



## **PTO General Meeting Minutes** **October 9, 2024 @ 6:00-7:00 pm**

- 6:00 pm Welcome from PTO President - Rebekah LaCasse
- 6:05 pm Read meeting norms and procedures - Anita Faltsek
- 6:10 pm Principal's Update - Sofia Bossard
- Not present
- 6:15 pm GTCYS Harmony Program - Teo Crespo-Carrion & Mary Solie**
- 9 years at Riverview
  - Added LNFI as a new site this year!
  - Monday Oct 14 - first lesson for students
    - MWF 8-9:15 in Room 2107
    - Violin and cello lessons to 2nd and 3rd Graders
    - Already at capacity - however, if you still want to enroll you can do so until this Friday Oct 11
    - Students will enter through Discovery Club Door (#3)
    - No or low-cost program based on a sliding scale
      - Suggested fees, but all can participate regardless of ability to pay
  - Beginner Program "Harmony Roots" (will learn both instruments)
  - Will do an outside concert with another GTCYS orchestra and will play Orchestra Hall in the spring
  - Questions? [mary@gtcys.org](mailto:mary@gtcys.org) or [teo@gtcys.org](mailto:teo@gtcys.org)
- 6:20 pm Discovery Club Info - Steve Egbert**
- Before and after school child care (15 schools on East Side & North End)
    - 6:30-9:15 am , 2:15-6 pm
    - Open on non-school days
  - DC uses their main room, break out room, cafeteria, gym, park
  - Very experienced staff
  - General enrichment programming - practice social-emotional learning and friendship skills
  - Safe, fun and nurturing environment
  - Currently have 7-10 opening spaces in AM, will open PM enrollment at end of month (10-12 spaces)
- 6:25 pm Community Ed Info - Dosh MaGee**
- Mondays after school (4:00-5:10)
    - Snack in Caf
    - Move to class for activity

- Pick up at Door 3
- All classes have sliding fee options
- Offer vendor classes (more \$) and community instructor class (less \$)
- This Fall's Offerings (Oct 21 - Dec 9, about 8 weeks)
  - 3D Printing
  - Epic Gamers class
  - Drawing Palooza (full)
  - Fencing (full)
- Mme Kabeya is site lead
- 3 Sessions each year: Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer
- No more paper flyers – Flyers sent to families in Peach Jar via email
- Has classes on some non-school days (MEA break, winter break, etc.)

**6:30 pm**

**Health Office Info - Michelle Lessard**

- Michelle Lessard = school nurse (Tues & Thurs)
- Stephen Pike = health assistant (M-F)
- LNFI Nurse Number: 651-788-7645
- No food celebrations in classrooms (don't send cupcakes or treats for birthdays – can send non-food prizes if you wish)
- We are a "peanut aware" school (can't guarantee peanut free)
- Meds can be kept in nurse office
  - Needs to be original bottle
  - Prescription = need doc signature
- No more COVID policy (is treated like another other illness)
- Exclusions from school:
  - 100 degree fever or more
  - Vomiting
- Reminder: lice does not have to be reported, but you can!
  - Can do head check in office
- [Link to Mme Lessard powerpoint](#)

**6:35 pm**

**Intern Committee Update - Victoria Nelson / Damien Vadillo**

- Intern visas
  - Two Cameroonian candidates had a 2nd Visa interview – both were denied a 2nd time. They cannot join us this year, but they are free to reapply next year.
  - One intern (from Mali, lives in France) is still in the process of doing her applications, may be here by end of October.
- Invite an intern
  - Can invite intern to join you in family events, activities, celebrations. Fun way to connect outside of school.
  - [Link to Invite Intern form](#)

**6:40 pm**

**Social Committee Update - Rebekah LaCasse**

- Carnaval des Citrouilles: October 24 5-8pm
  - [Volunteer sign ups](#)
  - [Amazon wish list](#)
  - FREE EVENT - Suggested donation of \$7
  - DJ, food trucks (additional charge), some food included with donation, crafts, face painting, treat trail, games, etc.
- Playground Meet Up: October 19 10am-12pm
  - Wear LNFI tshirts or colors (blue/yellow)

- Last one of the year
- Teacher Potlucks: November 6 & 7
  - [Donation sign up](#)
- BIPOC Group (Erica Ngoue)
  - Nov 21 6-8pm
  - Informational fair with community organizations giving out info
  - High School students will guide games in gym for kids

**6:45 pm      Communications Committee Update - Malia Caruso**

- French book order
  - Open through this Sunday Oct 13
  - Purchase books in French through Scholastic Canada
    - In Canadian dollars, will have to figure out the exchange rate
  - [Link to book purchase form](#)
- Directory App
  - Monthly newsletter is part of the app
  - Can subscribe to PTO calendar
  - [Link to Directory](#)
- Facebook Page
  - General info, upcoming events, etc.
  - [facebook.com/LNFipto](https://facebook.com/LNFipto)

**6:50 pm      Fundraising Committee Update - Rebekah LaCasse**

- Donation campaign 9/30-10/11
  - Kids get prizes when they return envelopes (whether they donate or not)

**6:55pm      Treasurer's Update - Sarah Canfield**

- Finalizing taxes with fiscal year ending in June
- Teacher Grants = \$200 per teacher
  - Includes all teachers (counselor)
- Direct Donation supports school and PTO
- Reimbursement = need to ask permission first to be reimbursed
  - Stack of forms in PTO treasurer box in office

**7:00 pm      PTO Meeting Adjournment**

Reminders (Put Link in Chat):

- [Google Survey Form for PTO Volunteers](#)
- [Community Input for November PTO Meeting Topics](#)

**Next PTO Meeting: Nov 13 6-7pm on Zoom!**