

**Lowry Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2016**

In attendance: Lori Hunter, Julie Pellet, Amy Hulse, Sara Vanek, Erin Hunt, Brian Rosen, Kelly Tasky, Davina Harrington, Schuyler Parnes, Lisa Miles, Karina Desserich, Vanessa Condra, Jeannie Hernandez, Rachel Lambert

Introductions and welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by PTO President Julie Pellet, and all meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Vanessa Condra made a motion to approve last month's minutes, Lori Hunter Seconded – the minutes were approved.

Executive Board: Julie Pellet

Open Committee Positions:

- **Faculty representative**
- **Gift Cards** – discussion about how to promote – new co-chairs! Kelly Tasky and Rachel Lambert
- **Missoula Children's theater**
- **Staff Appreciation**
- **Garden** – has been filled by Aimee Konowal
- **Book Fair – 2 additional people needed** – Rachel Neumann would like 2 additional co-chairs
- **Health and Wellness/Fun Run** – Daniel Solomon will still do Fun Run but the committee is looking for chairs
- **4th Grade Special Projects** - Keystone
- **5th Grade Special Projects** – Cotillion and Continuation

Updates:

- Accelerated Reader has been purchased fourth and fifth grades through the end of the year.
- There is an opportunity through Centiment to make money for Lowry for filling out Surveys – Schools this size make from a few hundred dollars up to a couple thousand dollars. Pros and cons were discussed. The company is new.

Principal Update – Julie Pellet

- The STEM lab grant was not accepted for this year.
- Dr. Cooper and Ms. Nault are looking to create a group that includes parents to help develop and harness the school culture. This will include positive behavior supports. Be on the lookout to be part of this group.

- Random Acts of Kindness was discussed along with Super Citizen and how we let parents know all of the great programs that are going on here at Lowry. Suggestions were made to include information in registration packets, and also when tours are given.

Committee Reports

Compost: Rachel Lambert

Composting is in full swing. We have gone from 13 bags of trash at lunch each day to 2 or 3 bags per day. Yay! There is a possibility of expanding to the restrooms.

Auction: Brian Rosen

The Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th at the Soiled Dove in Lowry.
80s theme

The committee is halfway to being staffed.

The fundraising goal this year is \$80,000.

That 80s Band has been booked.

Mobile bidding will be used. The venue has now assured us that they can handle the mobile bidding process.

Linda Meyer – Thank you for the innovation grant to go to Orton Gillingham training!

Motion to adjourn by Lisa Miles, seconded by Schuyler Parnes. At 8:05 the meeting was adjourned by Julie Pellet