

ALCS PTA Council
Thursday, October 20, 2016

Call to Order: 9:03 a.m.

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome- Christa Olijar

Bob Scott

Thank you for all of your hard work.

Elections will be held at Learwood. At one time we had elections at all of the campuses. We do not have control where elections are held. The Lorain Board of Elections selects polling places. Learwood is, in fact, a polling site. Officer Hurd will be at the school the entire day. The police will have extra hands on during the start of school at the end of school. Mrs. Walters's room is in the hallway where MPR is. Her door will be locked, and there is access to the technology room. Restrooms will not be available to voters or Board of Election volunteers.

SWOT analysis, it is a survey given to staff, students.

It is an acronym for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunity, and Threats.

Westview and LEAPS at Redwood are in a pilot called "Intervention." It will be used for special needs kids and is a technology app that allows parent and teacher to communicate at all times. The app has a camera, and you can record what is happening in the classroom or at home. It can also go to the Occupational Therapist and Speech Therapist. For team meetings, there is a real-time piece rather than trying just to describe what is happening with a particular student. There is a two to three-month visible change in student's behavior/education as opposed to an 18 month change. It is run through CESC (Cuyahoga Educational Services), and is a three-year plan. There are only a handful of schools participating in this program currently.

Mr. Scott will be attending Learwood's PTA meeting next month to discuss the district's ranking. Our goal is to prepare kids what to do after school. PARCC and AIR tests were not effective testing methods, and as a result, we are keeping our focus on preparing our students for the future.

Our composite score on the SAT was higher than Lorain's.

Questions asked:

Website: Council members discussed whether the new website is effective and should not have been brought live without the site having been perfected.
Troy and Learwood students at football games are running loose. What can be done to keep that situation under control? Next year, students will not be allowed at a game if they are not with a parent or chaperone.

President's Report- Christa Olijar

Approve April 2016 minutes

Approved with revisions.

Tru Pace

Lisa Rish

Approve Sept. 2016 minutes

Motion to approve with revision

Lisa & Ashley

Website training:

We want to have each unit to use the district calendar so that parents can see when PTA meetings are.

Copy Center

Copies can be made at the copy center. Contact Christa for password and login.

Treasurer's Report- Katy Grove

Beginning Cash: \$7,398.36

Ending Cash: \$7,398.66

Three people are needed to volunteer to do the financial review.

Nancy Klingshirn, Jen Dalman, Ashley Whitehead have volunteered.

1st Vice President- Nancy Klingshirn

The mystery author could be a speaker. One School One Book. It would be wonderful to have the author (if we could find out who it is) be a part of the program.

2nd Vice President- Elizabeth Gedeon

Sat in on a webinar for OPTA on collecting online dues. Teamed with Cheddar Up. It's Google forms meets PayPal. November 1 is the key date. You can create a template for individual membership and family membership. It cuts back on your unit's paperwork. It is automatic. You do not need to create forms only information you want to collect from each member. Scholarship donations can have a separate tab. What then happens is it breaks down everything you have collected for

membership, scholarships, dues, etc. You can also create separate from membership for other things like spirit wear. For example, it will track how many maroon shirts were purchased. Treasurers can manually go in and transfer money to deposit into your unit account.

You can track offline donations; however, you will need to physically input those.

Committee Reports:

Library: Jill Ralston

This weekend we have the railroad coming back. At Boo by the Woods, we had close to 1,800 people. Last year we had 800 people. It was suggested that attendees bring a canned item for donation. They had a cash donation to have your picture taken with Star Wars character. We had to turn people away from the walk because of the number of people. There is a suggestion to have more lights to mark the path. High school volunteers from National Honor Society and Key Club were a suggestion for volunteers.

Benefits: Tru Pace

Tru to put a list of benefits together to have added to Council PTA website.

Bylaws: Kristen Masa

No report

Curriculum: Margo Bodnar

No report

Health, Safety, and Welfare: Nancy Klingshirn

"Say Something Week" is October 24 – 28. Anti-bullying webinar on Thursday, October 27.

National School Breakfast/breakfast in the classroom

School wellness: there is a webinar on Oct 27 1 -2 pm. It is how to be sure your school is accomplishing wellness goals and how parents can help meet those goals.

Membership: Elizabeth Gedeon

No report

Reflections: Ashley Whitehead

A reminder has gone out to elementary schools to complete their creative sessions.. There is now a chair at Troy; name is not known. November 29 is the deadline for submissions.

Scholarships: Jennifer Dalman

Is working with Stacey Green to get last year's file. Guidance has sent out the timeline.

Delegates/ New Business

Suggestion to add bullying issue to SWOT.

Erievew asked how to store old documents.

Ohio PTA Meeting Ashley went to, units are to have a social media plan.

Adjourn: 10:54 a.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 9 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Mueller