

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

October 12, 2011

In Attendance- Monica Wagoner, Autumn Geist-Lombardo, Laura Tchankanakis, Nickey Brummel, Brandi Myslewiec, Suzanne TrotterLinda Kotalik, Wesley Gosselink, Marybeth Peterson, Rebecca Harris, Eunice McConville, Seryl Fasone, Jennifer Hammer, Kathy Gill, Lanie Manns, Meredith Strombede-Wong, Anne Blaesek, and Rosemary Gallaway.

The meeting was called to order by President Monica Wagoner at 9:17 a.m.

Introductions Monica thanked the Dr. Kotalik for hosting our LEHSO meeting.

The September minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the September 2011 minutes was made by Eunice McConville, seconded by Jennifer Hammer and unanimously passed.

Principal Reports

Tate Woods – Mrs. Gosselink started out by thanking Jennifer Zink for the successful book fair and that it was a great partnership with the TW LRC 40th birthday party. The celebration had a great turnout and the line to purchase books wrapped around the gym. Judy Bauman sits on the state board for picking 20 books to be voted on for the Monarch and this was a great connection for the students as well as Mrs. Gosselink reading Birthday for Bear to all classes in preparation for the LRC event.

Steve Layne's visit was well attended in the schools as well as the Lisle Library. Next year dates are already in place but this author will be on the K-12 spectrum. Name to come soon.

Mrs. Gosselink was very appreciative of all the Readers with Hearts that signed up. She has started contacting names on the list and reading with students has begun.

There is a great transition from Kindergarten to 1st grade between the schools and the there is a lot of collaboration in the curriculum between K-2.

1st & 2nd grade Halloween parties will be on Monday October 31st. The parade will be at 10:30 and the parties to follow immediately after. Students are to bring their costumes to school and avoid any masks and make-up. A reminder that all room party volunteers need to adhere to the store bought snacks and no homemade goods.

Schiesher - Dr. Kotalik explained she was on crutches due to an injury while running the Chicago Marathon. She finished despite the injury.

CONGRATULATIONS for completing the marathon Dr. Kotalik!!!

Red Ribbon week will start on Monday October 17th. This is with character counts to support our pillars. Our student council and Mrs. Hicks held the Trustworthy voting in the lunchroom and the winner was a Military person to learn more about. Mrs. Colgan is putting together a lesson plan for the classes to use to learn more about this.

There are field trips coming up for classes: October 18th the AT class will be going to Rossini's Opera; October 19th the 4th grade will be going to the Arboretum; and on October 27th the 5th grade will be going to Robert Crown.

Officer Friendly, Jody Wiess will visit the school to remind students about safety.

Halloween (October 31st) will be a half day and the Kindergarten parties will be on Friday October 28th and 3-5 will be on Monday October 31st. The parade for 3-5 will start at 10:15am and parties start at 10:30am. Dismissal will be at 11:45am. Please remember that the students are to bring their costumes to school that day. Dr. Kotalik wants to extend appreciation and thanks to all the volunteers. She also stated that on students half day's of school the staff is still hard at work. The staff is currently working on the state standards of the common core curriculum which 46 states have already adopted. The progression in literacy/language arts and math grades K-12 is the major focus. 202 is still above the national average in MAP testing.

Teacher Liaisons – Mrs. Peterson was present but there was nothing to report.

Mrs. Staszak was in attendance to thank the LEHSO for all the money given to her to purchase new art books. She stated that there is a waiting list for students to check out the new books and they are very excited about them. She also thanked the LEHSO for the funding to have a professional paper maker come in last spring and work with the current 4th graders. They did a project which was announced that their work will be put into an international art exhibit. The exhibit will be at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. Mrs. Staszak also needs help with Artsonia, parents can take pictures of the artwork and save them on a zip drive and return to her for the website. If you are able to help, please contact her.

Executive Board

President - Monica Wagoner thanked everyone for coming and Lisa Laue, Nicole Webb and the Sock Hop committee for a job well done once again this year. Jennifer Zink for a wonderful book fair at Tate Woods; Michele Gansberg and Brandi Myslewic for organizing the classroom party monies, binders and volunteers; Laura Tchakanakis and Mary Ebert for all of their behind the scenes work for the clothing

resale; Eunice McConville and Rebecca Harris for yet another record breaking resale this fall; and to everyone who is part of the LEHSO, if it was not for you we would not be successful like we are!

