

CTA Liberty PTO Meeting
CTA Liberty Library
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. Budget Updates

- The winter dance expenses were kept under \$800, and the profit is estimated to be \$2800.
- The spring carnival is estimated to cost \$10,000 with a potential income of \$8800 leaving PTO in the red \$1800. There is potential to recoup funds based upon food truck percentages.
- The estimated year in balance for the PTO is approximately \$29,000. Removing the required minimum balance of \$25,000 the approximate available funds will be \$3865.
- Computer lab, depending on the spring carnival and assuming all teachers in room, parents maximize their budgets. Any remaining balance would go directly to the computer lab.
 - There is also consideration of lowering the PTO bank threshold to greater contribution to the computer lab.
 - PTO will work with Mr. Smith on funding the computer lab upgrades estimated to be \$23,000. Mr. Smith is waiting to hear from the district whether they will contribute any funds to the computer lab.
- The budget updates excel can be emailed as requested.

2. School Comments

- The school has been busy with training in Lexia. Use is going strong.
- Testing season is coming. Mrs. Lerma is working with Mrs. Beltran and students to identify ways to reduce test anxiety.
- Enrollment is holding steady at 700. Unlike other schools, Liberty has been able to maintain enrollment over 5 to 7 years.
 - There is some attrition requiring downsizing by two teachers, that fortunately aligns to the individual teachers' goals.
 - A class may need to be added for fifth grade to accommodate the grade size.

- Principal timeline – a committee has been selected with a focus on parents in lower grades. The two parents selected are Mr. Steve Martin for conventional and Mrs. Rachel Dodd for DLI. For teacher representation Mrs. Eliane Doty representing DLI and Mrs. Leanne Prater, who has expertise in Spalding. Mrs. Kristin Tollefson from the Specials team and Jessica Burke from the front office will also be a part of the committee.
 - The job posting will remain open until February 28. The committee will have an opportunity to interview candidates in March as well as a finalist selected. Approval will take place in April.
- Also, a note Liberty has one student, one volunteer, and one staff member that are participating in the Night of Recognition.

3. Carnival Update

- Planning – the carnival planning is moving along as scheduled with six of seven food trucks booked. Three food trucks will give 10% back, two will give 15% back, and one will give 20% back to PTO.
- The inflatables and DJ have been reserved.
- A sign-up genius will be sent out requesting volunteers for various roles at the carnival.
- Classroom Baskets (Raffle/Auction) – Mrs. Prater is working with each grade level, and they will select a theme, and they will gather donations. The room, Parent will create a basket with those items to be raffled or auctioned off at the carnival. Baskets will be due the Monday before the carnival.
- Performances Mrs. Prater will check to see if the choir or cheer would like to perform.
 - The PTO will see if discounted tickets for performers is an option.
- Rachel is sending an email to student club sponsors to see if they would like to participate with a basket or a booth at the carnival.
 - DLI will have a table facilitated by Mrs. Doty

4. PTO Upcoming Events

- The next restaurant night will be in April.

5. Liberty Ledger Articles due by February 25

- The spring carnival will have a write up for the ledger.

6. Open Forum

- A parent inquired if the school would be interested in having an after-school puberty for girls' presentation for girls and their parents.

Participation is voluntary.

- Mr. Smith wasn't sure that the presentation would align with the curriculum presented in the human growth and development information that is shared during fifth and sixth grade. However, Mr. Smith will ask the district if such an after-school event would be OK.
- A reminder that PTO should begin looking at booking next year's school fundraiser. Many of the organizations book up fast so it will be important to get on their calendar.
- A reminder for PTO to determine who the returning board members will be to advertise for open positions and hold elections in April.