

1 Call to Order / Meet and GreetPhil Johnson, President

President Phil Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the LES PTA to order at 6:43 PM. All executive board members are present. There are fourteen (14) members and friends in the audience.

2 Approval of MinutesTom Boone, Secretary

Motion to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2007 Regular Meeting of the LES PTA was moved by Sandra Spedalieri and seconded by Laurie Blanch. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

3 Report of the TreasurerJoy Occhialini, Treasurer

Treasurer Joy Occhialini presented the September 2007 Treasurer's Report. Of notable interest, \$78.00 for PTA membership; \$100 childcare; \$499.50 in miscellaneous expense for paper goods and food for the September 2007 meeting; and \$54.70 for the President's fund expense for the August Executive Board dinner meeting. The childcare budget, \$800, was also updated to reflect the September approved motion.

Motion to accept the September 2007 Treasurer's Report was moved by Lee Matson and seconded by Lisa Shaner. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4 Principal's Report/Parent's Advisory ForumSandye Simon, Principal

LES Principal Sandye Simon reported that a PAC meeting was held earlier that evening to discuss how to improve the transition from Elementary to Middle School. Part of the discussed improvements was to better educate the parents of what to expect in the change. Bailey's Garden Phase 1 is being installed on Saturday October 6, 2007. Bailey's Garden will be an addition to the existing playground. The Open House was a huge success. October 11, 2007 will be Fire Safety day. The 1st of 2 planned fire drills were successful. A lock down drill is planned for somewhere within the month of October. Teachers, and students, will not know the date or time of the drill.

5 LES Math ProgramLinda Russo

Mrs. Russo presented the LES Math Program. The math program curriculum is produced by Scott Foresman - Addison Wesley. Anything on the CT Mastery test is in these books. The expectation is that our children will know more earlier within their student career. While the old program expected Grade 2 to know the basic facts, these basic facts are now being learned in Grade 1. Each text is divided into 12 sections. After each section is a test. K through 2 math books are consumable, whereas the 3rd and 4th are hardcover books. The tests are given along the lines of the mastery tests. The next big challenge is the transition between the 4th and the 5th grade programs, which are different programs.

Math dictionaries "Math on Call" are completely separate from the Scott Foresman books. These are great resources for use for us and our children. Also have Algebra and Geometry for Grade 8+.

Motion to take orders for "Math on Call" at the fall Book Fair was moved by Lisa Verizzi and seconded by Beth Pavlich. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

6 Faculty RepresentativeGayle Solari

Chairperson Gayle Solar reported that the parent teacher conferences are being held on 10/18 and 10/19. The LES Health Committee has been working to incorporate some of the health curriculum into the daily activities. The Character Pledge (6 pillars of character) are being broadcast during the morning announcements. At the next Health Committee meeting we will discuss how to use the PTA funds for character education programs. On November 14th we'll have a Professional Program. Red Ribbon Week is being held during week of parent teacher conferences. A reminder from teachers, to please try to have Friday Folder flyers to the teachers by Wednesday afternoon.

7 Committee Reports

Bailey's GardenJim Shifrin

Phase 1 of Bailey's Garden to be built on October 6. Still need volunteers to help build the Garden. There are 2 shifts 7:00 - 12:30 and 12:30 - 6:00. Prides Corner donated \$11k from their Lebanon Open House to the Bailey's Garden fund. It is estimated that the Golf tournament will raise \$8k.

Big Y Bonus Points.....Open
Haven't started program yet.

Book Cart.....Open
No book cart yet. Principal Sandye Simon will work with the School Librarian, Barbara Anderson, to set aside a book shelf in the Library instead of a book cart.

Book Fair.....Laurie Shaw
Sandra Spedaliere reported that the Book Fair material will be delivered the 15th or the 16th. Book Fair Flyers will hopefully be sent out in this weeks Friday Folders. The Book Fair committee needs volunteers (setup, work it, and pack it). If interested contact Sandra. As a big incentive there will be a \$100 Raffle for free book vouchers to be used for purchase at the fair. There is also a bonus from Scholastic if we resign with them now for next fall's book fair.

Board of Education / Board of Finance.....Suzanne Yeo
President Phil Johnson reported that the BOE regrettably accepted the resignation of LES Assistant Principal Jim Dineen and authorized Bob McGray to name a candidate at a later date. The BOE will offer a Vo-Ag paid internship to maintain the School yards over the summer. SAT and CMT scores were presented and the scores are ahead in most areas, but a in a few areas they were off the target. Next year's budget process is starting with open input on Oct 17th.

