

HELP OUR CHILDREN SOAR!!
Lowry Elementary School PTO:
Monthly Meeting Agenda ~ 9/8/2020

✓ Introduction and Welcome (5 minutes)

- * Attendance: 28 in attendance
- * 3 Board Members (Laura Eichorn (former Pres/VP), Emily Weber & Jodie Skodol)
- * Ms. Nault & Mr. Jemison
- * Teacher Reps - Tammi Marocco (2nd), Amelia Roche (K), Lydia Acosta (3rd)
- * 20 family members

✓ Principal Report – Mr Zed Jemison (15 minutes)

- * Dr. Jamison will be the PTO Liaison as he and Ms. Nault share responsibilities
 - Preparing for ECE to return on 9/14 - This is a major lift for the school; asking ECE parents to participate in safety protocols meeting tomorrow evening for in-person ECE to be successful - Don't know about plans for other grades to return right now - DPS is using scientific methods and relying on health experts - more info on DPS website under "COVID Return" - Principal/Parent Coffee tomorrow morning at 9:00 - Parent voice is important, want to know what's working/not with remote learning, what can be improved upon - Teachers can use support, especially if/when we go back in person.

✓ Old business ~ (1 min)

- Discuss and approve minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting
 - * Minutes approved by Kelly Tasky & Laura Eichorn

✓ New business ~ (15 min)

- Vote on PTO Board candidate nominations for President and Vice President (Community)
 - * Deven Collins for the President Position - Approved * Katie Bell for the Vice President Position - Approved
 - PTO meetings will take place on Tuesdays this year instead of Thursdays to allow more time for CSC *
 - * Treasury Report (Emily Weber) - Board met in May and talked through line items - approved 5/14/20 by Board - didn't do a lot of Spring activities - still a lot of unknowns for this year - may want to re-allocate some funds in light of remote learning - trying to be flexible and fluid. Budget presented, approved by Laura Eichorn & Kelly Tasky

✓ Upcoming Events ~ (10 min)

- Original Works (Heather Lee) - will still happen this year - goal to order in October and receive by winter holidays - different this year since we're remote - more control for families on what artwork to use - working with Ms. Schuster who will create some lessons for families to create art at home - Original Works company is also open to using family photos as long as not copyrighted - fundraiser supports visual arts at Lowry - create keepsakes that are good for holiday gifts, thank you cards, etc.

✓ Committee Reports (15 min)

- Garden update (Laura Eichorn)

* Have had to make lots of pivots since going remote - unable to do normal harvesting with students for use in the Cafeteria and Youth Farmer's Market - to ensure the produce was used while also raising money for future years, we offered a small CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) to Lowry Families. 8 families signed up (all slots were filled) and we have dropped off a bag full of fresh produce every Friday for the last 4 weeks - there are 3 more weeks of CSA distribution - Tuesday morning harvesting for Ms. Patricia (School Counselor) for families experiencing homelessness - over 50 lbs harvested in last week before freeze/snow - Plant Sale will depend on COVID

- Dining for Dollars (Kelly Tasky)

* Some businesses have reached out - may be opportunity to count take out and not just dine-in - will work on setting up schedule

- Teacher Appreciation (Kelly Tasky & Sarah Anderson)

* Discussion of ideas while virtual - gave all teachers an Amazon gift card at the end of last year

- Room Parents (Kelly Tasky)

* Don't want to put room parent recruiting on teachers this year - if interested in volunteering, please contact Kelly Tasky

- Box Tops (Emily Weber)

* Program has moved to an app now - scan your receipt and link app to Lowry - will still accept clipped tops if they have not expired - need to get these to Emily Weber by the end of October - our Box Tops goal is \$1,000 - we are at about \$50 right now

- Amazon Smile (Laura Eichorn)

* Connect to Lowry to give back percentage of Amazon purchases - go to smile.amazon.com - select Lowry Elementary PTO as supporting school

- Grocery Cards (Laura Eichorn)

* Safeway and King Soopers - have different programs - **King Soopers** use your loyalty card and register it through Lowry - can use when you get gas too - King Soopers card and will donate 5% of what you spend to the school every time you shop at King Soopers or City Market. If your family spends \$200 per month over an entire year at King Soopers then King Soopers (not YOU!!) would donate \$120 to our school to support all the great activities and programs the PTO promotes - This isn't limited to just Lowry families as Grandparents, non-Lowry families, Aunts and Uncles can all sign up the same way to support Lowry Elementary - Don't have a King Soopers card? Ask a cashier for a loyalty card application which simply asks for your name, phone and address and you're set - Follow the steps below to link Lowry Elementary to your new card:

1. Go to: www.kingsoopers.com and click "Sign In" in the upper right corner
2. Create an Account if you don't have one. Enter either your Sooper Card # or Alternate ID which is usually your telephone # or whatever you normally type in at the register if you don't have your card. If you can't remember your Alternate ID or Soopers # you can create a new one and get a new King Soopers card
3. After your account is created click on "My Account" in the upper right, then look on the left side of your Account page and choose "Community Rewards". Search for "Lowry Elementary PTO" and confirm your selection.
4. THAT'S IT!!!

*For **Safeway**, get a \$5.00 pre-loaded gift card, reload it and use it to pay when checking out - to acquire a card to start, please contact Laura Eichorn at lreichorn@gmail.com. - current card-holders can continue to use the reloadable gift card program in order to get Safeway to donate 5% back to the school. You simply load your gift card with funds at the register, pay for your groceries/gas with that card and 5% of every dollar will come back to the school - these do expire if not used after approx. 3 months!

- Science Fair (Heather Lee)

*working with the 5th Grade Team - Science Fair is TBD on both school and DPS levels

- Book Fair (Nicole Shore)

*We have over \$10,000 in Scholastic Dollars - considering virtual book fair - maybe in November - concerns around shipping costs

✓ Business (Q & A, items not covered on agenda) time permitting

Next meeting will be October 6th

✓Adjournment

