

CTA Liberty PTO Meeting  
CTA Liberty Library  
Wednesday, August 8, 2023

Attendees: PTO Board Members (Cynthia not in attendance). Introduction and approval of new co-treasurer, Denise.

Teachers: Ms. Smedstat, Ms. Prater, Ms. Battani, Ms. Tollefson, Mr. Smith

Agenda:

Principle Remarks - Provided an update on facilities, the shade structure has been installed, there are three shade structures in back and one in the front. This was funded through the funds raised during the past two Apex Fun Runs (~30K for Shade Structures). The ramada build is expected to start in October. The retractable stage is still in the planning stage. Negotiations taking place between the vendor and district. Other school improvements include painting touchups, safety items and improvements to staff restrooms. PTO will be also be funding umbrellas for the outdoor tables.

Staffing updates: Meet the teacher and curriculum nights were successful. There was conversation about the expected reading levels by grade and how the school will build on individualized reading needs for each child. A new second grade DLI teacher was hired in May, a fourth grade teacher moved out of the country right before the school year started and a new teacher was hired days before the school year started. The school also has a full time reading interventionist, part time psychologist and a full time licensed counselor.

22-23 Funds: Conversation around how excess PTO funds should be used, some ideas include additional trees on the playground, school experiences/field trips, principal fund for things like science camp field trips. The PTO has asked the principle and teachers to brainstorm ideas and will continue discussion at September PTO meeting.

Spirit Wear Update: 380 items were sold during the spirit wear fundraiser. The available sizes will be updated on the Run PTO store and the sale will be re-opened to allow for additional purchases. Spirit wear shirts will be sorted and delivered to teacher classes Tuesday (8/15) night.

Fundraising Ideas: Fundraising ideas for school year include the APEX fun run which will be an obstacle course this year. Apex fundraising will be the week of 11/27 through 12/8 with the actual event on Thursday, 12/7. A sweetheart dance will be held on February 2, 2024 at Willis Jr. High. Spring Carnival will be held April 5, 2024. School store fundraiser will kick off next week and reminder that families can support the school by linking Frys VIP and Target rewards to the school.

Reusable Banner: Approved for PTO to purchase reusable banners to support PTO meetings, free dress days, carnival, restaurant nights, etc.

23-24 Budget Approval -pending updates and will re-review in September PTO meeting. Budget to cover teacher funds (\$175 per class, need to add in room parent funds @ \$75/room and shirts for Student Council).

Additional Topics: Request to have every other PTO meeting start at 3:30 to encourage more parent/teacher participation. September meeting will be 9/13 at 3:30. Flyers with agenda to be created and sent ahead of time.

Free dress day will be August 25 and will support Feed My Starving Children.  
Next PTO meeting, Wednesday, September 13, 2023.