

**Lava Ridge PTO
General Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2018**

Attendees: PTO 2017/18 Team Board: Tiffany Hewlett-President, Jenny -Vice President, Stephanie Walker-Treasurer, Melinda Robertson-Secretary; Teachers & Faculty, Attendees: Mr. Gary Defrang, Mrs. Van Horn, Ms. Richards, Mrs. Cromwell, Mrs. Purtzer,

Tiffany Hewlett called the meeting to order at 3:45pm.

Vice President Report: Jenny went over remainder school calendar. On May 10th will be the final yumraiser for the year. It will be at Backyard Pizza.

President Report: Tiffany discussed Fall 2018 PTO school board members. They have been decided, will vote them in at the next general meeting. Staff appreciation is approaching quickly May 7-11th. This year's theme is camping. There will be a staff Breakfast provided on Monday, PTO lunch on Friday. Room parents – please organize decorating doors, breakfast, make sure parents get copies to students, Friday a room gift to teacher, Students writing notes to their teachers on the butcher paper hung on hallway walls. We also need more meals for the teachers for the conference dinners next week.

Secretary Report: Read-a-thon Fundraiser kicks off on April 9th. The PTO is hosting a school assembly play featuring the staff Gary gets a pie in the face from winners!

Accountant Report: New Spring Spirit wear orders are now on-line. We encourage on-line orders but you can still drop off a check order to the front office. Next order will arrive the end of May.

Principal's Report: At the conferences next week there will be a video to watch regarding the 2019 school start times in Bend district. Learn more about the change and everyone's feedback, so the decision truly represents the parents opinions. Watch a short video at conferences, to give feedback afterwards. Start times: same time, 7:45 for middle & high schools, elementary lasting 8-2:30, 8:45-3:45 mid & high school. More info in the newsletter to come. Since shooting took place in Florida, school safety is on our minds and a real concern to all of us, since the shooting a more heightend awareness to safety. Families have been very supportive to the new Raptor security system. Over the summer Lava Ridge will change the main entrance, using the Raptor the visitor will be buzzed in to access the hallways. Secure vestibules at all the schools. Timeline moved up. Next meeting better update of what work will be done. Lottery dollars Fundraised for outdoor school fully funded for Oregon sate, money fundraised by popcorn sales now used for activities for kids this year to impact them, via letter home whom paid \$ and didn't receive anything back if families want

it refunded or donate the money. Hopefully the Lottery funds will get to the schools earlier in the future.

Tasha- Battle of the Books Report- Lava Ridge took 2nd in regionals against 36 teams at Salem on Saturday. The Scholastic money is going to good use. Thank you!

Teacher Reports:

Kindergarten-Mrs. Purtzer: Mrs. Blankenship laid up for 4-6 weeks due to an injury.

Kinders say Thanks to the Running Club, they love to get out and run!

Planning a Library field trip for summer encouragement, in late May a farm field trip to Purtzer's farm, and hatching the chicks after conferences to go live at the farm.

1st grade- Mrs. Cromwell: New storyline this Spring, letting go of Miss Rumphius and doing The Honeybee Man, working on social studies, math, reading, writing science rotation will go from Apr- June 5. Naturehood from Children's Forest has begun, unit aligned with science standards, once a week with docent. The artist in residence is going great and will continue through May.

Upcoming field trip to Pilot Butte for character ed, physical , outdoor activities

3rd Grade- Mrs. Van Horn: The students are excited for the book fair, teachers libraries getting news books. We are reading about everyday heroes, prosthetics, geometry & writing poetry, poet coming in 2 weeks. Naturehood begins in 1 week, predator, prey, with the artist in residence working with clay.

Fairy tale writing by students, state testing prep and practice, two field trips coming up to Crater Lake snowshoeing and Shevlin Park Nature Center.

4th Grade- Ms. Richards: Math geometry, area perimeter for research on western migration coincide field trip for Pioneer Days in April, reading author choices presents info and own info writing, looking into going to state capital in June, students are preparing for state testing format & reminding tools.

5th grade- state test prep, geometry unit, typing skills, artist in resident Paul Bennett, Human development class May 17 & 18, Move Up Day at Sky View, Camp Tamarack field trip May 11-19th, graduation on June 14th at 10:45am.

Meeting called adjourned by Tiffany Hewlett at 4:36pm.

Minutes Respectfully Taken By: Melinda Robertson, PTO Secretary