The BOF is having budget problems and is working hard to determine what went awry.

Box Tops for Education.....JoAnne Mackewicz
JoAnne Mackewicz reported that the committee is hoping to distribute a flyer in Friday's folder.

Campbell's Labels.....Sandra Spedaliere
Chairperson Sandra Spedaliere reported that she will order the Camcorder for the School. The next deadline is 12/31. We need to get all the labels we can before then. Overall we are doing very well, but need to keep them coming.

Childcare.....Holly Harakaly
President Phil Johnson reported there were 2 children tonight. Resulting from some concerns raised at the September Regular Meeting, we have reinstated a sign in and a sign out process for childcare. Holly Harakaly will be the chairperson going forward this year.

Family Events.....Open
Need chairperson

Health and Safety Fair.....Open
Need chairperson

Playground / Playscape Liaison.....JoAnne Mackewicz
No report

Professional Programs.....Kathy Jordan
President Phil Johnson reported that Prismatic Magic (<http://www.prismaticmagic.com/homepage.asp>) will present Laser B.E.A.M (Behavior and Ethical Advancement through Music) on Nov 14th. Laser B.E.A.M is a character building and enrichment program. Vice President Lisa Handfield and Professional Program Chairperson Kathy Jordan are shooting for a night in late October 2007 to provide a discussion about 529 education savings programs.

PTA Membership.....Lisa Verizzi
Chairperson Lisa Verizzi reported there are 20 members as of last PTA meeting.

Publicity.....Tom Boone, Secretary
Secretary Tom Boone reports there is no report this period.

Reflections Program.....Carrie Goins
No report

Sunshine.....Liza Verizzi
Chairperson Lisa Verizzi reported that there are no events have been done yet. The committee will provide some type of food for the teachers during the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences.

8 Fundraising
New Initiatives.....Open
Need chairperson.

SCRIP.....Phil Johnson, President
President Phil Johnson reported that he is looking to kick off the new SCRIP program soon. The committee has chosen to go with a new SCRIP program, Perk Werks, which now has over 200 vendors.

Wrapping Paper.....Laurie Shaw
President Phil Johnson reported that orders were due 10/1.

9 Old Business.....Phil Johnson, President
There was no old business to discuss.

10 New Business.....Phil Johnson, President
Toe Tokens.....Tom Boone, Secretary

Secretary Tom Boone reported that in a conversation he had with LES Physical Education teacher, Claire Doeller, that she needs additional Toe Tokens. A motion to allow Claire Doeller to purchase up to \$300 of Toe Tokens was moved by Beth Pavlich and seconded by Laurie Blanche. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Lebanon Congregational Church Harvest Fair.....Phil Johnson, President
President Phil Johnson reported that the SCRIP committee signed up for a table at the Lebanon Congregational Church Harvest Fair to be held on October 20, from 9-3. SCRIP cards for immediate sale will be available. If you can volunteer at the event please see Phil Johnson.

Picture Day.....Phil Johnson, President
President Phil Johnson reported that Kathy Jordan has asked for additional assistants to help on LES Picture Day on October 17. In the last Kathy Jordan has been a liaison to Donner during the day and would like to work with someone this year to transfer the responsibility next year.

11 Announcements/Questions.....Phil Johnson, President

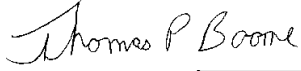
Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Program	Location
Fri, Oct 5th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Pickup	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Mon, Oct 8th	8:00 AM	School Holiday	
Fri, Oct 12th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Order	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Thu, Oct 18th and Fri, Oct 19th	1:05 PM	Parent / Teacher Conferences	LES
Fri, Oct 19th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Pickup	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Fri, Oct 26th	3:30 PM	SCRIP Order	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Fri, Nov 2nd	3:30 PM	SCRIP Pickup	LES Café or Phil Johnson
Mon Nov 5th	6:30 PM	LES PTA Regular Meeting	LES Café

12 Adjournment (awarding of Door Prize).....Tom Boone, Secretary

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM was moved by Sandra Spedaliere and seconded by Dede Lucey. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,



Thomas P Boone, Secretary

4th Grade Celebration: Deb Schmidt, Becky Smith, Melissa Grayson, Barbara Starr

