

Lillie B. Haynes PTA Minutes
3/08/17

Principal's Report

- There will be no school on 3/10/17
- The 1st grade will see a play at the Garde Arts Center on 3/29/17
- The East Lyme Middle School will have a music expo for 4th graders on 3/29/17
- The next day Spirit Day will be *Crazy Sock Day* on 3/31/17. Other Spirit Days include:: April 28th Sports Day and May 25th Wear Your LBH tshirt
- Thank you to the PTA for funding for Sneed Collard's visit to LBH and the 2nd grade plays.
- Lana Burton started working with the 1st grade and will work with the kindergarten class in May.
- 3rd grade Brazilian Dance workshops have started. Students will participate in weekly workshops and have a performance later this spring.
- Kindergarten registration started last night. 34 children have registered. Assessments will be completed in May. At a later date, prospective kindergarteners will be invited to visit the school and participate in a scavenger hunt. Suggestion: Invite prospective kindergarteners to have lunch at the cafeteria.
- Question: Will the Successful Beginnings program be reinstated at LBH? Response: If funding is restored.
- The three principals are creating a standardized elementary school handbook. It will ready at the beginning of next school year.
- Kindergarten and 3rd grade students will be participating in the Every Smile Counts study. As part of this experience, the child's height and weight will be measured. The child is turned around so they don't see their weight. Each child will also have a visual examination of their teeth. The child's name will *not* be collected. The children will *not* be asked any questions. The study will occur on 4/19/17. Data is collected, sent to government, and used to determine school program funding. Parents will have the opportunity to request that their child not participate in the study.
- 2nd & 4th grade students will also participate in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). This is government study that collects data on math and science performance. Children participate in paper and tablet assessments. No child's name is taken. Government uses data to determine program funding. Parents will have the opportunity to request that their child not participate in the study.
- At the PTA's request, Principal DeLoreto is exploring whether the same vendor can take school pictures at all three elementary schools and will have additional information at a future meeting.

Community Comment

- Suggestion: Are there ways of fostering a stronger relationship with Senior Center. Some ideas include students making cards for seniors, reading to seniors, etc. Response: Principal DeLoreto will explore whether this is possible.

- There will be a 50s & 60s music concert at Middle School on March 16th. Monetary and canned food donations accepted.

Treasurer's Report

- 80 bags of popcorn were sold at Movie Night and \$40 was raised.

Communications

- Concerns have been raised about Digital Backpack during Parent Advisory Council Meeting. The school is continuing to enhance the page. Some positive feedback is that the LBH page is colorful.

Ice Cream Social & Magic Night

- Liz Dumond has created a flyer and it will go home in the Friday folder
- Kate Caristo-Scalora will get supplies and find volunteers to help with the event.
- Rebecca Stebbins will coordinate the volunteers at the actual event.

Art Show

- Rebecca Haynes is working with Stacia Halko to prepare art for the show.
- Kate Caristo-Scalora, Kate Bartlett and Sue Fields are planning activities.
- Activities include face painting, a selfie photo booth and 3 crafts.

Spring Book Fair

- The book fair will be in Room 8.
- Judy Terpstra and Linda Farragher will set up the displays on 3/30/17.
- The kick off will be held on 3/24/17.
- Many volunteers are needed. Judy will set a volunteer sign up through sign up genesis
- The theme is camping.
- Judy needs a new partner for next year. Christina B. volunteered to assist.

New & Gently Used Book Collection

- During the Book Fair, new and gently used books will be collected.
- Everything collected will go to Care & Share.
- Whatever is not used by Care & Share will be donated to women's prison to be used when children visit their parents.

Teacher's Appreciation Lunch

- Lunch date was changed to 5/01/17.
- Throughout the week, the PTA will do something special for the teachers each day. Ideas include a raffle, a small gift in each teacher's mail box, and asking children to make cards for their teachers (Rebecca will work on a template)
- Liz Gomez, Gemma Moore, Heather Treptow will work on planning the daily activities.

Yearbook

- Yearbook orders are coming in
- Parents are encouraged to submit photos

Fun Day

- The event is scheduled on 6/09/17. The rain date 6/12/17.
- Inflatables have been reserved and will cost \$750
- Ideas are needed for entertainers that typically perform between 2-3pm. Examples include a puppet show, musician, etc. \$500 is available to cover this cost. Principal DeLoreto will get input from teachers.
- Amy Hinckley organizes the event and is looking for someone to shadow her. Kate Caristo-Scalora offered to help.
- Recruit volunteers with form.
- Volunteer shifts will be 9:30-11:30/ 11:30-1:00. As the event approaches, a volunteer recruitment form will go home in the Friday folder.
- The PTA has purchased a tshirt for every student to wear at school field trips and special events. Students will wear their t-shirts on Fun Day.

The tentative last day of school is on 6/16/17.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 10th, 2017
- June 7th, 2017