

Langston Hughes Elementary School PTO
General Meeting
November 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm

In attendance:

Marinda Ochs, Becca Koester, Ellie Heath, Cathy Voss, Anne Koprince, Kristin Schneller, Jenny Williams, Casey Wallace

Call to Order

Anne

Anne called meeting to order at 6:36PM.

Welcome and Introductions

Anne

Approval of October meeting minutes

Casey

Tabled to January

Treasurers' Report

Cathy and Kristin

Cathy reported money was deposited for direct donations and Poinsettias

Principal's Report

Jackie

Mike Kelly former Site Council Chair, and helpful with all the things outside came to relinquish his role. PTO is looking for someone to paint the map, disabled, blue lines, red lines, hopscotch, foursquare etc. He is happy to train someone this coming summer. It is 30-40 hour time commitment over the summer.

There were some active Covid cases at the school over the last week. When there is a case Mrs. Mickel sends out a call to the whole classroom. If your child is a close contact an email comes out from the nurse, then it is test to stay for 10 days-you take the test as a scheduled time in the morning, then once it is negative they can continue with their day, or you go home for 10 days, or 6 days after quarantine begins you can take a PCR then if negative you can show that and return to school. Nurse has the best information.

Outdoor music programs for 2nd and 3rd grade are next week, weather cooperating. Guests will bring their own chairs, performance will be recorded for those who cannot make a mid-day, lunch-time performance. LHES is the only school in the district hosting music programs

Committee - Updates

Spirit wear

Becca

2033.96 was total profit.

There were 495 total pieces ordered: 255 t-shirts, 112 sweatshirts, 39 water bottles, 89 stickers

Yearbook

Becca/Amalia

They are sending the cover to the 5th grade teachers for voting in the next few weeks.

Will begin sales in January

Teacher Appreciation

Anne

Teachers appreciated the food for conferences. There is now a committee of 4 people for appreciation. Still looking for a few more people to join.

5th Grade

Kristin

Did KU concessions and felt like they raised a bit of money, not sure of amount, The 5th grade t-shirts went home this week—kids loved them, pancake feed details went out today as well, Chipotle fundraiser on December 8th

Marathon Club	Anne
No update	
Trunk-or-treat	Caitlin
Was rescheduled due to inclement weather, we will never doubt Jackie again on candy, lots of candy handed out, lots of participation, water bottles are given to the two winners	
Direct Giving Campaign	Anne/Jenny
Raised \$10,055, expecting another \$500 from a place of employment. Second graders hit 30% participation; all other grades reached 15% for picnic lunch	

Other Business

Future fundraisers and events	Anne
Jog a thon is still being considered	
Volunteers	Anne
Communication	Anne
Parents indicated they want communication via email. PTO is working on how to collect email addresses; Facebook pages can be viewed even if a person doesn't have an active fb account.	

Open Floor

All

Glow dance is open to be hosted in the spring. Ellie would be happy to assist.

Jenny Williams, parent and librarian, shared that USD 497 received a grant for libraries across the district to create story walks. The libraries worked together so that books can be exchanged throughout the district. LHES 3rd and 5th graders began their walk this week with an engaging non-fiction book about bears that focuses on finding evidence in a text. grant for a story walk, engaging in a non-fiction book

Becca moved to close the meeting at 7:37, Miranda seconded, motion passed

Important Dates/Events

November 8 – 12	Just Food food drive
Tuesday, November 16	3 rd grade music concert, 11:15 am
	4 th grade music concert, 12:30 om
	Orange Leaf fundraiser to benefit 5 th grade
Saturday, November 20	Pancake Breakfast to benefit 5 th grade
November 24 – 28	Thanksgiving break – no school
Wednesday, December 8	Chipotle fundraiser to benefit 5 th grade

Next meeting is on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm in the Langston Hughes Media Room.

President – Anne Koprince
 Co-Vice Presidents – Becca Koester and Caitlin Gough
 Secretary – Casey Wallace
 Co-Treasurers – Cathy Voss and Kristin Schneller
 School principal – Jackie Mickel
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