

LSE PTSO Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 3:30pm via Zoom

Present: Jon Carlson, Cathy Rustermier, Christie Weston, Susan Crotteau, Paulette Luebbe, Hallie Salem, Autumn Wardyn, Tanner Penrod, Maggie B.

Agenda Item	Owner	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome and Introductions		Jon Carlson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.	
Mission of LSE PTSO		Jon Carlson shared with the group that the membership structure of LSE PTSO has changed so that all families automatically are members of the group; dues are not required. LSE PTSO serves the LSE community based on a traditional PTSTO model - providing support for LSE students and teachers. LSE PTSTO strives to serve as an information conduit for families and to keep families connected. The information sheet provided in packets sent to families over the summer includes ways to support PTSTO - both through volunteer opportunities and financially. Obviously this year some of the volunteer opportunities may look a bit different.	
Election of 2020-21 Officers		Typically elections for PTSTO officers are held during the 4th quarter of the prior school year. Due to the pandemic, elections were not held during the 4th quarter of the 2019-20 school year. For the 2020-21 school year, the nominating committee nominates the following slate of officers: Jon Carlson, President; Cathy Rustermier, Vice President; Christie Weston, Treasurer; and Susan Crotteau, Secretary. Jon Carlson called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Hallie Salem moved approval of and to elect the slate. Paulette Luebbe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.	
Treasurer's Report	Christie Weston	Christie Weston reported that the 2020-21 budget will not be finalized until we know more about revenue for the year (based on membership contributions). She reported that PTSTO has had one expenditure approved by the Executive Committee to date and has carried over approximately \$5,700 from last year. Typically PTSTO has provided support to LSE in the areas of academics, students, and staff. Expenditures have been made to purchase National Honor Society medallions, support the Knight House after school program, support the Service Wall of Fame, provide funding for the Principal's Discretionary Fund (to support LSE students and families in need), provide meals for staff during conferences, and to support special projects often in conjunction with LSE Student Council (such as the water bottle refilling stations). The Executive Committee will work with Mr. Penrod to establish priorities for the year, will develop a budget based on those priorities, and will bring the proposed budget to a general meeting for approval.	
Principal's Report	Tanner Penrod	Principal Tanner Penrod said that the LSE administrative team and staff are proud of the start of the school year. Great attitudes and compliance are being demonstrated by students and staff. The 50% capacity definitely helps and also assists in preparing staff and students if down the road school is conducted remotely for all at some point	

		<p>during the school year. He reported that there is a bit of a somber feel in the building but students seem happy to be back in person. He requested feedback on the amount and timing of communication to families. The response from PTSSO members regarding the weekly email communication was favorable. Due to the fact that parent/teacher conferences will need to be conducted virtually during the first semester, staff members are looking at how to structure conferences to ensure that all families are able to participate. Athletic contests are starting. Typically these help build school spirit at the start of the school year but due to the current restrictions on attendance most students will not be able to attend as spectators for the time being. In response to a question regarding ACT testing for seniors in September (makeup for missed April test for juniors), Mr. Penrod indicated that, although all decisions regarding the test will be made by LPSDO, he expects the test will happen unless Lincoln's COVID risk status enters the red category. In response to a question regarding testing for remote learners, he indicated that discussions are ongoing at the district and department levels. The LSE website has been revamped (more mobile device friendly). He requested that PTSSO members review the PTSSO page and provide any updates or corrections to the office.</p>	
Student Council Update	Maggie B.	<p>Maggie B. reported that she is serving as the PTSSO liaison again this year. She hopes to select a sophomore member to join her at future PTSSO meetings. Student Council has two new sponsors this year - Mrs. Krueger and Mrs. Wardyn. Officers for 2020-21 are Grace N., President; Elizabeth H., Vice President; Emily S.r, Secretary; Dylan C., Treasurer; and Kendal F., Historian. Members assisted at the new student orientation by helping 9th graders find their classes. Mrs. Wardyn reported that the officers met and are focusing on selecting a passion project. There was a discussion about whether there will be voting for Homecoming royalty this year as there will not be a Homecoming dance and students are not allowed to attend the football games. Cathay Rustermier suggested that Student Council think about ways to help students feel connected and build community. She also suggested there may be a way to work together to get parents and families involved to support and build community this year.</p>	
Reports			
Volunteers		<p>At this time, parents and families are not able to volunteer inside of the school building.</p>	
Conference Dinners	Tara Hansen/ Rochelle Condon	<p>Tara Hansen is talking with restaurant contacts for possible meal donations. As soon as the structure for fall conferences is set, Mr. Penrod will communicate with PTSSO so that a format for meals can be determined.</p>	
Curriculum Council		<p>Mr. Penrod needs a volunteer to serve on the LPS Curriculum Council. The Council serves as a channel for direct communication between parent and community groups and LPS instructional leadership. Karla Johnson and Amy Vander Woude have agreed to serve as LSE PTSSO's representatives.</p>	
Prevention Coalition	Paulette Luebbe	<p>Paulette Luebbe, who represents PTSSO on the Prevention Coalition, reported that the group met earlier this month. The Coalition is a</p>	

		county-wide group under Region V Systems that works to help prevent risky behaviors. Through the website www.talkheart2heart.org , the Coalition provides information regarding parenting, alcohol and drugs, mental health, and risky behaviors. During the August meeting, the Coalition discussed technology usage in families and the impact on both kids and parents.	
Old Business			
		None.	
New Business			
		Due to the unique nature of this school year, PTSO would like to hear from families, students, and staff regarding any ideas on how PTSO can best support the LSE community.	
Adjourned			
		The next LSE PTSO meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 3:30pm via Zoom.	