



Lamar Middle School General Meeting Minutes (2023-24)

Date:	9/11/2023
Time:	6:00 PM
Location:	LMS campus library

Board Attendees:

x	President - Edward Bradfield
	Vice President - David Zuniga
x	Treasurer - Lupita Gutierrez
x	Secretary - Deb Copas
x	Teacher Rep - Glenna Smith

Quorum established; Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm.

President's Report:

- Summer and Pre-school start activities were a success
- Love Lamar - goal \$40,000 this year; primary source of funds for PTA activities
- Scottie Funds - funds given directly to teachers for supplies
- Staff Appreciation - getting ramped up
- Secret Pals - getting ramped up
 - Working on resetting the links
 - 93 teacher and staff positions; 10 slots still available for volunteer sign-ups

Principal's Report: LMS Principal Travis Brunner

- Enrollment: ~1,104 students; 6th-323; 7th-394; 8th-387
- Staffing:
 - New bookkeeper starting today
 - Nurse to start on 9/18 (full-time, hired by the district not the campus)
 - Current vacancies
 - 8th grade counselor
 - Front office clerk
 - Fine arts clerk
 - 1 teacher: 7th science
 - Reduced classes to 5 impacted by that open position
 - TA vacancies as well
 - Counselor substitute to start next week
 - With Marshall opening, recommendation at the end of last year was to hold back two teaching units. That came to fruition, so the vacant units were planned and able to be given back to the district.
 - Tech roll-out:



- All devices collected last year for security updates or end-of-life retirement
- Dennis Willenbergb manages devices
- All students now have devices
- District aims for 4% supplemental devices to be able to swap out
- MAP testing (Math & Reading)
 - Beginning of Year (BOY) scores coming up soon
- AISD Showcase:
 - Sat Sept 23 to showcase schools 9a.m. - 12 noon; Palmer Events Center
 - Lamar representation will be there
- Next week is Homecoming
 - Theme days
 - Pep rally on Tuesday, 9/19
 - Homecoming Dance, Friday, 9/22
- Communications
 - Campus wide info in the Friday messenger
 - Working to update the website
- The messenger provides good accessibility features; reviewing with the district on whether to include a website/Smore type newsletter.

Officer Nomination - Treasurer Lupita Gutierrez:

- Lupita Gutierrez was presented for consideration to serve as PTA Treasurer. Glenna Smith made the motion to nominate; Brianna O'Guin seconded. A voice vote was called All ayes, no nays. The nomination passes unanimously.
- The 2023-2024 Lamar PTA Board is now comprised of the following:
 - President - Edward Bradfield
 - Vice President - David Zuniga
 - Treasurer - Lupita Gutierrez
 - Secretary & Parliamentarian - Deborah Copas

Treasurer's Report:

- Summary: Starting with \$33,887 rolling forward this year. With fundraisers and other income adding approximately \$94,250. So, \$128,137 to spend this year. Biggest expenses are \$30,000 on Scottie Fund; \$10,000 on afterschool clubs, \$3,250 on campus beautification and chickens, and other items detailed in the Financial Report. Budgeting to spend \$94,000 with approximately \$34,137 to carry forward. *See attached Financial Report*
 - 250 PTA members signed up so far this year; dues mostly go xtto the state PTA.
 - PTA Parent Information Sessions are planned expense:
 - Goal is to do three sessions this year on parent social-emotional topics, and navigating middle school challenges. Some coaching/counselor presenters can have a charge.
 - Dates targeted for Dec, February, April
- Brianna O'Guin made the motion to adopt the budget; Rachel Reyes Young seconded. A voice vote was called: All ayes, no nays. The budget passes unanimously.



Committee Reports:

- After School Clubs (clubs@lamarpta.org)
 - Initial launch of clubs; teachers are being compensated; kids can show up at any time, but not allowed to come and go. No requirement to return or continue with any club; kids may need to bring their own snacks, but there can be issues with eating in classrooms with rodents and pests.
 - Polled families and teachers to determine prioritization of clubs
- LamarFest (school-wide carnival) **December 1, 2023**
 - Silent disco
 - Food
 - Inflatables
 - Games
 - Sign-ups are needed to help with hands-on planning volunteers, including
 - ~200 volunteers will be needed for day of; including Mac Key Club and other service groups
 - food/beverage to manage food trucks operations day of
 - sponsorships
- Fence Signs
 - Almost sold out; signs in production now
- Love Lamar fundraiser continues
- Merchandise
 - Shopify store being set up for better shopping
- Membership
 - Up over 300% from last year
- Newsletter:
 - A volunteer is needed to fill this role
- Staff Appreciation (happystaff@lamarpta.org)
 - Second Week of school - surprise breakfast
 - Lanyards for all teachers and staff
 - Cabo Bob's bought for staff on Back To School night
 - One event per month is the goal
 - Looking for new ideas
- Scottie Funds
 - Every staff member can purchase approximately ~\$400 supplies, etc. for kids and classrooms.
- Secret Pals
 - Only need 10 more sign-ups to pick a teacher or staff member
- Green Committee/Butterfly Garden
 - Planted roses and have been watering them weekly to keep them alive through summer
 - More landscaping and clean-up of existing bushes and trees is planned
 - Approximately 6-7 volunteers

New Business:

- Scottie SuperStars (Keesha/David Galindo) restarting a program to celebrate kids who are nominated for nice and cool contributions to the school. There will be a monthly breakfast where kids and parents come to celebrate. Teacher-nominated. A volunteer is needed.



- Donations are needed to the counselors/front office for change of clothes and snacks. More info will be sent out in the principal's weekly newsletter.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Minutes prepared by Deb Copas, approved on 00/00/2023