



**PSO Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019
5:45pm**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:53pm by Stacie Chakiris, PSO President.

2. Introductions

The following members were present: Stacie Chakiris, Chantille Jarc, Mari Golden, Lucy Carpentier, Tegan Dittmer, Andre Probst, Nick Chakiris, Emily Nicholson, Barb Raia, and Veronica Woods.

3. Presidents Report

- Status of Organization
 - i. Following the September PTO meeting, we've worked with Laremont and SEDOL admin to get approval to start a new organization following the dissolution of the existing PTO, as approved at the September meeting.
 - ii. Stacie discussed the latest on the status of the formation of the new PSO, including the status of our application for articles of incorporation and receipt of



our 501(3)(c) status. Expectation is we will receive approval from State of Illinois sometime in mid-November.

- iii. Communicated that we have put in place new bylaws as approved by the Executive Board. Discussed the framework with Val and Barb Watson from SEDOL and agreed on go forward process. Stacie invites comments on the bylaws from the members.
 - iv. Will distribute a membership form, and members can also fill out online.
 - v. In the process of the developing ideas for 2020 fundraiser. Can't start anything just yet due to status of organization.
 - vi. Trunk or Treat will be hosted by the PSO on Saturday, Oct. 26. PSO will distribute information on this.
- Parent Booster
 - i. We are working with Parent Booster to assist us with the formation and operation of the PSO.
 - Bylaws



- i. As discussed, bylaws will be posted on the new PSO website.

4. Vice President Report

- Virtual Meeting
 - i. Will be doing an online meeting going forward – record and post it up on Facebook live. Will be available to view to hopefully increase participation.
- Committees
 - i. Yearbook committee. Amy Gross has volunteered, but hoping for additional support from parents to assist with this and other committees.
 - ii. Staff Appreciation committee.
 - iii. Parent/Family Event committee.
 - iv. Would like to reach out staff to see if any are available to help out with babysitting for parents to enhance attendance at future meetings.
 - v. All committees will have full support from the PSO Board. These committees will ideally assist with outreach to restaurants and local businesses to



participate in fundraisers. Any additional committee ideas from members will be very much welcomed.

5. Treasurer Report

- Finances
 - i. Treasurer's report. Budget is very preliminary and is pending the transfer of funds from prior PTO.
 - ii. At a future meeting, we will put forward a formal budget once funds have been transferred and we develop further ideas for fundraisers.
 - iii. We also discussed the new finance policies which are designed to ensure transparency on spending and fundraising activities.

6. Secretary Report

- Website
 - i. Website is up and running. LaremontPSO.org. We will post bylaws, finance policies, budget, meeting minutes and other future meeting materials. This will be the method for delivering meeting materials as opposed to printed copies.



- Social Media
 - i. Facebook group has been formed– Laremont PSO. We will use this to promote PSO events.

7. School Report

- Tegan presented the School Report
 - i. Tegan noted that we had a Parent Advisory meeting prior to the PSO meeting.
 - ii. Moving forward with transferring LASSO 3 to Fairhaven where they are leasing space. Expectation is the move will be completed prior to the next school year.

Meetings at Parent Teacher Conference this fall will provide opportunities for parents to comment on best way to ensure a successful transition for students to new location.
 - iii. Homecoming went well. First time it was not an after school event, but due to logistics holding it during school hours worked well. Homecoming queen was Paige and Dylan was Homecoming king.



iv. Molly Victor is new Assistant Principal. Jen has returned to Laremont as an additional Assistant Principal. Work will be split up by Assistant Principals by grade levels.

8. New Business

- Box Tops by Barb is in process. Barb and Karen Schreck will assist with electronic receipt of box tops for those who don't have the app.
- Question was raised around if there would be an additional picture day makeup? If not, can a picture be submitted by parents for yearbook? Veronica Woods suggested we could get a volunteer to help out with makeup photos and/or Yearbook.
- Ideas for fundraising:
 - Amazon Smile account
 - Shop Scrip (via gift cards from participating retailers)
 - Annual auction at Lincolnshire Marriott is unlikely to happen due to upfront cost so will plan for a smaller



scale annual event. More details to come – possibly an event in May.

- Back to School Fair next August, but unfortunately not this fiscal year for PSO.
- Other ideas include mattress sales, popcorn sales, trivia night, spring cleaners for donations

9. Meeting Adjourned

Stacie motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41.