LCE PTO Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2009

Members in attendance:

Stephanie Gabino	Cindy Villarreal	Jennifer Papka	Kristine Fisseler
Jennifer Mockaitis	Iliana Doganieri	Lin Adams	Dayna Doll
Anthony Maroulis	Amy Hodges	Mollie Peacock	Veronica Alvarado
Tish Maroulis	Andrea Goodrich	Manisha Naik	Lucretia DeFlora
Kimberly Flores			

I. CALL TO ORDER

A board meeting of the Lexington Creek Elementary PTO was held on October 19, 2009 at Lexington Creek Elementary. Stephanie Gabino, President, conducted the meeting. Jennifer Papka, Secretary, was present and took meeting notes. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Anthony Maroulis approved the previous meeting minutes and Cindy Villarreal seconded them.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Stephanie Gabino, **President**, was present and opened the meeting.

Kristine Fisseler and Jennifer Mockaitis, **Co-Treasurers**, were present. The PTO balance is $54,153.20. The fundraiser did well. PTO has paid for the 5th grade field trip, science books and t-shirts for the 5th graders. Stephanie Gabino passed out thank you notes that PTO received from them.

Cindy Villarreal, **Vice-President**, was present. Cindy proposed a program called Discovery Dome to accommodate all grade levels at LCE. They set up a dome with a screen and every 30 minutes bring in a new group to view the presentation. They can be available all day for a cost of $595. This will occur the Monday before Thanksgiving break. The program involves science. There are two other prospects for programs after the TAKS testing and a possible 5th grade only presentation. Cindy is looking into all of these possibilities.

IV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Dayna Doll, **VIPS Coordinator**, was present. A report is filed with the minutes of this meeting. VIP hours for September are 1,191. Yvette John, the Kindergarten lunch coordinator, was the September VIPS of the month. VIPS are currently working on laminating and teacher center projects. They are still selecting room parents.

Lin Adams, **Ways and Means-Fall Director**, was present. The fundraiser brought in approximately $30,000 and the school will get about half of that amount. Twenty-two of the books were damaged and there are still 15 books outstanding. Ms. Jha's class had the most items sold and will get ice cream. Wednesday is the pick-up date for all Sally Foster items and cookie dough.

V. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Mollie Peacock, **Hospitality Chair**, was present. Mollie discussed teacher appreciation. They plan to do a corporate sponsorship for the hospitality, in which they will have representatives from Methodist Hospital come in and talk about breast cancer awareness and heart disease. Hospitality is calling this a lunch and learn to focus on health and well-being with the teachers while providing a nice lunch. One lunch and learn has already been conducted for body fitness. Mollie suggested that PTO should do more to educate the parents at LCE on how the funds we receive are being used at the school. She created a poster to display these things during the teacher conferences and had a favorable response. She suggested that our next step could be a mailing that would include an option to just donate to the PTO so we could provide more items such as Smart Boards, to the school.

Amy Hodges, **Membership Chair**, was present. Amy reported that the table during the teacher conferences was a success. The LCE decals were also successful in selling and people are requesting the smaller ones.

Anthony Maroulis, **Publicity**, was present. Veterans Day is the next project that will be covered. E-mails have gone out to the FBISD board of trustees, Assist Superintendent and other officials. Ms. Crittenden will have a designated table for those guests. The Veterans Day program is scheduled for November 4th and 5th.

Veronica Alvarado, **Student Directory Chair**, was present. Veronica has the directory nearly completed and is waiting for the cover to be done. The proposed delivery date is mid-November.

Jen Hanson, **Yearbook Chair**, was not present. An e-mail report has been filed with the minutes of this meeting. Yearbook order forms will go out in the next Tuesday folders. The deadline to order is Friday, December 4, 2009. The cover choice has been made and photos are being taken. Yearbook prices will remain the same as last year, $30 for yearbook only and $33 for yearbook with a name.

Andrea Goodrich, **Marquee Chair** was present. Marquee has raised $440 this year. Everything is going well. Andrea gave a big thank you to Anthony Maroulis for pressure washing the marquee. Sign Works should be coming out to fix the vinyl on the marquee.

Tish Maroulis, **Special Events Chair**, was present. Jump Rope for Heart is scheduled for February 19th. Ms. Reynolds has requested a white bed sheet to make a sign for the event.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- New swings - Tish Maroulis reported that there is a new requirement that FBISD has to fill out a building modification for the swings and tether ball to be installed. We are waiting for that approval. She is also checking into the wood chips that will need to be replaced after the equipment gets installed.
- New Smart Boards – Stephanie Gabino reported that we are waiting for them to come in and we have received five of the projectors.
- T-shirt orders – Cindy Villarreal reported that there are 116 t-shirts left in our supply. We will place another order because they will be sold next year as well.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Spring Fundraiser – Ms. Cortemelia presented a spring spaghetti social complete with a chart that outlined how it would be laid out in the cafeteria and gym. The fundraiser could happen before open house from 5:30-6:30 and would available by ticket only, no walk-ins. Events will take place around the dinner such as the silent auction and several booths and a bake sale. At 7:30 p.m. the auction would close and Ms. DeFlora would pull for door prizes and announce winners on March 4th at the open house. We discussed finding someone to be a coordinator for this event. Several PTO members said they would be willing to be chairmen for activities under the coordinator.
- Safety Pads for basketball area – Jennifer Mockaitis will check into bids to have the pads surrounding the posts on the basketball court replaced.

They are badly damaged and seem dangerous. We would like to spend up to $2,500 to replace them.

- Spring Creek BBQ – They would like to do a spirit night with LCE. They will give back 25% of the profits to the school. Lin Adams will look into promoting this as we do with Chick-Fil-A spirit night. It would occur once a month.

Ms. DeFlora reported that we received the science books and the new transformer had been replaced that will hopefully solve our electrical problems. She addressed a proposed fundraiser and the district had recommended that we look into other ideas.

Iliana Doganieri discussed a Mixed Bags fundraiser idea.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.