

## LLP meeting

**Monday November 13, 5:30 PM**

Meeting began at 5:35pm.

In attendance: Samantha Gray, Crystal Thomas, Lisa Novak, Theisha Perkins-Obafemi; Jenna Carlson, Adebunmi Adeboje, Oge Adeboje, Tara Hinds

1. LLP Website Under Construction – Website almost complete, looking to link LLP Google Calendar to website and finish the board Bio page; current domain expires later this week
2. Walkathon Field Trip – Plan now for field trip in early spring semester; In terms of LLP's responsibility, either LLP can plan the full field trip or the teacher will decide what they want to do and LLP will provide the funds (which is what happened last year); Crystal and Jenna will check in with the first grade parent group and Ms. Clay to find out what she'd like to do.
3. Finances
  - a) Current Balance - \$52,383
    - i) \$30-\$40k earmarked for technology improvements
  - b) Budget
  - c) Luncheon (Jimmy John's) for teacher conferences was well received and under budget.
  - d) Donut Purchase for 8th Grade Test \$54.58
  - e) Teacher Grants/Requests for funding
    - i) Literacy Night in October - \$183.84
    - ii) Ms. Kizskan requested funds to renew subscription for online reading program she uses for the 2nd grade class - \$200
4. New Position Available – Treasurer
  - a. Discussion on bylaws and current spending policies; leadership team will review. Jenna Carlson will take lead.
5. School Improvement: Potential for a Capital Improvement; Mr. Lin is working on pulling together quotes as the last quotes were provided two years ago.
  - a. Computer Lab
  - b. Classroom Technology (ie projectors)
6. Event Planning
  - a. Family Field Trip to Zoolights - 12/8
    - i. Tickets are \$10 this year less 5-10% discount; LLP would need to pay for buses; group decided it would be better to plan a different outing for early 2024
  - b. Family skate day in January or March
    - a. Adebunmi and Samantha mention ice skating at U of C
    - b. Theisha mentioned Morgan Park with a party room, refreshments in lieu of bus fee
    - c. LLP will move forward with this plan.

2. Snow Ball February 16, 2024 - will be a Sneaker Ball, where the kids will wear sneakers or other casual footwear with their fancy clothes
7. Event Recap: Fall Fest
    - a. Budget \$2500, Actual Amount spent - \$1,592.03
    - b. What went well – balloon man, juggler, 8<sup>th</sup> grade face painting and volunteering with the games was fabulous, kids had fun
    - c. Feedback from one parent was that we needed to do larger events to impress/encourage parents who might be more willing to donate funds or participate in fundraisers; most parents were happy that the kids were having a great time
  8. Fundraising
    - a. Spiritwear-potential relaunch - 10 day sale?
      - i. Shirt company (Cranley Designs) typically does multiple selling periods throughout the year.
      - ii. LLP members in attendance agreed to try a Flash sale the week after Thanksgiving for holiday sales
      - iii. Shirt company can provide designs or we can give them designs (suggestions included Lenny the Lion or the Lenart RGC shirt from a few years ago, school contest in the Spring to create a shirt design to be sold in the fall)
    2. New fundraising opportunities - Parent Night
      - i. Theisha mentioned the LLP has looked at offsite venues in past years, but the cost was not feasible; she mentioned doing an event at the school for parents/caregivers only. Jazz band, catering, etc.
      - ii. Adebunmi suggested Bronzeville Winery, selling tickets for a parent night out
      - iii. Samantha suggested Afro Joe's in Beverly as a non-alcoholic option for a night out
      - iv. Suggestions for January or March

Open Forum: Crystal followed up on the first grade field trip

Meeting Adjourned at 6:21pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 5:30pm - <https://meet.google.com/pjt-hkdu-vkx>