L'Etoile du Nord Parent Teacher Organization Draft Meeting Minutes, Thursday, March 14, 2024

PTO Team Members Present: Rebekah LaCasse (President), Michou Tchoffo (Vice President), Erica Scott (Fundraising chair), Colin Nelson-Dusek (Secretary)

Other: Sofia Bossard (Principal), Gonne Asser (MN Lice Lady), Michelle Lessard (LNFI School Nurse)

Absent: Nicole Kelley (Social Committee chair), Malia Caruso (Communications chairperson)

President's Welcome and Update

Principal's Update

Soirée Gastronomique Update

General Announcements -

Glow Run fundraiser - Friday, March 15

Rebekah expressed her thanks to everyone for signing up for the fundraiser and that everyone is welcome to participate and you don't have to register to do so.

Next Open Gym - Tuesday, March 19, 6 - 8pm

Things have been going well so far for the Open Gym and it will continue. For those attending, adults must accompany their children. Rebekah also expressed her thanks to M. Doyle for lending gym equipment for the Open Gym.

Teacher Appreciation Dinners, March 26 & 28, both at 4pm

Chipotle Restaurant Fundraiser - Wednesday, March 27, 4 - 8pm (2303 White Bear Ave, Maplewood 55109) We will be sending the code out to the community, so the purchases can be connected to donations for LNFI.

BIPOC Support Group Meeting - Thursday, March 28, 4:30 - 6:30pm

Scholastic Book Fair, March 25 - 29

Annual Plant Sale - website now open for orders!

Some of the plants are already sold out! Please check the website for purchases. Dropoff for the plants will be in May.

2024-2025 LNFI Intern Update

There was discussion about participation at NAAPID.

Question from Eliane, for Erica, "What do you mean by intentional, and what does it mean that last year was not intentional? Why was there a change from last year? Why were children not included this year? Where does my daughter stand, as a biracial child? Does one only need to be African American to participate in NAAPID?

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Presentation: Information, Resources, and Treatment Options for Head Lice, presented by Gonne Asser (MN Lice Lady) and Michelle Lessard (LNFI School Nurse)