

PTA meeting June 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:37. Allison welcomed everyone.

Ms. Heurtefeu mentioned that Mayor Emanuel came to the school. He spoke to 8th graders at the career fair. He stayed a little longer than expected. He visited for the pledge with kinder, talked with Ms. Mezka's first grade class then then Ms. Venegas' class then the speech.

We are preparing for graduation and end of year events. 100% of 8th graders went to school of choice.

NWA testing finished in spring. Reading we had top graded in 97,96,95 grades for 6,7,8 grades. Math results are not back yet. 2nd graders were tested for the coming 3rd grade year.

Assembly is Thursday 6/6, graduation is 6/18

AC is now in building. The gym does not have AC because it was \$100,000.

Fiber optics is now in the building. One of ten schools have it and we are doing more differentiation and technology in classrooms.

Please come to the 6/19 meeting about common core standards. This will focus on teaching things to kids at their levels in small groups.

Allison thanked Ms. Heurtefeu for advocating for our school!!!

President's report -Allison

Many committee members have expressed interest in next years efforts. Allison welcomed any suggestions and continued by presenting her executive committee with thanks, praise and beautiful bouquets.

Allison mentioned that Kathryn rolled up her sleeves and took the role of VP to a whole new level in areas of fundraising, and communications and started the Parent webpage.

Nakia was a very talented VP who went above and beyond in every way. She is gifted in the graphic arts and did the brief leopard letter prior to the new website . She also was on tv on behalf of Lasalle regarding the Lincoln and Lasalle issue last year.

Shannon, although not leaving, we can't pass an opportunity to thank for an unappreciated roll, treasurer. She has an eye for detail and keeps on her roll to ensure a smooth transition to next year with an new executive committee.

Carol was a faithful note keeper and volunteer as secretary of the PTA at various events and always ready to lend a helping hand.

Ms. Heurtefeu and Ms. Miller were also thanked for continued support for special events and attendance at the meetings.

Karen McKeon and Cindy Shores were recognized and thanked for their many years of efforts. Their children are leaving Lasalle this year for High School.

Vice President report- Kathryn Thomas

\$125,000 earned to date still doing Old Town Art Fair. Sign up on the Facebook for the weekend art fair parking committee. Over the summer look for the read-a-thon pads coming home.

Treasurer-Shannon

Budget

Shannon solicited budget requests for the coming year.

Safety budget was reduced. We don't have a need for this anymore. We no longer pay for Mr. Autry and we do not pay for snow plowing. We met with Ms. Heurtefeu last summer and she had different needs than in the past. We have an Old Town Triangle grant. We surpassed the giving tree goals. The flea market the Homeade pizza fell into other events. Many people still haven't submitted their reports. Many haven't sent all check requests in.

A new committee was added, the robotics club. \$1000 was added to this for other academic teams.

Since we have a good amount of money, we propose that we do a \$20000 grant. Safety committee requested new pads are for the defibrillator and to run CPR training for adults.

Community hasn't been any funding. Alumnae will be coming back, Chuck Demes is responsible for this.

We started community nights, this budget was bumped up.

Movie budget stayed same. We have a copier contract so we boosted this cost because we made a lot of extra copies. Dream campaigns listed \$500,000 as their needs in case of a mailer.

Faculty friends do many teacher appreciation events.

Ms. Andalcio requested \$5000.

Kinder connection has been redone with a new handbook.

Our accountant stated we don't need an audit. We are not required.

Reserves-we want to get it back to \$100000, we currently have \$81,000 in

reserve.

Ms. Heurtefeu knows she wants to spend same on teacher appreciation sports and exchange program.

Expense reports are given back to Shannon in August. Last year teachers had to spend their money by year end. Rachel Brennan asked about a deadline for check requests.

Budget amendments will always be done but our goal is to approve of this proposed plan.

Jennifer Medill moved to approve the budget Chuck Demes seconded and the 2013-2014 budget was approved.

Readathon and two parking events will be the PTA summer events. This summer is focusing on transition and training of new PTA executive officers.

Report of the nominating committee. Set of procedures were read by Carol Collins, secretary.

(Get from Alison)

Rachel Brennan offered the report of the nominating committee with the proposed slate of nominees.

President Percy wang  
Vice President Carla Standish  
Second Vice President John Hicks  
Secretary Ciara McDonough

No objections to the nomination committees nominees were voiced nor did anyone else volunteer so nominations were closed.

Rachel moved that the election be by vote.

The above names were elected as the incoming executive committee for 2013/2014 and the 2014/2015 school year.

Paige announced the upcoming ceramic exhibit.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.