Monica had a message regarding the Holiday Craft Fair/Bake Sale. The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society and the Lisle High School HSO will take place at the high school on Sunday November 6th. The proceeds from this event are split between the 2 groups. The HSO portion is used to fund our high school activities such as the Senior Banquet, Scholarship awards, and many others. We are still in need of bakers for this event and are hoping you will take a little time to make a special treat to be sold in our bake sale. Please contact Kim Drennan if you are able to help.

Vice-President- Autumn Geist-Lombardo thanked Dr. Kotalik for allowing them to start up the running club. There were 70 students between 3-5 grade levels that signed up and ran at recess twice a week. It is a surprise for the runners but they will be receiving t-shirts for all their hard work and dedication to wear for the Scarecrow Scramble. These t-shirts were sponsored by Character Counts.

Treasurer-Laura Tchankanakis referred to page 2 of the budget, outgoing expenses were listed and the amount was \$3318.13, outgoing Enrichment was listed and in the amount of \$250.00; and income was listed and in the amount of \$10,081.03.

Corresponding Secretary- Nickey Brummel asked that all items that need to be put in the newsletter be emailed to her by Thursday October 14th.

Council Delegates- Suzanne Trotter was present but nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Resale – Rebecca Harris thanked all the committee, people in the cash room, junior high and high school students, and especially ALL the volunteers that helped make this resale a success. Everything went very smoothly Thursday at set-up through Sunday at break down. This was our biggest profiting sale to date and we are going to make a big push for more volunteers in the spring sale. The fall/winter resale brought in a profit of \$7180.47 (junior high donations = \$500 and elementary donations = \$200). This sale we used a counter and kept track of the number of shoppers who purchased something and the total was 521. Eunice McConville is stepping down as chair but remaining on the committee and Rebecca Harris is taking on the role of Resale chair. Pam Bilik will be joining the resale committee in the spring. The spring/summer sale is going to be on Saturday March 10, 2012.

Fine Arts – Autumn Geist-Lombardo is currently looking for talent for the upcoming dates at Schiesher which are November 10th, February 23rd, and May 31st.

Membership – Autumn Geist-Lombardo reported that there is a 100% from both Schiesher and Tate Woods.

Green Team –Sheryl Fasone reported that because of the grant the Green Team received that they are starting a beautification on Schiesher grounds by planting with the student council representatives at lunch recess. Thanks to Carrie O'Connor and Jennifer Hammer for planting with the students. There will be planting done in the springtime also and rain barrels were purchased and will be used for the care of the plants. These rain barrels will be located outside and a possible decoration may be something talked about with Mrs. Staszak. There will be more composters for Steve Bielby to use at lunchtime. Education for recycling and trash was done at both schools and Sheryl thanked Jen Rizzo for taking over the Less Waste Wednesday's at Tate Woods.

Restaurant Night – Monica reported for Beth Eckard; Culver's on Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove will be hosting our first restaurant night this year on Tuesday October 25th. A flyer will be going home with the students soon with details.

Scrubby Bear – Nickey Brummel explained that this is a program to teach 1st and 2nd graders at Tate Woods more about cleanliness and washing hands. The students will each get a "soap" put on their hands and will wash their hands as they usually do and under a UV light the students will be able to see where they missed the "germs."

Sock Hop – Monica reported for Lisa Laue that the Sock Hop was a success once again and Lisa is very thankful for everyone who helped out that night. A record breaking 200 people attended (60 families).

Student Directory – Monica reported for Julie Levins; the student directory is currently in the final editing process and will be in the final stages of gathering information and formatting later this week.

Tate Woods Book Fair – Monica reported for Jennifer Zink; Jennifer wanted to extend much thanks to the Tate Woods Staff; especially Mrs. Gosselink, Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Debaerd, Mr. Emde, Mr. Cyrus, Mrs. Bonini and Mrs. Guasta, all the moms who generously gave a morning or afternoon to help out and my wonderful evening staff, Katie Cracco, Carrie O'Connor and Brandi Mysleiwec.

Box Tops – Anne Blaeske reported for Katie Cracco; all box tops must be turned in on Friday October 21st for submission on October 31st.

Market Day – Eunice McConville reminded everyone that November's Market Day is double pie month. The form will be sent out with students. Ordering from Market Day gives the school more money than going to the store on Ogden Ave. so please consider ordering through the school.

Old Business - Nothing to report.

New Business – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Eunice McConville to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Autumn Geist-Lombardo and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday November 9, 2011 at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Myslewiec
Recording Secretary