



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 or 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

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!