
Lottie PTO Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2022

Call to order

A meeting of Lottie PTO was held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 from 7:00- 7:53 p.m.

Agenda.

A copy of the agenda was shared by Lisa Macomber through email to Beverley Stankiewicz before the meeting was started.

- Call to order
 - Zoom walk-through, voting
 - Introduction of participants

Mandy Estes

Beverley Stankiewicz

Danielle Callis

Jackie Prevost-Bethel

Audrey Utrep

Marjorie Benac

The following attended but did not give an introduction:

Yolanda White (had trouble with microphone, she typed responses in chat window).

Krystalynn Campbell

- Approval of previous month's meeting minutes (Mandy subbed for Lisa)
 - Thumbs-up vote received
- Treasurer's Report (Krystalynn) there hasn't been a ton of change. There were reimbursements made, examples below.
 - \$350 to DJ
 - \$3,000 toward T-Shirts
 - \$100 for popsicles
 - Cutting final checks for 5th grade committee.
 - \$75 check for slushie machine
 - \$225 for photo booth
 - Drinks and food receipts are coming through, but those will be paid with funds from the fundraiser.
 - We made reimbursements for the New Rink for prizes. A couple hundred \$ left to spend. No big income, just finishing up paying out the last bit.
 - She will upload the report to the bank account next week because there are a couple of checks still needing to be sent out. Once that is done, she will post to our account next week.

- 5th grade – we are getting a lot of text messages from parents about what the kids to wear Friday. Wear what you are comfortable wearing. If you want your child to dress up and bring the red shirt to change into, that is fine. There is confusion, some parents already bought nice outfits.
- Committee Reports
 - 5th Grade Celebration at Brandenburg has been led by Krystalynn. Mandy said everything is set to go, the kids are so excited. We have yet to post pictures of the “Pie the Teacher”. The kids had a ball. Hopefully next year we can do this outside. The teachers were amazing supporting the students and we are thankful that the teachers
 - Photo booth, Jimmy Johns catering, we are wrapping up the final details. We have some decorating to do that day. We are looking for a parent to hang out at the park for us from 9:30 am until we get back. The party is on Friday, June 9.
- Principal’s Report (Mrs. White) was typed in the chat due to audio issues. Copied/pasted: We are all exited as we end the school year. The staff and families all really appreciate how wonderful the front landscape looks. Field day was a ton of fun, despite the rain but that was a nice break for the kids before we ended the day with the pie toss - so much fun! We look forward to the kindergarten and 5th grade celebrations later this week and a bubble send off on Friday. Please make sure to keep watching for messages from the front office. We will be working until May 17th, and I am available by email all Sunday. Pictures of all the fun events will be posted to Facebook and our building website in the next few days.
- Teacher’s Report (Mrs. Hurley) – per Mrs. White, Mrs. Hurley is out sick, so there is no teacher report at this time.
- Unfinished Old Business
 - Landscaping has been completed. We have to thank Brad and Audrey Utrup and Matt and Lisa Macomber all worked on it. Thank you for taking the time to do that on a holiday weekend. The solar lights came in as well as the flag, and we already saw everything up. It is really nice and a pretty looking flag hanging up there. Thank you to Krystalynn Campbell for bringing her power washer, and for planting flowers in the planters for us. Mandy and Brad had a great time shopping at Home Depot. We still have \$1,200 to spend and Mandy asked Mrs. White to start thinking about what we want to do next year with this money. Mrs. White typed: I think we need to make sure all of the plants survive before we spend it all. But I am looking for more ideas.
 - Field Day – we previously went through “Pie the Teacher” and field day in the intro.
- New Business
 - Treasurer - Beverley Stankiewicz said that she met with Brad to discuss at a high level Treasurer responsibilities. Pasted from Mrs. White in the chat window: “We can talk about it because you, Brad and I all have to go to the bank together. Thanks!!”
 - Brainstorming for 2022-2023 school year
 - Keep ideas brief, details can be worked out later

Marjorie – Tower of purpose – website: pop4kids.com They did the step it up version, the kids had to raise money which might help for field day. Day of awesomeness, they bringing the inflatables, a DJ, etc. It’s included in the fundraiser, tons of prizes, games that they played, different times for each age groups. 4 huge blowups, 3 smaller ones, DJ and games. It was well worth it, that way no one had to put out money for that at the end of the year.

