



Parents Association of Lacamas Students (PALS)

Lacamas PALS Monthly Meeting Minutes – *September 09, 2020*

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Theresa Cheng.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Therasa Cheng, Katie Redmond, Lori Williams, Tracy Paskowski, Julie Mueller, Michelle Polloni, Tracy Gaug, Lori Williams, Amanda Fels, April Bullman, Tracy Paskowski, Michelle Weintraub, Caroline Robbins, Jenni Wilson, Brooks.

BOARD REPORTS

- **Secretary's Report:** Approve the minutes from last meeting.
- **Treasurer Report:** Moved to approve the reconciliation for Legacy funds, June, July, and August. All in favor, motion passes.
- **Volunteer Report:** No news at this time
- **Communications Report:** Get any updates for the newsletter to Tracy Gaug.
- **Literacy Report:** Meeting with Jen tomorrow with Grandma Debbie and Jenni Wilson with Shannon Coyer. Book Fair online but no defined dates yet. Plan to get all the info for in school and online and then move accordingly. Possibly in November in case people are planning to order books as Christmas gifts. There are \$317.38 in Scholastic dollars.
- **Fundraising Report:** The payback books have been launched and gone out. There was a mistake on shipping. \$4.99 for shipping. The extra shipping costs will be paid by the sales rep. It has been communicated on Facebook and will go out in the next newsletter. Whenever we decide to end the fundraiser we will get 50% in profit. Discontinued School Store. We have information to still redeem gift cards from last year. \$285.51 still in the account that can be cashed out at any time. They are enticing us with a \$350 Walmart gift card if we agree to send out a one page flyer. The sales rep will contact again in January. Spot-A-Thon: Not going well. More than 50% of vendors have shut down and are not participating. Three companies have given 6 different giftcards for restaurants in town. Not sure what to do to get even the smallest prizes because we aren't sure how to get them to the kids. One idea is Amazon cards because you can email it, but a PALS person can't email to the kids address. We can do an online fundraiser that is passive including an auction. How will we get items for the auction? Surveyed a few parents but they were very reluctant about donating any money. One said they would want to know exactly how the money would be spent, and one said they would be offended if they were asked for donations. What is a realistic budget for PALS and then get corporate sponsors to cover the budget. Discussion Tabled.
- **Budget: Increased carry over to \$6,000 for this school year.**
What events do we want to eliminate? We give the majority of our budget to teachers every year. ReadnQuiz is also being requested for the library. We also still have operating expenses.
No Fall Fest
No movie night and we tend to earn money on this event. But we still have the movie night license. If we scrap the license fee this year it means we won't have one for next year. Can we reach out and see if they are willing to extend the license to the 21/22 school year.
Should still make money on these items but not as much as usual: Amazon Afilliate, Box top but no Chair-should we scrap that all together, Dine arounds? Fred Meyer Rewards,

Discussing each line-item so we can make decisions about the budget.

Take out the teacher grants but we would like an event that would be fun like the Spot-a-Thon. Survey teachers to see what books are needed and a dollar amount that could help with that to possibly use our Legacy Funds.

Could we host an event at a different location like a church or the airport. Tracy Paskowski might try to contact to see.

Harvest Carnival Reverse Parade with a pumpkin carving contest. People can vote for their favorite pumpkin with donating funds. Katie Redmond and Caroline Robbins is going to help and Michelle Weintraub. Also texting Kristi Jones to see if she wants to help. Around 340 students divided by the alphabet for time to come through the drive-thru. Happening on Halloween, pumpkin drop off on Friday afternoon. Slide-show of all the photos shared at the next assembly.

-Decided on no Spot-A-Thon at this point, possibly pushed to the spring

-No teacher grants at this time

-Note to everyone about passive fundraising and then waiting for the true Spot-a-thon until the spring.

-Still funding ReadnQuiz in the budget

-Katie, Julie, and Lori will talk to grade levels about purchasing leveled readers that will be purchased with Legacy Funds. We will meet before we speak with staff and then we will send it to PALS for a Board Vote.

Voted to appoint Katie Redmond to position of Secretary. Therasa Cheng made the motion to vote and Michelle Polloni seconded it. Katie Redmond is the new PALS secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Finalizing the Budget (We have a starting spot)**
- **Drive-in movie night at a separate location**
- **Many board positions are still open and we are seeking someone to fill these spots**

NEW BUSINESS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TBD**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41.

Next Meeting October 14, 2020.