

Laurel Ridge Elementary PTA General Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023 / 6:30 PM / Hybrid

Call to Order, Welcome and Housekeeping

Maria Davila (Co-President) called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Quorum met

Old Business

1. Approval of Past Minutes

- Jarrett Jackson (Secretary) moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting 1/25/23.
- Hearing no objections LRES January 25, 2023 General PTA Meeting minutes have been approved as distributed.

New Business

2. Treasurer's Report

● Budget Overview

- Beginning Balance 6/1/22: \$29,023
- YTD Expenses: \$28,434
- YTD Income: approx. 50,517
- Current balance as of 2/28/23: \$51,106

3. Nominating Committee Election

- Pascael Beaudette, Andre Hopkins, and Donna Troka were elected to serve as the 2022-2023 nominating committee.
- Elisabeth Bergman, Miriam Bell, and Stephanie Bialek were elected to serve as alternates to the 2022-2023 nominating committee.

4. Committee Presentations

● Executive Committee

- Teacher Grants- approx \$7000 toward teacher grants
- Penny Bowl - Soccer goals, electric pump, a lot of soccer balls
- Question about buying some basketballs

● Principal Advisory Council

- Thursday April 13 @ 4:30 pm in the library and on Zoom
- Public comment at the beginning of the meeting

- Working with Ms. Hartman on the CSIP
- Everyone is invited to attend
- Minutes will be posted on the school website
- **Family Engagement**
 - Tuesday April 18th International Day: A celebration of cultures. Sign up on the sign up genius to share your culture.
- **Communications**
 - 2 members of the committee are “graduating” Those interested in serving should email Mandy to join the committee next year
 - Next committee meeting on March 27th at 12pm is open to anyone who is interested in serving on the committee
- **Fundraising**
 - Spring Book Fair with Little Shop of Stories is coming up
 - Next Spirit night in April will be announced soon
- **Staff Engagement**
 - Staff Appreciation week coming up May 8-12
- 5. **Principal’s Report**
 - Staffing
 - i. A school nurse has been hired
 - ii. MTSS specialist position has been filled; late April start date
 - iii. We will begin having 3 full time custodians; move our part time custodians to full time
 - iv. Library media assistant position will need to be filled for next school year. Interviews have already begun.
 - v. Need a K and 3rd (math and gifted) teacher for next year
 - vi. Strong retention of staff going into next year
 - Technology
 - i. Thanks to the PTA for purchasing printers and ink for all of the grade levels
 - STEM certification
 - i. On schedule for STEM recertification. Report was recently turned in. Thanks to Ms. Hammer for leading the effort.
 - Title I
 - i. Not projected to be a Title 1 school next year. That could change; it’s based on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students that we serve.
 - ii. There will be a push next year for everyone to apply for free and reduced lunch.
 - iii. Almost all Title I funds have been used; still looking to purchase some phonemic awareness materials to support lower grades literacy instruction.
 - Building updates
 - i. Information was shared on Class Dojo
 - ii. Currently have two projects: windows and special education suite

1. Windows- New front doors over Spring Break and replacement of the bank of windows towards the back of the school.
 2. Spring break will be the last work on windows before summer.
 3. Media Center, Room 3, and Room 6 windows are completed at this time.
 4. Architects are in the design phase on track for the special education suite renovation. General contractor has not been signed on yet.
 5. Major building systems project (HVAC/roof/ceilings/etc) plans are under review by the GA Department of Education; this is on schedule at this time.
- Calendar
 - i. Planning to put together a full 2023-2024 school year calendar for LRES over the summer to be shared at the beginning of the year
 - ii. Focus on multicultural experiences for all students to enjoy during the school day
 - iii. Looking at the possibility of adding morning clubs next year
 - Q&A
 - i. Are lunch time book clubs possible? Ms. Hartman likes the idea of morning book clubs so that students can interact with other teachers and so teachers can take their lunch time

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Upcoming Events

***see PTA calendar**

<https://www.laurelridgeelementary.com/calendar>