**Las Sendas Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes:**

February 26, 2018

Las Sendas Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) met in regular session in the media center at Las Sendas Elementary, 3120 N. Red Mountain RD on February 26, 2018. Meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm.

**Roll Call:** Jennifer Berkshire

**Approval of January Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Berkshire

Motion to approve January 2018 minutes as written was made by Deb Junkes. Second by Dawn Silva. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jennifer Casey

Jennifer Casey presented the Treasurer’s report. We have $21393.08 in our account. The Media Center has an account balance of $7289.91.

**Review of January 2018:**

1. Cupid’s Cards were a huge success. We ordered a large inventory because this hadn’t been done in a few years but we netted $775.61. We have a decent inventory of bears and bags that will be saved for next year. There is minimal chocolate left over, but will be sold at movie night or used during other functions this year.

2. Bingo was a lot of fun and we netted $320.09. Despite VooDoo Dogs not showing up, we ordered pizza and everyone had a great time. Soda Rush gave us $42.00 and they were totally awesome.

3. Penny Wars was a huge success! They raised $5429.00 and the 2nd grade won the contest. The benefit of this fundraiser versus through Scholastic Books is the money can be spent on other things than Scholastic books. Mrs. Brady has already purchased books from Amazon and is getting funds deposited to an Amazon account for the media center. This will cut down on reimbursement time and will be better book keeping as all purchases can be accessed through the media center Amazon account. Other goals for these funds include knocking down a wall in the media center and making a reading bar equipped with stools and computers.

**Principal’s Report:**

Mr. Kaczmerek was present. He summarized the MPS Governing Board meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to gain insight and community input to inform the Governing Board’s decision on whether to place a bond authorization or an override renewal on the November 2018 ballot. The meeting summary is as follows:

**Bond would provide the following:**

 Future needs for school repairs and renovations

 Continue renovations of schools throughout the district

 Improve Athletic and Performing Arts facilities

 Consider replacing schools due to aging facilities and safety and security issues of these facilities

 Improve Intercom Systems

 Future technology needs of Alarm Systems

 Replace aging devices

 Bus replacement: 100 buses have no air conditioning and 240 buses are more than 15 years old.

**Override Impact:**

Teaching positions

 Security staffing

 Academic programs for workforce and post secondary education

 Employee compensation for attracting and retaining new employees

 Teacher training to integrate technology

 Classroom supplies

 Prop 206 has a minimum wage increase from $8.05/hr to $12/hr it also created the right to paid sick time (1 hr/30 hrs. worked).

**If the Governing Board votes to place a $230 million Bond Authorization on the November 2018 ballot and the voters approve it, homeowners would see little to no increases in their property taxes.**

**The Override renewal has been in effect since 1995 and was renewed in November 2014. There is currently a 10% Maintenance and Operations override. The override would generate $34 million annually.**

**New Business:**

1. Fundraising Update:Jenny Okland

 a. Jersey Mikes raised $1,060.

 b. Barro’s Pizza raised $406. The winner of the pizza party is Mrs. Junkes’ class.

 c. Current forerunners for the Box Tops ice cream party are: Mrs. Junkes’ class with 505, Mrs. Silva’s class with 353 and Mrs. Bondelli’s class with 269. The contest runs through March 9th.

 d. Amazon Smile gave us a check for $140.68.

 e. DC Clothing Fundraiser is March 6 and 7 in the media center

 f. Nektar Dining Night Out is March 22 from 11am until 5pm. Make sure you stop by for a quick lunch or after school snack.

 g. Movie Night is March 23 from 6-9pm. We will be holding voting for the movie this week during class. Please have your students vote on their top 3 choices and turn in your vote via email to president@lspto.org by March 1. Movies to choose from will include: Sing (PG), Ferdinand (PG), Cars 3 (G), Coco (PG), Moana (PG), Secret Life of Pets (PG), Zootopia (PG), Lego Ninjago (PG), and Monsters University (G). This is not a drop off event. Since parents are required to be there, we have approved the possibility of a PG rated movie.

2. The Wells Fargo online access for one of the board members was compromised. New account numbers for the PTO general account and media center were issued.

3. The Auction will be held at the Las Sendas Golf Club Pavilion on April 20, 2018 beginning at 5:30pm. Teachers will be given free tickets. Baskets for the Silent Auction are to be turned in before Spring Break, which begins on March12, 2018.

4. Nomination forms for the 2018-2019 PTO board will be distributed next week and available in the office. Forms need to be turned into the office by March 30, 2018 and elections will be held at the April PTO meeting on April 26, 2018 at 4pm in the media center. Start spreading the word for some great new board members.

5. A Motion to encumber $75 for READ committee. They need popcorn and prize incentives for the READ program. Motion to approve $75 for the READ committee was made by Mrs. Silva. Second by Mrs. McConnell. Motion passed.

6. Motion to encumber $375 for fertilizer. We already have $500 encumbered, but the cost is $875. This will keep our school looking great and cuts down on the dust on the back playground. Motion to approve $375 for fertilizer was made by Mr. Kaczmarek. Second by Mrs. McConnell. Motion passed.

6. Motion to encumber $3290.66 for three benches to be placed by parent pick-up. Two of the benches were incentives given for the Year of the Teacher campaign. The PTO received a donation from the Okland Company for $1500 to be used to purchase the benches. PTO would like to remove the existing benches and install three more. Mr. Cuocci will work with Jenny Okland to ensure the benches are places in the best locations. A motion to approve $3300.00 for placement of three benches by parent pick-up was made by Mrs. Junkes. Second by Mrs. Eaton. Motion passed.

7. Motion to encumber $100 for Kindergarten Round Up this covers the cost for the cafeteria to provide milk and cookies for the incoming kindergarteners. Motion to approve $100 for Kindergarten Round Up was made by Ms. Lombardi. Second by Mrs. Silva. Motion passed.

8. Motion to encumber $12,000 for yearbooks. We always make money on the yearbooks and love note sales. We have to make a deposit for the yearbooks before the next general meeting. Send in any pictures for the yearbook to the Yearbook Committee. Motion to approve $12,000 for yearbooks was made by Ms. Lombardi. Second by Mrs. Silva. Motion passed.

9. Motion to encumber $48.49 for a wagon for the Crossing Guards. Motion to approve $48.49 for a wagon was made by Mrs. Junkes. Second by Mr. Cuocci. Motion passed.

10. Motion to encumber $500 for Movie Night. Motion to approve $500 for Movie Night was made by Ms. Lombardi. Second by Mrs. Silva. Motion passed.

11. Motion to unencumber $333.45 Bingo. Motion to approve unencumbering of $333.45 for Bingo was made Mrs. McConnell. Second by Ms. Lombardi. Motion passed.

12. The contract for Yearbooks is coming up for renewal. Fall school pictures did not come out well. The students had only one pose this year. Last year the students had three poses. Spring pictures will be adjusted to have three poses and the upcoming Yearbook contract will be discussed at the May meeting. Danielle Brewer is point of contact for this action.

**Upcoming Events:**

March 6 & 7, DC Clothing Sale in the media center, 7am-5 pm

March 22, Nektar Dining Night Out, 11am-5pm

March 23, Movie Night, 6pm-9pm, back playground

March 26, PTO meeting, 4pm, media center

The next PTO meeting will be March 26 at 4pm in the media center.

**Motion to adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. McConnell and second by Mrs. Silva. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.