADE DISCUSSION

5th Grade Fundraising Ideas

The Fifth grade discussion was tabled till next meeting. Fire & Ice is closed. The current supports will remain in place, a vote will only occur if there are suggested changes.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Classroom updates

Bypassed these as it was the first week of school

Principal update

Phil introduced himself, gave a presentation on his philosophy and goals for the year.

Afterschool Clubs

Budget approved to support afterschool clubs. Last years clubs (cooking, science and newspaper were discussed)

Cooking was for k/1 children, two sessions, four weeks each

Science was for 2/3 children, two sessions, four weeks each

Newspaper club was for 4/5 children.