

**LEXINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**PTO MEETING AGENDA**  
**November 1, 2017 @ 8:15 a.m.**

**Present:** Jenny Burkholder, Jenn Friedah, Dee Dee White, Christine Ballew, Tiffany Walker, Stephanie Kelley, Erin Herman, Mary Rogers, Gloria Nester, and Kate Mills

**Call to order – 8:15**

**Welcome** – Jenny Burkholder

**ADMINISTRATION UPDATES** – Gloria Nester and Kate Mills

- Guest Artist Globe and project – A big thank you to the PTO for the \$4000 contribution towards the cost of the globe. Bob Doster is the SC Arts and Education commissioned artist who will be at LMS on Nov 12 or 13 for 3 ½ days. Unveiling of the globe will be in April in the amphitheater during the LMS Fest, formerly known as the Spring Arts Program. Hoping to replace the double doors in the front office with glass doors so the globe is easily viewed through to the amphitheater/courtyard.
- Strategic Plan Progress – Jenn Friedah – parent ambassador meeting twice a year are able to learn what we are doing in the district. School improvement 3 year plan – community meetings you may or may not get an invitation to but anyone can go. See handout. There are plans to change LMS in conjunction with the new traffic pattern. New middle school projected to open in 2019 out by Publix on 378.
- Gloria – on school improvement team – engaging with teachers, students, and community members about what they think a graduate needs by the year 2020. Hit on certain skills. Can't just be what the educators think. Supposed to be very adaptive – prioritized so it is measurable.

**Mary Rogers** –Teacher Representative

- CFA dates filled. Teachers interested in other fundraising opportunities if available.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President – Jenny Burkholder**

- October PAC meeting notes/update – notes strategic planning. School updates, Bond Referendum, Lexington School district 1 grows by 1500 students a year. See attachment
- October is Red Ribbon Month focusing on drug prevention.
- Definition of absent – must be present for 51 % of a day to not be considered absent.
- Final Fundraiser numbers vs. Teacher Grants approved  
Made \$ 1500 less than last year. Profit \$14,233  
\$9,362 was awarded in teacher grants and \$4,000 was contributed to the production of the globe art installation
- Volunteers for November 8th fundraiser delivery – next Wednesday 10:30-6:30. Truck delivery at 11:00 am. Each grade will be called separately starting at 3:00 pm for students to pick up for those who sold 6 items or less. All students who sold 7 or more items will need to pick up after school in the theater.

- Flyer with open positions for 2018-2019 PTO board will be out soon.
- Jenny will draft a letter to parents on how PTO raises and uses funds.

### **Treasurer – Dee Dee White**

- Monthly financial report – see attached
- Next year's teacher grants - will consider adding a line item for \$500 in scholarship money to be awarded to students for school travel programs. To be at the teacher's discretion.
- Teacher grant form for next year will have a box to indicate if they are a PTO or non- PTO member. All items awarded will be property of LMS, even if the teacher leaves LMS for any reason.
- Sending out grant checks to teachers; foldable tables purchased returned to Walmart and correct tables ordered from Sams.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Box Tops** – Amber Ramos not present – Box Top collection time. Signs in the mailroom. Box Tops will be collected November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Spirit Wear** – Marlo Skinner & Jenn Friedah

- Spiritwear - fall order update. Delivery date 11/1. Will sell for Christmas orders in the front office. Will advertise on FB and Twitter

**Fundraising** – Jenny Burkholder

- Fundraising company owes us \$6418 from online orders.

**Drive-Thru Days** – Tiffany Walker

- Current volunteer list – Jenny to update by using forms from class registration day. Currently there are only a few over 100 names.
- Pelicans – front staff office to man sales. Tiffany to set up with Kate to set up dates going forward – PTO to keep the proceeds

**Hospitality** – Chris Ballew

- October tailgating event went well. Zaxby's donated two trays of chicken in addition to all of the other food donated by LMS families.
- November event will be a sercy in the teacher's mailboxes. On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> we will stuff baggies to place in their boxes. .
- Hospitality budget balance is \$501.24

**Business Partners** – Jenn Friedah - no new business

**New Business** - landscaping budget for flowers for front entrance, theater entrance and amphitheater (courtyard off the main hall). Marlo Skinner to get estimates

**Next Meeting: December 6, 2017 @ 8:15 a.m.**

