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Linwood Elementary School PTA

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 | 6:03pm

In Attendance

President Christina Smentek, Vice President, Kari Sampson, Secretary Lisa Roggenkamp, Principal Joe Mueller, Staff Representative Amber Pearl, Sarah Monzel, Elizabeth Kiserow, Jennifer Braido, Ashley Balthazer, Lisa DeSmet, Jenaya Nieman, Angie Anondson, Ashlee Loch, Katie Johnson, Christine Amsler, Monica O'Rourke, Dr. Massey, Katie Luthner

Guest Speakers

Dr. Massey and Katie Luthner presented information regarding the upcoming Levy & Bond vote. Dr. Massey passed out an informational flyer about both the Levy and the Bond and a graph showing where the Forest Lake School district falls within other similar districts in the Metro-area. Katie Luthner discussed the Vote Yes! Campaign. She requests that people get out there and talk to friends, family, neighbors. Share the information and videos on Facebook. There is a Vote Yes! frame that you can put on your Facebook profile image. The Vote Yes! Campaign is requesting that people go and vote now, don't wait! It's too important of a decision and you don't want to forget to vote!

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andi Zacher was not present. President Christina Smentek went over the budget as of October 15, 2017.

Color-A-Thon Re-Cap

President Christina Smentek thanked everyone who volunteered and helped out for the Color-a-Thon. We are waiting for the final report from the Color-a-Thon committee. But it was a successful event once again!

Box Tops for Education

Box Top Chair, Amy Henry was not present. President Christina Smentek reported that a flyer will be going home in the Friday Folders about the program.

Turkey Bingo Update

Turkey Bingo Chair Tina Ilstrup was not present. President Christina Smentek provided an update that the food prices will be increased a little this year. We are still accepting donations from the kids. Keep the food items coming in. Boxes will be needed in the office for each grade level. A link was sent out to the Teachers via Sign-Up Genius looking for volunteer/workers for that night. After teachers have had a chance to sign-up, the link will go out to the PTA volunteers next. Waiting hear pricing from a couple places regarding the turkeys and gift certificates from Village Inn, Keys Bakery & Café, and Perkins.

Linwood Luau Update

Co-Chair Jenaya Nieman reported that the Luau committee is working on contacting businesses for donations. A "Save the Date" flyer is going home in the Friday folders. Event is scheduled for Friday, February 23 from 7-10pm at Splitrocks Entertainment Center.

Committees

We are still looking for people to chair/co-chair some of the committees. A list was passed around with a brief description of the events. If you are interested in chairing/co-chairing an event please let one of the Board Members know.

By-Laws

President Christina Smentek emailed an updated version of the By-Laws earlier this week for everyone to review. There were not any questions or concerns regarding them.

Motion by Jennifer Braido to approve the updated By-Laws. Seconded by Elizabeth Kisserow. Approved by all.

Principal's Report

Principal Joe Mueller shared that the new 7th & 8th school is looking for help from the elementary school PTAs regarding names for the new school. Most of the schools in the district are named by their location; Linwood, Wyoming, Columbus, etc… The only school that is different is Century Junior High. This was named Century because it was built in 2000, the turn of the Century. Mueller showed a slide of some of the Core Values that have been decided upon for this school to help with the thought process. Suggestions were to figure out if there have been any famous Forest Lake Area people to name the school after.

Linwood Elementary School – Mueller reported that "Things are good in Linwood!"

Principal Joe Mueller reported that he and President Christina Smentek visited with a company called Boosterthon regarding other fundraising opportunities. Both LILA and Wyoming Elementary have used this company for their Color-Run. They have a Fitness Challenge (35 Exercises) Fundraiser that would be fun and different to do. They company runs everything, we can be as involved as we want to be. The event would take place during the school day, each grade has 45 minutes to complete the challenge. This way all the kids have the opportunity to participate and receive a shirt. All the fundraising is done online through pledges. The companies' take home is 50% of the funds. They reported that the worst take home was $8,0000. LILA did a glow run where they set-up tunnels, obstacles, etc…. and the kids had to do 30 laps. They come in the week before and pump the kids up about the event. You can sell sponsorship spots on the t-shirts. The T-shirts are designed to be the way the kids track how they are doing during the event. Boosterthon reported that 85% of organizations come back to them for another event.

Fitness Challenge would take place on Friday, April 6. Pep week will take place starting Wednesday, March 28.

Motion by Elizabeth Kiserow to approve using Boosterthon for an event in the Spring. Seconded by Kari Sampson. Approved by all.

Upcoming Events

Fri. Oct. 27	School Forest Moonlight Hike
Tue. Nov. 7	Election Day – Levy & Bond
Fri. Nov. 10	Turkey Bingo

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 | 6:00 pm, Linwood Elementary School – Media Center

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by: *Lisa Roggenkamp*
PTA Secretary