

LBES PTO Meeting Weds September 4, 2019

## Introductions

To those new to PTO – welcome – lots of opportunities this fall to get involved

Beloved Alice is retiring at the end of the month, working on a thank you farewell – coffee morning of 9/24 (Tuesday) treats and coffee – working on way to honor her here at school – perhaps purchase a tree in her honor – if interested in sharing ideas or helping out and reach out to Adrienne

Coffee invite to be sent to district – everyone invited

## District Updates

Trying to establish overall goal for fundraising – Dr Sophie mentioned new playground to be renovated (90-100k cost) welcome to take any PTO contribution

Projector need at Middle School – 10k

STEAM at LBES and Middle School

For PumpkinFest and Spring Scramble, need something tangible for fundraising to go to – to use verbiage in sponsor letters – making playground ADA accessible – Carrie to get vote at district meeting in two weeks

PumpkinFest is coming up – October 18 – sign ups will be shared

Chase is on different weekend – October 26 – please register and support

Charleston Wrap happening again – Cynthia McClamroch helping run, looking for additional people to help – ideally help this year and spill over to next year – brings in about 7k – includes middle school

Margaret Update

School year off to a great smooth start

Very happy with new Kindergarten schedule and how it worked – helped teachers get to know students and help students get a smooth start; small group

STEAM – teacher who replaced Mr Koch is teaching K-2 Music and STEAM based position

For younger grades, STEAM experience takes place in “Maker Space” in library – materials and supplies would be welcomed – relatively low tech, philosophy is to encourage creativity with craft supplies to start problem solving thinking for STEAM

Upper grades 3-5 – working with each grade level for one trimester and develop STEAM based project into science or social studies unit – visited a lot of elementary STEAM programs last year – best approach is to incorporate with something they’re already learning in classroom – this year will be a development year we can build off of

Classroom food policy for class parties – recognize many students have allergies or other dietary needs – room parents to contact teachers to learn of any allergies in class – focus of parties should not be food and drink, still allowed but let focus be on craft/game – food must be store-bought and no allergens for that class – need to communicate to teacher one week in advance what the food and drink will be; teachers already know of allergies in class – ask for list of allergies without student names attached

Alice being filled with two shifts – Stephanie and Connie

Alice last day – Friday Sept 27

Quest has LB email address – great start – questions can be directed to [QUEST@lb65.org](mailto:QUEST@lb65.org) – very responsive- keeping eye on how lines are working, serving process, etc.

Entire lunch is compostable – makes R&C training even easier

Dr Sophie and Margaret retiring

Community forums for new superintendent – make a presence to hear what they have to say and ask questions – community session open to all September 18 7-8 at middle school; for PTO, session after district meeting at 10:15 – survey coming out – LB library has paper survey available

New superintendent to be announced December/January – school board decided to appoint principal who is current staff member – will be announced in November at board meeting (third week of November)

Christy Dunnick – not here today but will be sending out budget info if you are on a committee; will essentially break even with budget this year – not getting money from Kiddos this year, discussing with district opportunities to have sponsored days

Chris Bjork – sign up for head room parents sent out last night – 1/3 full – once filled, will send out list of volunteers for class parties

Send out PTO in the Know in Spanish

Recycling & Compost – new food service, plate and utensils all compostable – still collecting baggies, go go squeezes and granola wrappers – not collecting Capri Suns – if you're interested in being on a sub list, email Cariann and Ashley with info and which shift you would be available; lunch order is back to K, 1, 2 and 3, 4, 5

If you want to come see your second grader, come early in before second shift and stay for second shift which is usually lower sign up

Discussing if Eco Club members will still help out

Box Tops went digital. You can still submit cut out – there's an app, pick LBES, take a picture of your receipt and it automatically gives \$ to school – there are special incentives with Box Tops – we will be sending something out to all the classes –

School will be re-upped at Heinens

Website is live

READO – boards were collected last week – Buffy and her group are tallying – students who completed assignment will get some recognition – party on Friday 13 (tentative) – still discussing prizes – they will go home in red envelopes, may be a gift card –

Teacher Appreciation – dinner for teachers for fall conferences – seeking recommendations – Quest can also cater – we got good feedback from teachers on El Norte last year

Yearbook – open role for assistance with yearbook – busy period usually early spring – ideally someone who is interested in doing role for year or two – resigning contract for this year – if we lock in three year contract would save;

Photo retakes are September 18

Book Fair – Morley – Fall fair coincides with teacher conferences – students will preview day before to make wish list – last year we implemented Grandparents and we made a lot of money – Claire and Morley to meet with Paige and continue with that – October 24 and 25

Subscribe to district calendar, there's a link on district site to

Kindergarten – Megan and Annie – new position this year – two park meet ups over summer – well attended – Ice Cream social next Thursday – 6-7 in lunchroom; some still have signs