

## Lewisburg Elementary PSA Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2009

**Those present:** Tara Humphrey, Lisa Bernard, Carmen Terry, Brett Hoffmaster, Paula Reber, Courtney Jamieson, Steve Shwartzner, Tera Fassero, Marcey Nolan, Barb Gabel, Katie Gill, Cayce Carlsson, Katie Cavanagh, Christina Carr, Kelly Falck, Maureen Starmack, Cari McFarland, Kim Gilger, Melissa Udekwu, Tara Michaels, Lotte Resek, Jennifer Ayers, DeAnn Barrett, Jennifer Thomas

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. Introductions were made and minutes from August's meeting were reviewed. Book fair dates needed to be changed to September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> for Kelly and October 5<sup>th</sup> thru October 9<sup>th</sup> at Linntown. Katie Cavanagh motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Carmen Terry.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Related Arts:** There has been a 5% - 10% increase in the cost of providing special programs for our children. The committee is in the process of looking for local alternatives to provide the programming. Scheduling author visits with local authors is one way to cut down on expenses. They are also looking at Susquehanna University writing students to assist with the writing workshops for third grade. Additionally, they are looking for local sponsorships of some of the programs such as a local pediatric office to help sponsor Mr Slim Goodbody. Billy Kelly, a local musician is also being considered.

**Campbell Soups:** Caycee Carlson stated that she has submitted 4000 points. She reminded everyone that Pepperidge Farm products were eligible for points as well, save the UPC codes. There is an open submission policy for soup labels so they will be sent in periodically.

**Box Tops:** Due date was October 13<sup>th</sup> with 700 boxtops submitted.

**Newsletter:** James Marshall coordinator. Get info to him as soon as possible. September 28<sup>th</sup> is the next deadline.

**Fundraising:** Spirit wear will be sold again this year. Dates need to be determined. The committee is looking at possibly providing baseball type shirts and hoodies. They may possibly steer away from the large Lewisburg L and the dragon.

**Building Coordinators:** Room parents have been selected and teachers have been notified. Picture day is coming up at both schools.

### **Principal's Report:**

Paula Reber reported that everything is up and running well. Band and string sign up went well with over 100 children playing an instrument.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> will be picture day, Open House is October 8<sup>th</sup> and the Book Fair will be held October 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dustin Dalton reported that they are off to a wonderful start at Kelly. He invited everyone to come in and help with the morning reading program. Please contact Lisa Folker or Dustin Dalton for more info. Kelly will be having an Open House every Tuesday for the next few weeks.

### **Old Business:**

Mailbox management seems to be going well. Everyone seems to be getting their info in a timely manner.

New District website is up and running. E-mail Tara Michaels with anything that we may want added to the site. Minutes of the PSA meetings will be posted after they have been approved.

All room parents have been selected and will be listed in the next newsletter.

### **New Business:**

Kelly Elementary Sign: Mr Dalton has brought to the PSA the possibility of purchasing a new sign for the building. They currently do not have a sign. Dr DiRocco has been approached with this request. Mr Dalton is asking the PSA to purchase this sign. He will bring quotes to next month's meeting.

Parent Resource Room at Kelly: Title 1 requires resources available to parents. Kelly now has a room available for parents to use with 2 computers with internet access as well as a host of reading materials. Parents are welcome to use the room.

Upcoming Book Fairs: Cindi Martin is in the process of getting volunteers lined up to help with the book fairs at both Kelly and Linntown. As of now we have \$2400 Scholastic dollars. Cindi has catalogs to see what we can purchase with this money. The possibility of purchasing a white board was discussed but Paula feels that they should stick with the same provider since they are in the process of putting these in all the classrooms. The possibility of teacher grants was also discussed as well as the possibility of using some of the money for books for the leveled reader room at Kelly.

Mr Dalton reiterated the need for volunteers to help with the morning reading program at Kelly. He asked that volunteers pick a day and stick with it to provide consistent coverage. Volunteers can enter through the front doors at 7:55 and will be finished by 8:20. Books are available in the gym at that time.

Master Facilities Planning Dialogue will be held twice within the next few months. The first will be tomorrow night with the tour of the high school at 6:00pm and the talk beginning at 7:00pm. A private firm is taking a look at what the needs of the community and district are and what is the best way to meet that need. Consultants will review the needs and then give a list of options. Another meeting will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. They should be a link posted on the district wide website in the near future.

A question was raised as to the possibility of just sending a directory home with the youngest child so that families do not end up with 3 or 4 when they only want 1. This will be looked into.

The possibility of sending the newsletter via e-mail was also discussed. A lengthy discussion was held and many pro's and con's were discussed. Linntown will have a sheet at open house allowing families to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter. They will then be able to access it online through the district web site.

The question was also raised regarding cafeteria fund accounts and the possibility of accessing that info through Powerschool. Unfortunately, the software that Nutrition Inc uses is not compatible with Powerschool but they are in the process of finding something that may work.

Sam Pearson wanted to bring to everyone's attention a film being shown later this month entitled "Consuming Kids". It is a free event being held on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at 111 Market Street, Lewisburg

**Treasurer Report:** Kristen closed the financial year with a surplus of \$18,349. We currently have a total of \$40,337.82 in our checking account. We have received \$1500 in sponsor ships, Kristen has given \$100 to Mary Ritter for student assistance for field trips and other items. \$460 was used last year for such things with a budget of \$175. We may need to look into raising the budget for student assistance due to an increase in requests for funds.

Next meeting will be October 19, 2009 at Kelly. There being nothing further to discuss, Courtney Jamieson moved to adjourn meeting at 8:01 seconded by Cari McFarland.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Bernard