

LIBERTY PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018:

Meeting was called to Order by Stacy Hurst at 12:05 pm

- Stacy Hurst welcomed everyone and introduced the 2018-2019 PTO board
- Sarah Clay obtained approval of the minutes from the August 13 meeting
- Katie Lanzit gave the treasurer's report
- Stephanie Casterline gave an update on the school supply fundraiser. The fundraiser raised approximately \$7400.00 for the school
- Lisa Harris gave an update on Myschoolanywhere directory. We have 516 registered users. Out of those 466 confirmed their data this year. Some of these are duplicate entries, which she will clean up. We have approximately 550 students enrolled at LPMS
- Jennifer Weaver reported that \$16,600 was donated by our corporate sponsors. She requested that we all support those businesses and thank them for their contributions when we are at those establishments. We have also received \$3,000 to \$4,000 in donated items
- Kelli Eshlemann will be sending out the monthly newsletter at the beginning of each month. Email her if you have any information/stories that you would like included in the newsletter
- Stacy Hurst reported that the Spirit Shop raised \$1800.00. Items will be delivered in October.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- KEEPING OUR DAUGHTERS SAFE: September 25, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- VHCS FOUNDATION FASHION SHOW: October 2, 2018, 11:30am
- VAPING WORKSHOP: October 9, 2018, 6:00 Vestavia Hills High School
- CIT3 Positive Behavior Encouragement Workshop: October 17, 2018 at 12:00 pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: TANYA ROZELL

- Mentioned LPMS's new behavior and academic expectation program (L.P.M.S.)
- Recently an attendance letter was mailed to all LPMS families. This was an informational letter only to help inform families of the process for getting pre-excused absences. Please remember that getting an absence excused is not a given. It is important for your child to be at the school for academic lessons. There is a policy in place to encourage students to attend regularly.

- Rotating schedule began recently and children understand it well. Lancer period has been a success and is a good “break” for the kids during the academic day. They recently started Workday Wednesday and Math Lab. Math Lab is available on Wednesdays for those kids who request extra tutoring in math, or those kids whose teachers believe extra tutoring would be helpful to them. Two teachers are in charge of math lab, along with several 8th grade math team peer tutors. Math teachers and students alike are very excited about Math Lab Wednesdays and Wednesday Workdays.
- Ms. Rozell reminded us that LPMS is on Twitter, check it often for updates on what is going on at LPMS

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. TODD FREEMAN

- Dr. Freeman introduced his new staff by name, even though they were not in attendance at the meeting. There has been a good bit of turnover due to retirements, etc.
- His mission: To give principals what they need to succeed
- VHCS Mission: “Learn Without Limits” What does this mean? Empowering our students to have the courage to be creative, to garner community support, to encourage and embrace diversity, to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment. This environment includes being aware of the mental health of the students and cultivating life skills, not just academic, college prep skills
- Dr. Freeman spoke quite a bit about the new construction and changes taking place with our physical buildings and campuses in 2019. The current projection is all construction will be complete this summer, provided there are no major setbacks. A report will be given to the board in October, at which time more updated information will be made open to the public. Meanwhile, check the district website for answers to any questions you might have about the current projects.
- Dr. Burgess will be principal for both the high school and the new 9th grade campus
- They are working on the programming for the new 9th grade campus
- There are lots and lots of details still to be worked out, but they are actively working on the best solutions and doing lots of research to make sure the campus is a success.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:57 PM.