



PSO Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2020

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Call to Order	5:36pm by Stacie Chakiris
Introductions	Virtual Attendees: Stacie Chakiris, Emily Nicholson, Veronica Woods, Barb Raia, and Allison Schmitt
Approval of Minutes	Review/Approve Meeting Minutes for April Motion to approve: Allison Schmitt Approved: Barb Raia
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to the first meeting of the school year! • All meetings will be posted on Facebook after the meeting. You can also find the agenda, meeting minutes (current and last year), and the financials on our website, www.laremontpsso.org. • We have a Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram page where you can see what events and fundraisers we have going on. Most information is posted on our website and Facebook. • Our monthly meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 5:30pm. For the foreseeable future all meeting will be held on Zoom. • Thank you to Chantille Jarc for her dedication to the PSO! Unfortunately, she needed to step back this year. The Executive Board voted to fill her vacancy with Veronica Woods. Welcome Veronica! • We will be having restaurant fundraisers the first Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of every month. We will be advertising on Facebook and in the Friday Flyer sent out by Laremont admin. • Our first fundraiser is this Friday, September 4 at Oberweis. It runs from 9am – 10pm. You can go through the drive thru or inside. Make sure to mention you are there to support the Laremont PSO. A portion of sales from that day will be given to the PSO. • The Savers fundraiser that was scheduled for May was postponed due to corona virus. We have it rescheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2020. Stay tuned for more information!



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be doing Spirit Wear in October this year. We are working with American Outfitters to design a logo and present clothing options for both youth and adult. • Double Good is the company that does the popcorn fundraiser. We don't have to worry about stocking an inventory. Every child is able to set up their own fundraising page to share with family and friends. All items purchased will ship directly to the buyer. The PSO would be able to keep 50% of the profits. • We would also like to host a Virtual Trivia Night in February. We would have a \$10 buy-in. Winner would win a cash prize. More details to come!
<p>Vice President's Report</p>	<p>Given by Stacie Chakiris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our first restaurant fundraiser of the year will be at Oberweis this Friday, September 4. • Our upcoming restaurant fundraisers are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MOD Pizza in Gurnee, 10/7/20 ○ McAlister's Deli in Gurnee, 11/6/20 ○ George's Gyro in Waukegan, 12/3/20 ○ Oberweis in Gurnee, 5/7/21 • We currently use GroupRaise to organize our fundraisers. If you have any contacts at restaurants and would like to have them partner with the PSO please reach out to Veronica at vicepresident.laremontps@gmail.com.
<p>Treasurer Report</p>	<p>Given by Emily Nicholson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ended our fiscal year at \$25,607.78 • All of the Camp Scholarship checks, except one, were returned or voided due to Covid-19 and camp being cancelled. One student went to camp. We hope that we can send our students back next year! • The main discrepancy from our ending bank balance from May until August were the uncashed checks for camp scholarship. All



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	<p>checks were written out prior to our last meeting and that is how we needed to account for them in the budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since we were incorporated in November 2019 we needed to file two tax returns this year. One was filed over the summer and the second was for the end of our fiscal year was filed yesterday. It is due November 15. • We worked with Parent Booster to make sure that everything was filled correctly and on time. • We will be receiving an invoice from Parent Booster for \$11 which is the filing fee for the state of Illinois. • The proposed budget for the 2020-2021 school year was presented. A few notable changes are the SERF and Mobility funds. Due to this unusual looking school year we decided to not fund these budget lines in hopes that we can focus on fundraising to offer each classroom and therapy larger funds next year. • Allison made the motion to approve. All votes were Yea. The budget was approved for the upcoming school year.
<p>Secretary Report</p>	<p>Given by Stacie Chakiris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are going to continue with the calendar days this upcoming school year because they were a hit last year! • We will be celebrating one day a month. You can find the list of days on our website. • Information will be posted on our Facebook page with different ways to celebrate each day. Staff, we will also be sending emails on ways to get students involved as well.
<p>School Report</p>	<p>Given by Allison Schmitt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are up and running! Everyone has survived the first 3 weeks of remote learning. • There was a lot of new staff this year. Some people moved out of state and others retired.



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- There are five (5) new teachers, one (1) new adapted PE teacher, one (1) new transition teacher from Gages Lake School, and 1 new adaptive PE teacher from sector.
- Admin has been popping in to Google classrooms. The staff are doing great with the online learning and coming up with fun and creative ways to get the students involved.
- There were a few teacher institute days where staff did extra training on Google Classroom. They also had a speaker on Equity and Human X which deals with climate and culture.
- Staff have been busy helping students and parents get up and running with remote learning. Sometimes even offering tech support!
- If your student needs an iPad please reach out to Allison to arrange a pickup. There are also switches available for students that need one.
- Staff will be coming back to the building on Tuesday, September 8. They are coming back on a staggered schedule to allow for controlled numbers in the building.
- The building looks very different from previous years. There are no visitors allowed in the building at this time. All halls are one way only.
- The classrooms are setup for social distancing of staff.
- Instructional materials will start going home in mid September. The pickup date will most likely be on Thursdays and it will be a drive-up only. We are still deciding on the timing.
- Keep an eye out in your email for the Friday Flyers.
- Staff is beginning to prepare for students that chose option three of distance learning with related services. Those students are set to come back to school on September 21.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assuming Covid-19 numbers continue to stay down students that chose the hybrid model are set to come back for the second quarter beginning in mid-October.
Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barb Raia informed us that we are currently at \$13 for Box Tops. She will be leaving at the end of this school year so is looking for someone to take over Box Tops. You can find more information regarding the new Box Tops procedures on the PSO Facebook page and it will be sent out in the Friday Flyer this week. Stacie Chakiris reported that all staff members will have a gift from the PSO waiting in their classroom or office when they return next week. Thank you for all that you do for the students at Laremont!
Meeting Adjourned	<p>Motion to end the meeting made by Barb Raia and seconded by Veronica Woods. Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm</p>