

Lisa North PTA Meeting – 10-27-08

Present and accounted for:

Cindy Higgins
Betty Filbert
Inga Staphakis
Rosemary Buchanan
Lawana Brown

1. Cindy Spoke about PTA Membership dues, and the sale of LISA bumper stickers.
2. There have been some concerns about traffic safety when dropping off the kids. Be very careful, always drive the correct direction through the Elementary drop off, and in the front of the school; no cars inside the fence.

There have been problems with cars driving the wrong way at the back of the school. It's probably people going from the service road to the medical offices, taking a shortcut behind the school. They don't know better.

We all need to contact the Sherwood Police Department for some School Zone signs, One Way signs, and Do Not Enter signs.

3. Sign out for After School Care: Parents ALWAYS need to sign out kids. Talk to your kids, and let them know to stay with their class until you sign them out. It's for their safety.

Volunteers needed, to help with after school care. Especially to help with the check out process. Dad's welcome!

4. We now have companies that partner with Lisa North. Please make sure you sign up and use those companies. That's easy money for the school. We're going to ask Mr. Emin to list those companies on the website.

1. Box Tops & Labels for Education
2. Office Depot
3. Kroger (www.kroger.com)
4. www.UPromise.com
5. CiCi's Pizza – Tuesday nights 4:30 – 8:30 (Heather Paddock is making baskets for the CiCi's drawing. One basket for Parents, and one for Teachers. Go to CiCi's on Tuesday, enter the drawing, and you might win. We're looking into getting signs to remind parents every Tues.
6. We are looking into Target's school partnering program

5. The PLAYGROUND has been ordered!!!

6. The Library is growing!!
7. Fund Raising – Two fund raising packets will be sent home on Nov 4th. Cookie Dough and Sally Foster Wrapping Paper. Please participate! The school gets 50% of the money from Sally Foster sales, and 40% of Cookie Dough sales.

Cookie dough question – Is it a bucket of cookie dough, or pre dropped sheets? We think it's a bucket, but we're not clear. Lisa West set up these fundraisers to help us get started.

8. **Treasures report?** The treasurer was not at the meeting, but Cindy Higgins reported the approximate amount is \$8000 in PTA money. We raised:
 1. \$3500 from Entertainment Book sales
 2. \$1000 from Morning Drop Off Donation Buckets
 3. \$2000 from Casual For A Cause
 4. \$4000 from the School's fun for the Playground.

That brings the total to \$10,500, but it's just an estimate.

9. 100% of all donations go toward the playground.
ALL PTA fundraisers go toward the playground.
10. The playground costs \$23,541.43 – not including set up, installation, and ground cover. It does include a retaining wall to keep in the ground cover.

Playground ground cover material will be shredded rubber, from recycled tires. It will not rub off on kids shoes. We will not be tearing up the asphalt. The ground cover will be on top of the asphalt.

Drainage? The retaining wall should allow for drainage.

Picture? Mr. Emin has a picture of the playground. We will have the picture on display in the lobby soon.

Time Frame? It was ordered last week, and will be here in 6 weeks.

Fence? A fence will probably be a project for next year. It will cost as much as the playground, and our main focus right now is to get the playground.

Have we contacted Home Depot or Lowes for fence estimates? Unknown.

What kind of fence? Unknown.

Payment terms on Playground? First payment is due on delivery, and must be paid off within 3 months.

Is the playground decision left solely up to Mr. Emin? No. Heather Paddock looked into numerous companies. The one Mr. Emin chose was the best price. The PTA Board met on October 16, voted on the playground choice, and made the purchase. Everyone is involved in the process.

If anyone has any connections to fence companies, please let us know.

Two parents offered playground paint.

We will need volunteers to help with the playground installation.

11. **Wednesday Mail – Can we put all this in Wednesday mail?** Yes.

Can the school email the parents to let them know there is a new Wednesday Mail, since parents forget to check? Great idea. Yes. It will take some time to get the email list set up, but we will work on that.

12. Winter Festival – Friday, December 5, 2008. There will be games, prizes, and a Chili Cook Off. Every class will fix a basket, which will be sold by silent auction. We need volunteers to set up, decorate, clean up, and to cook their own recipe for Chili. The winners will receive a prize. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cindy Higgins (higginspca@comcast.net) or Betty Filbert (bettyfilbert@sbcglobal.net)

Supplies? – Cindy Higgins bought serving supplies. There are no decorations yet, if parents want to donate appropriate decorations. We will ask the art teacher to let the kids make snow flakes in the Art club.

Games? – Mrs. James & Student Government are planning the games. Cost will be \$5.00 to play unlimited, or pay 25 cents per game.

Cake walk? No. There will be a prize walk.

Getting companies to donate? Absolutely! If you know of a company who will donate, please contact them and bring their donations.

13. We will be raffling off a mountain bike for space camp.

14. The PTA Bylaws will be in the office next week for everyone to see. There will be a PTA Vote in the spring. Vote will be for the Bylaws, and a new board.

15. The Library is still accepting donations.
16. BOOK FAIR – The kickoff for the book fair will be on December 7th at Barnes & Noble in NLR. We would like everyone to come. The Chess Team will be there. The Robotics Club will be there. People can buy books, and donate them to the school while we are there. Please tell everyone you know!
17. **Childcare at PTA meetings for Kindergarten & 1st graders?** Unknown.
18. **Parent spoke – heard about the school selling bonds to pay for the playground, building expansion, and fence.** We don't know anything about that.
19. **Parent noticed that the school door is always open. How do parents feel about the weapons store across the lot? Has school thought about hiring an off duty police officer to guard and help with traffic flow?** There was a lot of loud chatter from the parents. We answered that the doors in the back are securely locked. The only open door is the front door in front of the office. Check Out is for the security and safety of our kids.

Parent suggested Watch DOGS. Watch Dogs is a program that gets dad's involved in the school. Dad's volunteer in school once a month, or more if they offer. They patrol the school, help where needed. Could help with drop off and pick up. PTA will look into implementing a Watch Dogs program, and the board will meet on Monday, November 3rd to discuss.

Are there any Dad's in law enforcement? Unknown.
20. LISA Movie Night – November 21st, here at the school. We will watch Kung Fu Panda.
21. Lisa Academy Dance Team will have a raffle for a \$50 gas card. Tickets are \$1.00.
22. Winter coats – Leather is allowed. Basic colors. No hood. Take coat off in building.

PTA Board Meeting – Monday, November 3rd at 5:30pm.