

Linwood Howe PTA MEETING

May 1, 2025

Present: Anna Dembs, Emma Smizik, Kim Sadler, Lisa Schnauss, Rachel Rogers, RuthAnn Arbuckle, Clare Norris-Bell, Maya Sweet, Amy Brubaker, Robert Zirculis, Lucy Berlin, Sara Jones, Katie McNayr, Emily Sacchetti, Jen Chyi, Rachel Martin, B. Johnson, Rachel Ferkel, Mr. Chabola, Mr. McCullen, Ms. Natoli

Excused absences:

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm. President Anna Dembs presiding.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from April 10, 2025 were approved.

3. Honorary Service Awards: Honorary Service Awards were awarded to the following winners: Jen Chyi, Lucy Berlin, Maya Sweet, RuthAnn Arbuckle, Sara Jones, Amy Brubaker, Lisa Schnauss

4. Principal's Report (Mr. Chabola)

- Thank you everyone for coming to the open house. 93% of families attended.
- Fundraiser is over \$46,000 (not including matching funds.) The fundraiser will continue until June 1st. Mr Chabola will then meet with staff, PTA leadership, and site council members to determine how to use the funds.
- The book fair was amazing!
- State testing is coming up the week of May 12th for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.
- Thank you for all of the principal's day cards and visits!

5. Teacher's Report (Ms.Natoli)

- Thank you to everyone for open house - it was wonderful!
- Friday, May 16th is when teachers must submit receipts for using their PTA funds.

6. President's Report (Anna)

- The special education committee will be holding a thank you lunch on Wednesday, May 28th. The committee is still looking for a co-chair.
- Family fun night was a great success - thank you to Nurse TIm and his partner Ray!
- The book fair was amazing!
- Community scholarships will be selected on May 6th. Anna and Emily will attend on behalf of Linwood Howe. The PTA will give two \$1,000 scholarships.

7. Financial Report (Kim)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was run from 04/10/2025 to 04/30/2025, the opening balance of account ending #6970 was \$129,909.08. There were disbursements for \$19,128 consisting primarily of the 5th Grade Sacramento trip for \$17,580. With disbursements, the closing balance as of 04/30/2025 is \$110,780.93. The April 2025 bank reconciliation for account ending #6970 has not been reconciled due the bank statement not being available yet.

The opening balance of account ending #1494 was \$123,656.92. There was no activity in this account. The ending balance as of 04/30/2025 is \$123,656.92 and the April 2025 bank reconciliation for account ending #1494 has not been reconciled due the bank statement not being available yet.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL

The Budget to Actuals report was run from 07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025 today. Year to date, there was \$194,204 in income (55% coming from Raise Craze, 31% coming from 5th Grade Committee) and \$113,482 of expenses for this year. 76% were expenses for the Fall Book Fair, Teacher Reimbursements, Classroom Enrichment, Field Trips, Staff Appreciation, Program and Assemblies and 5th Grade Committee

MOTIONS

Kim moved to approve checks #2568 through #2577 for a total of \$19,128.15. Motion approved.

Kim moved to allow herself to write checks until the next PTA meeting. Motion approved.

8. Committee Reports

- Book Fair (Katie/Sara) - Book fair went well! All classes visited, and we had 52 parent volunteers. We got a 40% return on the book purchases. The book fair is Ms. Y's main source of funding for new books.
- Yearbook (Lucy/Anna) - We have finished the first round of the yearbook. It was sent to Mr. Chabola and staff for review. Tomorrow is the last day to purchase yearbooks both in-person and online. However, with the new vendor, families will be able to order yearbooks after the sale ends and will be able to purchase previous years' yearbooks.
- Green Team (Jen) - School Beautification is on Saturday. There will be a popsicle party for the class that gets the most participants at Beautification Day. There will be a zero waste party on Tuesday and Thursday next week with the Green Ambassadors.

- CCEF (Emily/Shivani/Raaj) - Taste of Culver City is on Sunday. It is sold out, but there are some tickets available on Facebook.
- 5th Grade Committee (Mariena/Jen) - Pali Camp went well! The Sacramento trip is coming up later this month, and we still need to figure out carpooling to LAX. The graduation committee is working on planning and will reach out to the 4th grade class to help on the day of promotion. The 4th grade committee is forming for next year's class committee and will meet with Mr Chabola to discuss plans for next year.
- Family Fun Night (Marni) - Movie night is happening on May 10th. Movie title is still to be determined. We are still waiting on the votes to come in. Voting is open until tomorrow.
- Staff Support & Appreciation Committee (Angela/Katie) - Appreciation week is next week. The taco truck will be coming for teachers and staff. For parents, the last day for the staff collection is tomorrow. There will be something for the staff everyday next week from the PTA. Katie will send an email to Ms Natoli and Leslie tomorrow with a schedule for next week.
- Equity Committee (Clare) - Thank you to the current chairs for continuing on next year - Fei and Mayra. The committee has funds to get books for students for parents to read in classrooms - the committee will create a library of books.

9. Announcements/New Business - *Please see upcoming events and PTA Meeting dates below.*

10. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Emma Smizik
Secretary

_____date adopted as printed _____date adopted as corrected

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Yearbook Pre-Sale May 1st & 2nd at drop off
- Beautification day Saturday, May 3rd 9 am-1 pm
- Family Fun Night (Movie) Saturday, May 10th, 6 pm

PTA MEETINGS 2024-2025 School Year

- Thursday, June 6th- PTA Meeting 6 pm - in person at Lin Howe