**Avon Lake PTA Council**

Thursday January 23, 2020

**President**: Ashley Whitehead called meeting order at 9:12. Skipped Pledge of Allegiance, no flag.

Everyone reminded to sign attendance sheet and please use table nametags.

**Treasurer**: Erin explained October, November and December Financial Monthly Reports, all dues paid

Balance $ 21,891.53 Spirit wear profit was basically $500, first round. Then $630 profit, however there are some refunds still pending.

Motion to approve, 1st Christa, 2nd Nancy. Vote. Pass.

Scholarship checks good. Ready for mid-year audit.

Nancy, Kristen and Keely Brickley will meet to review books.

Other announcement, Kindergarten meeting is District wide thing. January 30th in PAC , from 6 to 8 pm

All elementary principals received email from Erin.

PTA presidents and membership chairs encouraged to attend. Contact Erin with kick off events: Westview: Open House-Ice Cream social East: Supply Drop off – Ice cream social seperate

**President Report** Ashley Whitehead: Need a nominating committee (for president, vp:membership and vp:fund raiser)

**Superintendent’s Report:** Bob Scott

Beautiful January days. Thanked everyone for all their assistance.

2nd semester started

“Angst” program tonight, “Screenagers” coming soon.

Modifying cell phones policy: more restrictive, don’t want to become a disciplinary issue. Striving for balance for students.

Most teachers remove phones as students come to class, halls and study halls are issues.

Started yoga during study hall during lunch.

Troy students keep phones in lockers/cubbies

Learwood – leave in locker, some teachers allow

May: will practice a new phone policy across the board

Columbus Lobbyist - Ed Choice (Money Grab) – scholarship for failing schools.

5 criteria for “failing school” is now 1 not 5

Redwood is the “failing school” in Avon Lake, only because it is “value added” 3rd and 4th gifted.

3rd graders go in perfect, and if they miss one in 4th, that is a negative.

Hoping to drive down tests required. And starting next year, testing is not tied into teacher progress.

Honors diploma changed. AP Capstone seal diploma is forthcoming

State will be coming in spring to evaluate buildings per resolution with “Ohio School Facilities Commission” they will come in and look at all elementary campuses and Learwood. No date yet

Goals for kids who are lost and have no goals

1) new mentorship programs for transition schools, Start worrying about sophomore having troubles

8th grade teacher following them to mentor

2) Blended learning classes, work online and in class - starting with STEM related classes

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Also design classes for students who do not have lunch because of wanting more classes.

New department: Business, Tech, Robotics, writing code I part of math now

STEAM, not Stem, lots of Art in our school

Lake center changing next summer, new flooring , new furniture

General discussion regarding kindergarten class size.

Curriculum council questions – looking for a board person/parent to help set up

30 applicants for HS Principal: Interview group first, then 2nd interview, then parent panel for final interviews

**President Report: (cont.)** Ashley Whitehead

Starting next year, new crime & fidelity insurance. (fidelity bond)

Each school can go through AIM, in Ohio PTA packet information. Very easy to apply, based on gross income. President should get packet in fall. Is required.

Needs to be budgeted, possibly $ 115 to $ 185

Secretary report: minutes sent via email and some paper copies, all read, all good, no changes needed,

filed (no motion needed)

**Committee Reports:**

**1st Vice President (Membership):** Kristen Masa - No monthly reports.

**2nd Vice President (Fundraising):** Christa Olijar - fundraiser is done.

No news from Lisa if she needs additional money for programs.

**Library:** Shea Altmont

Avon Lake community foundation, nice way for event organizer to avoid overlap.

April 7th – Teen Job Fair 3 to 7 pm Also volunteer organizations.

Drop off any flyers and she will put up at library.

Book Bike photos passed out, to promote awareness, bike to beach and events.

Any brainstorm ideas for bike to visit, please contact Shea. (baseball games)

Need volunteers to be an Ambassador, (“babs” volunteer) Staff must ride it. Cool bike helmets.

Possible pop up “chalk and reading” – bike will go everywhere – swim meets possible

Summer Reading Theme “The Jungle” think rain forest. Pairing with schools again.

Discussion regarding 5 year vision thinking of next Community Read: Sustainability idea, environmental,

Shea works with Ohio Arts Council outreach – tied to a book – destination art installations (giants or life size arts) with books and programs around it.

May to August program should have bike locations listed.

**Health and Safety:** Ashley forLisa Rish - “Screenagers” upcoming, no dates yet

**Luncheon**: Jennifer Dalman - no report

**Reflections:** Ashley Whitehead – Judging is over – 28 entries to state 502 entries – list of winners at schools next month. Show is March 1st. Flyers at end of month.

**Scholarships:** Kristen Masa - all scholarship chairs have been informed of process. Go live on guidance website February 1st, due back last day of month. Must be a PTA member to qualify. Scholarship night is May 20th.

**City Schools Foundation:**  Kristen Masa – Approved 2 grants, one on hold. Craft Show is April 25th.

Shoreman Shuffle 2020 – October 25th Foundation sponsored the Town Planner Calendar this year. BW3 and Laser Car wash fundraisers listed in calendar. Envelope inside if you want to ail in a donation.

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Other business: Safety Town registration is March 2nd

**Delegate Reports:**

*Westview: (Jackie Romito)* Movie night was moved to Feb 28th  Started Yoga. Fun Fair March 21st

Looking ahead to spring doing Mother’s Day Flowers. Need board members

*Redwood: (Keely Brickley)* February 5th is COSI day - Feb 7th Glow Walk

Kalahari Day for Friends and Family - March 5th

*Erieview: (Kristie Flannery)* No “Fun Run” this year. Spring Flowers or Art fundraiser. Ga Ga pit being

installed when weather breaks. And installing sensory path in hallway.

*Eastview: (Jen)* New guidance program, projects and games committee to assist her. Some kids really

need her. Book Club started during recess – Jr.Great Books *outdated.* May 29th – move up day .

New rock to be painted by 4th graders.

*Learwood: (Jennifer Tilley) Jan 28th* Mane Event Fundraiser (5 to 8 pm) 20 % of receipts.

“Maker Space” changing library to be up to date being repainted and new book shelfs and

technology. Pod cast station. They need empty Amazon boxes (for 3 d printer) and crafty items.

To be used during study hall and by tech classes or regular classes. 3 year project. March 8th

basketball fundraiser for scholarship.

*Troy: (Ashley for Jamie Fiest) noon* time enrichment volunteers needed. Need positions for next year.

*High School: (Ashley) Hiring* new principal, applications due tomorrow. Adding in new classes for next year. Added World Geography. Econ standard is now a Junior government class instead of a Senior class. Also, an elective AP Econ class.

*Early Childhood* (Erin) Kalahari fundraiser , Kids Closet is March 21st. Only tables for members or Alumni. Prorated membership is $ 17. 180 families. Activities Fair shared with Avon is tonight.

Booster Beer Fest % is going to non-profits, based on how many volunteers (hours) help them.

Next meeting: February 20, 2020 at 9:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Ashley at 11:15

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Klingshirn A.L.P.T.A. Council Secretary