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### Lowry Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Monthly Meeting Minutes January 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by PTO President Tina Skewes.

#### Old Business

- Vote: Approval of November PTO minutes. Rachel Lambert moved to approve the motion, and Julie Pellet seconded; the motion was approved by all.
- Aviator fund has raised almost \$40,000. Ideas to raise more money were discussed.
  - Continuing dining for dollars.
  - Planning giving parties.
  - Possible grade level cocktail parties to raise more.
  - Entertainment night, \$10 tickets.
  - Push the Colorado gives reoccurring monthly donations.
- Science Fair was a success. Considering making it mandatory for grades 3-5 next year. A district fair for the winners was held on January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The book fair was a success raising \$3000 in scholastic dollars.
- Schuyler Parnes the treasurer went over the PTO budget in detail.
- Spirit wear is available in the office. Yard signs for sale. Lets promote Lowry!

#### Principal's Report

- Vice Principal Adrienne Nault spoke on the new STEM grant for next year. We have been granted \$15,000 for the next 2 years. More grants will be needed. There will be a K-5 rotation replacing old computer classes. We have funding for a full time STEM teacher. Mr. Val is in the candidate pool and staffing will be done through the school. More information to be found on Project Lead The Way. <http://www.pltw.org>

#### New Business

- Innovation Requests that were presented were all unanimously approved.
  - Time magazine for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (\$179.85)
  - BALLance chairs for one 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom (\$641.16)
  - Student ambassador leadership program (\$100)
- PTO is planning a parent program night with a guest speaker.
- Schuyler is looking for some extra help in the library ordering comparable grade level books to replace lost books.
- Book swap set to take place January 26<sup>th</sup>
- Missoula theater is taking place February 27<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>, still looking for one more host family to house one of the actors.

#### New Family Liaison

- Talin, is working with, Ms. Patricia, the school social worker to come up with ways to boost family participation and a sense of community around Lowry.
- Talin is looking for help organizing a school talent show for the 2017/18 year.
- Spaghetti dinner to be held here at the school on March 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 with a PTO meeting to follow.

- Looking for volunteers to set-up, clean-up, tear down and organize kids activities for the spaghetti dinner.
- Putting out a survey about what parents might like to volunteer for so we can collect contact info and possible interests to get more parent involvement.

### Spring Enrichment

- Enrichment in the fall was a success and will be offered again this spring. Teachers will be offered the opportunity to teach an enrichment class. Also we are hoping to be able to offer additional transportation in the future.

The next meeting will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 in the school library from 6:30-8:00. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by PTO co-secretary Pamela Tioran