

**LISLE ELEMENTARY
HOME AND SCHOOL ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
FOR**

November 4, 2009

In Attendance- Susan Stears, Monica Wagoner, Laura Tchankanakis, Nickey Brummel, Mary Marsh, Lisa Laue, Tara Dooley, Rita Pereira, Michele Nitzki, Brandi Myslewiec, Suzanne Trotter, Josette Allen, Sheryl Fasone, Jennifer Hammer, Carrie O'Connor, Lisa Zellak, Michele Gansberg, Sarah Wiertel, Patty Gill, Linda Kotalik, Laraine Billings, Rebecca Harris.

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Stears at 9:15 a.m.

The October 2009 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the October 2009 minutes was made by Laura Tchankanakis, seconded by Monica Wagoner and unanimously passed.

Principal Reports

Schiesher- Dr. Kotalik reported ISAT scores, third in the county in reading, fourth in the county in math. We have made AYP (annual yearly progress), which many schools in the area have not met. Our 2010 benchmark is 77.5% of our students meeting and exceeding in the areas of reading and math. Online sign-ups parent/teacher conferences. A reminder will be sent the day before as to your date and time. In the near future, a survey will be sent via online for parents to fill out, and urging parents to please fill out so schools have baseline data on areas of improvement. Discussion regarding going paperless. 56% of our population has signed up to receive mail online. Virtual backpack officially starts today.

Tate Woods – Mrs. Gosselink thanked the Book Fair committee. Tate Woods will again be doing Holiday Lights at Brookfield Zoo, which is a community project in which the school purchases a tree. Students in 1st and 2nd grade art class will be making a star and students and teachers will decorate the tree on a Saturday, November 21st. All funds go directly to help fund the Brookfield Zoo. Kick-off for Reading Makes Cents Program, which is part of Tate Woods' ocean segment, in which ultimately we will be adopting an animal at Brookfield Zoo. Discussion regarding bus behavior.

Teacher Liaisons

Schiesher - Sarah Wiertel reported on Halloween parties which went very well. First grade had a field trip to Arboretum and, despite the weather, had a great time. Tate Woods will start sending out a pre-conference sheet to parents to help guide the conferences. Regarding going paperless, Tate Woods has started sending A.R. test scores home once a week instead of every day.

Executive Board

President- Thank you for helping clean out LEHSO closet. Thank you to Scrubby Bear committee, and thank you to all parents that came and helped with hospitality for kids. For upcoming events, asking if all could memorialize events by taking pictures so we can revamp HSO website as well as organize our LEHSO presentation. Please e-mail pictures to Susan Stears or Monica Wagoner. Lengthy discussion regarding posting pictures of students whose parents do not want them photographed. Reporting for Ann Blaeske, anything to go on website, please give Ann a week in advance to post. Facebook, LEHSO group is up. Please use this discussion board for discussion, praise, and compliments. We ask that only officers and administrators post to the wall. Since there won't be a meeting in January, there will be an Open House on Wednesday, January 6 from 9:00 to 11:00 at Susan Stears' home.

Vice-President- Nothing to report.

Treasurer-Laura Tchankanakis reported on the latest entries in the LEHSO budget and changes to the LEHSO budget and gave all in attendance a copy.

Corresponding Secretary- Nothing to report.

Council Delegates- Josette Allen report the Council held their meeting on October 21st. March meeting date will be held on March 10th (instead of March 7th). Low on funds at the Council level due to Market Day not being as big of a draw in the past and Membership is down.\$1,000. Urged all to participate if you can.

Dr. Wernet was absent; Dr. Messina spoke on her behalf. Dr. Messina reported on H1N1 virus absence rate was about 4%, which is not alarming. Administration is closely monitoring the attendance percentage.

High school is presently looking to fill the position of principal.
Challenge Day occurred at 8th grade and high school; 60 students participated.
The school board vacancy was filled with past president of Joan Kosten who will hold an 18 month term.

At high school level, there are more preparation tests that are being done for the ACT.
Discussion at junior high level regarding whether 6th graders should be able to tryout for certain sports. A survey went home. Based upon response from parents, 6th graders will not be trying out for certain sports and they will be only able to tryout for track, soccer, wrestling and drill team. Awards Committee is in desperate need of funds. Exploring opportunities to increase funding for the awards. We welcome your ideas.

The directory will be distributed soon. A question was raised whether e-mail addresses should be included in the directory, and it was decided at the Council level that they will not.
There will be rain barrels possibly for sale at the Flower Sale, and the next meeting is January 20th.

Committee Reports

Ceramic Night- Ahead on pre-orders in comparison to last year. There will be one more flyer to be distributed before Ceramic Night. Still in need of volunteers.

Restaurant Night- Cabana Charley's was a low turnout, most likely due to weather. Final numbers will be available next month. The next restaurant night is Buffalo Wild Wings on November 18th. Flyer to follow. Possible holiday party at McDonald's in December. An update to follow. Other future restaurant night locations: Country House.

Entertainment Books – Final numbers will be available next month. We met our goal to sell 400 books. Instructions on returning Entertainment Books next year will be revised to hopefully ease and clarify the process of returning books in a timely fashion. Discussion and clarification for distributing/selling books to janitors and teachers.

Green Team- Sheryl Fasone has been gathering information of the best way to display the Green Team, i.e., on a website, blog or distributing flyer. Looking at recycling programs available in the area to participate in, such as juice pouches, candy wrappers. More information to follow.

Helping Hands- Nicole Webb was not present. Susan Stears made a report on her behalf. In an effort to provide joy to senior citizens during the holiday season and not to burden Schiesher and Tate Woods families, our first Helping Hands project will consist of a packet to go home with all students at the beginning of December and will use their creativity to create a holiday card for the residents of Villa St. Benedict Assisted Living and Snow Valley Retirement in Lisle.

Scrubby Bear- Laraine Billings reported that Scrubby Bear was a success! For those who don't know, Scrubby Bear is a program that teaches children how to properly keep germ-free during the school year.

Old Business- The HSO Holiday Craft and Bake Sale is Sunday, November 8th at the high school from 11:00 to 4:00. Still looking for volunteers to donate baked goods.

Susan Stears would like to personally thank Girl Scout Cadet Troop 759 for the Food Drive, and thank you to the LEHSO for preparing a newsletter and allowing the Troop to keep boxes at elementary schools and junior high school.

Autumn Lombardo discussed moving the date of Spring Into Safety to either March 4th or March 11th.

Monica Wagoner reported that Box Tops had their first admission for the year and so far has raised \$971.30.

A motion was made by Lisa Laue to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tara Dooley and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickey Brummel, Recording Secretary