

## Lamar Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2021, 7:00 pm Board Meeting  
Location: Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 869 6255 8509

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Adopted July Minutes and Reconciliation Report**, Motion made by Glenna Smith and seconded by Stephanie Erlewine.

**Voted in Parliamentarian: Lisa Ramirez**, Motion made by Stephanie Erlewine and seconded by Glenna Smith.

### President's Report:

- Plan of Work: Outdoor Tables and Umbrellas (accomplished); Library and Teacher Lounge Refresh (starts this month); more After School Clubs.
- Love Lamar Fund – presentation by Mandy Black, Co-Chair. Easy no-hassle fundraiser to support PTA and Lamar. Biggest fundraiser along with fence signs. Provides funds for campus renovations to the library and teachers' lounge. Also funds the Scottie Fund to support teachers and staff for materials for the classroom. Supports 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Camp, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Picnic; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Planners, SLE, and teacher development. Go to [www.lamarpta.org](http://www.lamarpta.org) to contribute. Paypal or with a credit card. Several donor levels. Contribute by September 30<sup>th</sup> for a listing on the Lamar PTA website or contribute anonymously. Yard signs and car stickers are available to donors.

### Principal's Report:

- Leveling: Lamar is down 40 students from last year. Leveling requires losing 2 positions but this is covered from already occurring vacancies. Hiring an ELA teacher, recommendation has been made. Several teaching assistant positions are open. Long-term substitutes for several to be expected reasons.
- 2017 Bonds. A/C renovations occurred. A/C repair occurred this week as well. Next summer construction: new Dance building. Lamar will be short portables next year. Might need to fundraise for outdoor performance space.
- COVID Update: Students are good at wearing masks. If your child is sick, use the COVID self-screening tool as a guide. If there is a "red" screen, stay home. Recommend getting a PCR test to show not COVID. Rapid tests (but not the at home rapid tests) are acceptable. 4 cases where students were asked to quarantine. Use BLEND for makeup work if quarantining.
- Office Hours available. Listed on the school website. One day a week is virtual for any child who has to work from home.
- Yearbooks from last year. Pictures that were submitted were not included in the yearbook. Therefore, a supplement will be issued to families that were affected.
- Lunch is outside, weather permitting. Plan exists for inclement weather with children placed in the halls 6 feet apart to eat.

- Community Meeting recommendation: students want to sit by their friends. Plan is being created for students to identify the friends and then have permanent seating with those friends. Need parent volunteer as lunch ambassadors for lunch duty.
- Community Meeting recommendation, Dress Code: Shirts needing to touch top of pants/jeans/shorts. School addresses it as it is seen. Not 100%. Female students concerned it is not applied unbiasedly. AISD a few years ago loosened the dress code significantly.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Summary: Starting with \$37,870 rolling forward this year. With fundraisers adding approximately \$88,000. So, \$127,870 to spend this year. Spend \$32,000 on Scottie Fund; \$22,566 on campus renovations, and other items detailed in Financial Report. Budgeting to spend \$103,000 with approximately \$24,000 to carry forward.
- *See attached Financial Report*

### **Committee Reports:**

- Membership: 355 members so far. All eligible faculty and staff are sponsored.
- Fence Sign: Email went out to last year sponsors. Some sponsor signs are up on new fence. 2 new committee members: Kacie Jones and Laura Farahani.
- Secret Pals: All staff members have been sponsored.
- Spirit Wear Committee: New hoodies and 2021 purple t-shirt now available through the shop at <http://lamarpta.org/shop>.

### **New Business**

- Library/Teacher Lounge refresh. Parent Amy Dempsey (an architect/interior designer) will be working with us to come up with a plan.
- We will work on coming up with a plan to expand clubs after school.
- Problem with Lamar students at Amy's Ice Cream on Burnet after school. Out of control crowds.

***If there is no objection, the meeting will now adjourn. Since there is no objection, the meeting is adjourned at 7:56 pm.***