

**LISA Academy North PTA  
General Meeting  
September 12, 2013**

PTA folder online – there is a change within the school’s system regarding IT – website, school hardware and software. Our latest documents are not online in the PTA folder. We are working on a solution to this problem.

Our current balances is \$2,802.83.

We have about \$200 in expenses (coffee fundraiser) and in membership fees to send in.

We are reimbursing the school \$35 each month for the Breakfast with Principal event. If for some reason they do not have it one month, there will be no reimbursement.

We are selling coffee, Nectar of Life, for our fundraiser. To promote our coffee fundraiser, we set up a table and gave out samples featuring the blends we are selling, Happy Place, Morning Dew, French Roast at the School BBQ on September 7. The coffee was very well received. As part of our fundraising efforts, we have also promoted the prizes we would like to give away for top sellers, and top selling classrooms.

Mrs. Ward will be attending the PTA meetings in future as the school’s representative.

Mr. Finch presented information on the Watch D.O.G.S. program. He can be reached at [bkfinch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bkfinch@sbcglobal.net) for more information. Volunteers will be asked to purchase an \$11 t-shirt or \$25 polo shirt for wear during volunteer duties. Watch DOGS are not limited to fathers / guardians. Grandfathers, uncles, step-fathers, and other father figures are encouraged to join. Watch DOGS is a nation-wide program in 46 states. It began in the early 90’s after the Jonesboro, AR school shooting.

Watch DOGS increases the visibility of dads and dad-figures. Teachers are busy teaching. These men provide an extra set of eyes and a visible presence in the school. Men can commit for a day, a week. They can walk the school during class changes, be in the cafeteria during lunch, go outside with kids during recess.

Mrs. Ward brought up the topic of a monthly staff meeting here at Lisa NORTH. They would like to buy a birthday cake to honor those with birthdays. The PTA would commit to about \$25 per month. This motion was carried. We will begin in October.

**Snack Cart**

We would like to begin a trial of selling snacks to kids who go to clubs / after school care, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 – 3:30. Ideas for selling included yogurt, granola bars, fruit, trail mix, nuts.

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Would we be allowed to sell at that time here at school? This has to be investigated through our school nutritionist, Mrs. Coates.

Roy made a motion that we begin the Snack Cart for a one month trial period. Carolyn seconded the motion. It was approved. There were no nays.

Brooklyn mentioned that snacks should be about 100 calories. She will go with Rose to Sam's to shop.

Snack Cart volunteers –  
Tuesdays – Krista & Carolyn  
Thursdays – Kubas & Heidi

We have lots of black long-sleeved Friday t-shirts. They were a huge investment.

Mrs. Ward mentioned that a lot of parents are asking the school about short-sleeved Friday t-shirts. Students may wear PTA t-shirts on Fridays with school uniform shorts/pants or with blue jeans for \$2.

The school will sell sweatshirts and jackets. There were some handbook changes regarding outerwear that students may wear inside. Until the school sells LISA outerwear items, they have had to be more lax in their policies.

In February, we can use the long-sleeved t-shirts to give away for our fun run/walk event.

Our approach for next year regarding short-sleeved t-shirts could be to place order at the end of THIS school year to have ready to pick-up at registration for the NEXT school year.

Dual order form – long and short-sleeved t-shirts?

It was motioned by Roy to have a pre-order for short-sleeved Friday t-shirts on a dual order form (short and long-sleeved) with two color choices. They will be the same design as the long-sleeved t-shirts, except LISA Academy will be on the front instead of the sleeve. Valerie seconded the motion. It carried with no nays. The colors will be red and navy.

Rose will send an e-mail to PTA members about ordering PTA t-shirts. (LISA North PTA on front; Paying it Forward on back.)

Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> – Cookies with Grandparents. All those who signed the volunteer sheet will receive a reminder e-mail.

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First Breakfast with the Principal – September 27, 8:30 a.m.

Winterfest date – December 13.

Muffins with Moms has been moved and will be closer to Mother’s Day. Date TBD by the school.

Second Thursday in November, 6:00 – next general meeting. We will focus that meeting on Winterfest plans.

We will start our own PTA website to post our minutes, fundraiser info., news, etc. We will be able to get information to our parents much quicker this way.