

## Lutz Parent Group Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2024

Call to Order 6:32pm by Ann Green

Attendance taken by JoAnn O'Neill:

Wendy Kama, JoAnn O'Neill, Lauren Kennaugh-Steiner, Bonnie Miller, Nick DeVault, Paul Yestrepky, Ann Green, Lori Krebs, Donna Morgan

Principal/Assistant Principal's Report by Nick D and Paul Y

- Welcome to all the new students and families! It's been a pretty good start to the school year for both new and returning students.
- Sept 27<sup>th</sup> No School due to MISD Staff Opening Day
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Count Day
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Fridays are Full days for students
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Ring Fitting for Completers
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Picture Day
- Oct 17th Westview Orchards trip for Completers
- Oct 21st and 22nd Mobile Dentist
- Oct 24th – Halloween Dance and Lutz and Beyond Transition night. Lutz and Beyond is a gathering of local agencies that will offer information for parents/caregivers. It is held at Lutz the same night as the Halloween Dance. This has worked well since a lot of parents attend the dance and can check out the local agency information while their student attends the dance.
- Students are welcome to wear costumes at the dance but no costumes during the school day on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> or on Halloween Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
- Oct 31st is a half day for students
- We are fortunate to welcome four new teachers but will miss the staff that retired last year.

Teacher's Report by Lauren KS

- No report. Great start to the year with the new students!

Treasurer's Report by Ann G.

- We are starting the year with \$2,069.02 We have received \$750 in donations so far this year.

New Business Report by Ann G.

We are focusing on two main fundraisers for the year. Donations can be made at any time during the year.

- Family Fundraiser – This is a new fundraiser this year that we are trying based on ideas from parents. The way it works is that for a certain level of donation, patrons will receive a gift item. A couple of examples are for \$50 receive a Lutz T-shirt,

\$75 receive a Lutz backpack etc... Information for this fundraiser was sent by paper copy with students and is also posted on the Lutz Parent Group facebook page. This fundraiser runs until Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

- Atchatz Pies Fundraiser – This has been a favorite fundraiser among our community so we are keeping it again for this year. It's a great way to get pies for the holidays while supporting Lutz. Atchatz changed the fundraiser slightly by offering gift cards instead of coupons. This fundraiser will run from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> We will also do this fundraiser again during the Easter Holiday.
- Spiritwear – The on-line store just closed and items will be delivered in a couple of weeks. If you ordered items, they will come home with your student. Lutz Parent Group does not earn profits from the store. EAGraphics who creates all the apparel items in the store, have been good partners with Lutz for many years and have even offered former students employment opportunities.
- DJ for dances - DJ V will continue to be the DJ for our dances. Bonnie Miller has a contact that also volunteered DJ services if a back-up is needed.
- Halloween Dance – A link for the SignUp Genius will be sent out in the next couple of weeks requesting food/drink items, donations and volunteers. Parents are welcome to attend the dances to meet and network with other parents.
- Staff Conference Dinner – Every year the Lutz Parent Group provides a meal for the staff during Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> A SignUp Genius will be sent out closer to the date requesting food/drink items, donations and volunteers
- Holiday Luncheon – Every year before the holiday break, Lutz Parent Group provides a pizza lunch for students and staff. Students will also receive a holiday ornament. This will be on December 19<sup>th</sup>. A SignUp Genius link will be sent out closer to the event requesting food/drink items, donations and volunteers.
- Meetings are scheduled every quarter and currently on-line. However, none of our plans or meeting formats are set in stone and we are open to new ideas! If anyone prefers another meeting format, has additional fundraising ideas or any other idea that would benefit Lutz students, please let us know and we are happy to accommodate and explore new things.
- NEXT MEETING is December 10, 2024 Via Zoom
- Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

*Minutes respectfully submitted by JoAnn O'Neill – Lutz Parent Group Secretary*