

Lafayette Regional School - LPTO Meeting
October 4, 2010, 5:30 p.m., Library

The LPTO has met twice since our last School Board meeting in September. We are off to a great start and have more volunteers than ever willing to help out with this year's activities. There is a committee of over ten people working on this year's fall fundraising auction to be held November 6, 2010 at the Village House. We are determined to make this a success as we have chosen not to do our usual Innisbrook fundraiser at the request of many parents.

In looking at our budget, we feel we are in fine shape to provide the "regular" programs, activities, and events sponsored by the LPTO year-to-year. We are estimating approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 for teacher requests, but will need to finalize this number after the auction in November. Gordie let us know that there are some teacher requests in the pipeline, some for larger sums up to \$8,000. He encouraged us to make sure we consider funding in part as well as in full in our consideration of these upcoming requests.

We discussed three programs that the LPTO will support in partnership with the school community. The first initiative, Complaint Free World bracelets, was introduced by Gordie to the LPTO at our September meeting and then to the Students later in the month. The LPTO will fund the minimal costs associated with this program. Secondly, Toni introduced a possible wellness program called 5-2-1-0, originated at Maine Medical Center in Portland. As the School Board works on its Wellness Policy, this program may be integrated into the process through the work of a Wellness Committee to be formed later in the school year. The LPTO agreed to be supportive of this initiative as well. Thirdly, the LPTO is working towards providing an after school Foreign Language Club. A teacher has been identified and we are working towards ironing out all the details. Alex Shaw Doran will be the teacher – teach Spanish Mondays & Tuesdays. Monday grades 1-3 and Tuesday grades 4-6. Karen Marks will be the faculty liaison. \$25 for a six-week session or \$5 per session. The class will be 1 hour and a half. LPTO will fund the first six-week session after LPTO will discuss our funding of this program.

With Halloween coming up at the end of the month, the LPTO is excited to continue to play its role in providing goodies after the Halloween parade and haunted hallway.

Upcoming fundraisers include the auction in November, a wreath sale later in November, and then our Holiday Cookie sale at the Winter Concert.

We are helping Bethlehem again this year with their fall fundraiser, the Harlem Rockets event at Profile on October 15, 2010. We have agreed to help advertise in Franconia, distribute flyers to our students, and Joyce will sell tickets from our office. In return, a few members of the Harlem Rockets will come make a brief presentation to our 3-6th graders during the day of the event. Other players will also be presenting at Bethlehem, and possibly at Profile. A nice partnership to start the year.

The next meeting will be November 1, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.