

LLP meeting
Tuesday January 9, 5:30 PM

In attendance: Samantha Gray, Lisa Novak, Tiffany Harsten, Kathleen Gerhold, Candice Miller, Theisha Perkins-Obafemi, Claudia Hindo, Chris Delfin, Crystal Thomas

General:

1. LLP Website has gone live! – www.lenartlionspride.com, mobile friendly, has launched this week; Crystal showed the group images from the website. In the future, we hope to replace the stock photos with actual photos, but those will require photo releases from caregivers before we can move forward.
2. Walkathon Field Trip – LLP is working with Ms Clay to schedule a trip to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum Field trip with additional workshop activity
3. Finances
 - a. Current Balance - \$ 51,804.09
 - i. \$30-\$40k to technology improvements
 - ii. Spirit Wear – LLP purchased some shirts that will be sold at a later date. Overall, we have raised around \$1,000, plus whatever we make from the rest of the shirts that have been purchased.
 - b. Work on process for teacher grant request to ensure all teachers have the opportunity to request funds.
4. New Treasurer Position Available - Any nominations

Teacher Grants:

1. New request from Mrs. Smolen regarding \$997 – Plants purchased in the Fall

School Improvement:

1. Computer Lab – Mr. Lin has said the school is still working on new quote from vendor
2. Classroom Technology (ie projectors)
 1. Prometheum boards purchased over break and classes have started using them
3. Kathleen provided update on school fee survey – data will be shared once administration has reviewed
4. Capital improvement plan – Kathleen has met with Ms. Sims to discuss possible projects; Theisha asked if other parents were welcome to join this discussion...yes! Kathleen will work with Claudia Hindo and the room reps to get the word out so families can participate in this project.

Event Planning:

1. Family Skating Event March 2024- Morgan Park Sports Center
 - o Rink reserved for March 9 from 1:20-2:50
 - o Lisa Novak is working with Scott Cook from Morgan Park Sports Center; waiting to hear back with a contract and more definitive information. Rather than reserving a party room, we will use the rink decks so the group is together and able to watch all of the skaters.
 - o Theisha suggested doing a survey to get an estimated number of participants;
2. Snow Ball: Friday February 16, 2024
 - o Theme will be Sneaker Ball
 - o Last year's expenses

- i. DJ and Photo Booth - \$795 +
- ii. Cookies \$150
- iii. Cafeteria Staff \$200 and Custodial Staff \$100
- o This year's budget (excluding DJ and Cookies) \$1000
- o Chair: Theisha Perkins
- o Initial meeting was in December to organize events
- o Same DJ/Photo booth as last year plus karaoke; Cookie decorating, hot chocolate station, pasta/garlic bread/fruit salad
- o Add more social/interactive components to get kids involved – will be discussed at next committee meeting
- o Next meeting on Thursday 1/11

Community Agenda Items:

- o Tiffany Harsten suggests a parent get together. Town Hall forum at the school without the children to discuss fundraising and other parent issues, community building
- o CPS 5-year plan for Selective Enrollment Schools – we will keep an eye on this and ensure parents are informed about any changes
- o Kathleen suggested a webinar or other meeting prior to the Walk-a-Thon to get parents excited and informed on how to raise money for the event.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1/9 - <https://meet.google.com/pjt-hkdu-vkx>