Jackie – might be cool if the teachers set up an Amazon Smile account so each teacher could create things that they want for the classroom at the beginning of the school year. “Hi I’m so and so here is a link to my classroom Amazon Smile”, and then people can use it and buy stuff from that and it benefits the school and PTO as well.

Mrs. White posted: “We have discussed having the teachers create wish lists that they have available at open house”.

Audrey suggested in October to have a trunk or treat for the kids. Audrey and Brad are willing to take charge of this. Little Caesars worked well, would like to do that again. Basket raffle would be a good fund raiser – each grade level is given a theme. Craft basket, Legos, game night, backyard BBQ, ask a family to donate whatever they want, etc. Pulling that money in, Mrs. White can do a drawing – bikes donated, etc. Could do a Zoom meeting.

Mrs. White suggested cookies with Santa and do the drawing then. Jackie was at Sugarbush with Mrs. White, and they did Trunk or Treat pre-covid. The Ghostbusters came out and took pictures, and they did the gift basket beginning of Nov. Each classroom had a theme, Mexican night as an example. Free swim at Goldfish, Urban Air, etc. Audrey – gift card basket, we needed multiple buckets for the tickets, people went crazy wanting to buy tickets to the gift card prize. \$1 per ticket or price break for more. We did a restaurant night every night. Mrs. White said they did an Ice Cream Social.

Beverley suggested having a Science fair, Cranbrook Institute of Science bring the field trip to the school and 5K Color Run. Fund raiser idea for families to eat at Love a Burger <https://www.orderlovaburger.com/> South of on 23 mile and Gratiot. Feedback received that 3rd graders do Zoo Walk and science fair would be up to teachers because research is based on teacher curriculum.

Krystalynn suggested having an art auction and it goes to the highest bidder. The kids get to show off their artwork, very inexpensive for us, the kids can show off their artwork.

Other suggestions included doing a day at Urban Air.

Marjorie said another school had a company set up a planetarium using a huge tent and projector. They only go through Michigan.

Mandy – had talked with Mrs. White about painting rocks with the kids. She said she will save this idea for when we can hear Mrs. White. Have every kid bring in a rock, and we can have some extra rocks, and this will go along with a book and has something to do with art and being unique. This involves incorporating a river rock bed with these rocks, and add more to our landscaping.

She heard from the roller rink that they have extra summer passes for Lottie students. We can go ahead and schedule dates if we want to have more opportunities to skate and raise money. The first 4 parties we get the difference what we charge vs. what they charge. On the 5th party you will receive half of the admission charge. That is a lot of parties, so something to talk about at the beginning of the school year. Mandy also asked about Santa Shop and Mrs. White said yes. Find unique ways to find gifts that parents, grand parents, siblings would love. Mrs. White has a sheet with a full inventory of what is left over from Santa Shop.

Jackie had rave reviews about the walkathon. They loved dancing with their friends and roller-skating and loved it. Baseball game was partially rained out but still fun, especially the fireworks. Her daughter loves the kindergarten with 4th grader buddy program. She definitely wants to continue the big buddy program.

Mrs. White suggested having academic family nights throughout the year.

Mandy said her kids love Literacy class.

Audrey – fundraising idea – movie night – purchasing a movie, raffle tickets, sell popcorn and juice boxes, bring pillows and blankets. Marjorie said can we add selling pizza. Audrey confirmed we did pizza at the last movie night. We had sign ups prior to know how many people want pizza ahead of time.

- Ideas will be used for planning when we pick back up in August

Open Forum

Mrs. White posted: “For such a short time together the PTO board did awesome - thank you!!!”

Next Meeting: August – TBD, Mandy said keep checking the PTO board for the dates.

Vote to adjourn

- Thumbs-up vote confirmed.

Adjournment

7:53 p.m.

Notes taken by Beverley Stankiewicz

Date of approval