

Lehi Council PTA Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2013
10:00 AM – Eaglecrest Elementary

Present: DeAnn Kettenring; Keturah Woolston; Stacy Bateman; Vicky Amdal; Julie Wilford; Kaye Collins (USOE Comt); Heather Rasmussen (Lehi); Joel Miller (Lehi); Doreen Rhoades (Meadow); Carolyn Johnson (Meadow); Kristen Arnold (Fox Hollow); Mindy Widdowson (Traverse); Julie Sheen (Willowcreek); Jarom Becar (Willowcreek); Crystal Davies (LHS); Mr. Mower (LHS); Ashley Cook (LJHS); Charissa Little (Freedom); Canda Mortensen (Freedom); Courtney Johnson (Sego); Joel Perkins (LJHS); Rex Becker (Eaglecrest); Wendy LeFeure (Sego); Kim Roper (Northpoint); Marnee Lemon (Sego); Sabrina Rex (Eaglecrest); Rachel Andersen (Northpoint); Austin Cowley (Traverse)

Welcome – Keturah Woolston

Reverence/Pledge – Stacy Bateman

Approval of Minutes – Sabrina Rex motioned, 2nd by Julie Sheen, all approved

Budget Report – Vicky Amdal (see attached)

Updates:

- Mark Pew (ASD) – The new school is on track, the proposed boundaries will be presented at the ASD board meeting Nov. 12th. Parent input will be sought in the coming weeks. New principal will be named at the January Board Meeting and then PTA and SCC's will be starting up. (Attached is the proposed boundaries).
- Crystal Davies (LHS) – “Mower” tower is coming along nicely, one week ahead of schedule. Bus route is complete and the parking has not been a problem. Shows what coming together as students, school and community can do to solve problems.
- Good News (Different Schools) – Lehi Elem. & Willowcreek used Miss Lehi in their Red Ribbon Weeks and it was wonderful! She is available to other schools any time, please contact DeAnn Kettenring to get her information. Traverse Mtn. had a great Monster Mash Dance; Eaglecrest did a fun pumpkins on parade event; Snow Springs is doing a KOHL's Care program where Kohl's employees come and volunteer and then Kohl's donates \$500 to the school; Sego Lily had employees from Nike Outlet come during PE and help with fitness and passed out Nike stuff; LHS had IM Flash donate money to create teacher notecards to give to parents; make sure we get out into the community and use the resources available to us!!
- New SAGE Testing – Kaye Collins served on a parent advisory board to review questions for the new SAGE testing. It will be very different than before. The committee probably flagged about 4% of the questions based on bias or inappropriateness. Her suggestions is that we need to make sure kids are familiar with these types of questions (two part, engaging) or they will not do well even though they may know the material. Also our students need to be more familiar with technology. SAGE portal will be allowing students to take “practice tests” starting in December to familiarize them with this type of test taking. Students need to access their SSID# in order to go online and take the tests. We need to help get the word out that this first year test will drop significantly as we implement new system. Change is always hard but as the bugs get worked out, these tests will help truly access our students' abilities.

Discussions:

- Lehi Family Week – PLEASE help promote family week. Posters were given to each school as well as a list of activities to promote at each school. They really need participation for the Talent Show!!!! Please post to your social media and websites THIS WEEK!!
- Coat Closet – Region 9 PTA is sponsoring a “Coat Closet” project to help Geneva Elementary in our district. They are asking for all lost and found items at each school to be donated to Geneva. The due date is December 14th.
- Parental Involvement – Stacy Bateman led discussion on how we can get more parents involved. Suggestions included think outside the box – not everyone volunteering has to have a child at the school; BE POSITIVE about your role in PTA, no negative or discouraging remarks; Communicate about all needs, let parents know you need them; Help change perception about PTA – our perception is reality, we need to change perception; have front office and administration be welcoming and friendly; THANK everyone that help.....THANK YOU’s are a must!!!!

Reflections – DUE 11/15, our Awards Night will be 12/12, Snow Springs Elementary at 6:30 pm. You must pay dues in order to be eligible....Snow Springs has not paid dues yet!!!

Dismiss Principals

- Online Reports – Next report is due February 1st
- PTA Awards – They are due 1/18; Stacy will be sending email with direct links, PLEASE every school nominate at least one person for an award, Stacy will help you!!
- Transparency in PTA – Region Update – Please make sure your board is operating with no gray areas. Books are clear, accurate, and you are playing by the rules. We don’t want to have problems 😊

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING – January 21, 2014 – Traverse Mountain Elementary 10:00 AM