



learning community charter school

PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Sept 10th, 2020 6:30pm-7:30pm

Cristhel Martinez-Suarez: PTO Chairperson

Erin Burton, PTO Secretary

Carolina DeBrigard, PTO Treasurer

Joanna Garnett Raepold, Head Class Rep

Doreen Demyen, Head of Events

Welcome to the PTO by Cristhel

Since we can't do the regular PreK and Kinder Welcome playdate, there may be a class playdate on a smaller scale.

INTRODUCTIONS

Parent Class Reps

Class reps are a liaison between your class teacher and the parents in your class. This is a very helpful job and if you are an organized person who doesn't mind an occasional email to the class. To sign up, fill out this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfehalesqulAoO1nFWrPbARsjW-5PVSja0bQ1id1KP8Q-CT7A/viewform>

The PTO fund

The account has about \$1,000 in it right now. This money goes to support the school and help in various ways. In 2019-2020 the PTO fund gave money to the book club, flowers to teachers during the play, breakfast for staff after the lockdown last year. We delivered Bang Cookies to each teacher for teacher appreciation day last spring.

PTO is thinking of ways to raise money for this fund this year without our normal events.

Jen Hughes - Director of Communications

Jen is a great place to start if you have any questions or need help with anything at LCCS. She will be able to point you to the right person. Her email is in the Friday Flyer. jhughes@lccsnj.org

Colin Hogan - Head of School

Thank you to the PTO for everything it does and being involved to support the school and teachers. Thank you to the parents and teachers for being supportive of your children as they learn at home.

Joanne Tazyk - School Counselor

Responsible for attendance and the 8th grade High School application process. She is helping students with anyone who needs any kind of help. Here are the tools provided by Ms. Tazyk <https://sites.google.com/lccsnj.org/lccs-virtual-calming-center/home>

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is going to be different this fall. Each grade will be at a different time so you will be able to be part of every grade's presentation.

Mark your calendar - Sep 11, 2020 (11:00am-12:00pm)

- 8th Grade High School Application Process Inf for Students

- Sep 17th 6:30-7:30pm

-Board Meeting - October 8th,2020 (6:30pm-7:30pm)

-Next PTO Meeting - October 8th,2020 (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Curriculum Nights- Each Session 55 Minutes

-Sept 22 (Middle School) 6th Grade- 6:00pm-7:00pm 7th Grade-7:00pm-8:00pm 8th Grade-8:00pm-9:00pm

-Sept 23 (3rd-5th Grade) 3rd Grade- 6:00pm-7:00pm 4th Grade- 7:00pm-8:00pm 5th Grade- 8:00pm-9:00pm

-Sept 24 (PreK-2nd Grade) Prek- 5:00pm-6:00pm K- 6:00pm-7:00pm 1st Grade- 7:00pm-8:00pm 2nd Grade 8:00pm-9:00pm • Welcome to LCCS- Mr. Hogan Head of School and Ms.Rexer Assistant Head of School

Q&A for Mr. Hogan

Ideas for future meetings or hot topics should be sent to the Christel.

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WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ARE YOU PROVIDING TO TEACHERS?

Fridays are a day that teachers can work their curriculum, every Friday there are also professional development on instruction, social emotional learning, trauma informed instruction, race and equity professional development. A former teacher, Ms. Gorell is now a full time consultant to coach LCCS teachers. There is also a math coach from Montclair State University, a book group for teachers and an article to the teachers from the head of school each week. The math coach is helping teachers engage each

student to become advanced in math. This starts in lower school and is already working.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS UNABLE TO STAY ENGAGED IN MATERIAL?

Mornings have been more engaged for students, teachers are transitioning material based on this. More and more small group work will be added into the class times. If your child is struggling, reach out to your child's teacher during the Friday office hours. The school counselor, Ms. Tazyk is helping students with anyone who needs help. Here are the tools provided by Ms. Tazyk

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Returning to school

The plan submitted to the state planned for bringing in the Pre-K, K and 1st grade. This will still be the plan. Originally the return date was planned for October 5th. It would take the hybrid model 2 weeks to get this up and running.

Returning to school could potentially mean a change of a teacher based on cohorts.

At a meeting of the charter schools today, all the schools were talking about not if but when they would be opening.

Two schools in suburban NJ opened this week and closed already due to positive cases.

LCCS does not want to be the first school in JC to open. Early November would be more of a likely time at this point at the end of the first marking period. But it's all based on how schools are being opened in NJ and NY.

Small group in school on Fridays

There is a very small group (3-6 kids per grade) that is the neediest students in grades 2-8 will start on Friday, September 25th. Mr. Hogan will reach out directly to the families of these students. It would be a half day of instruction and a pilot for what it would look like to bring students back to school. Parents will have the option to accept or not accept this opportunity.

Can we shorten the zoom day? There will be some evaluation and a survey to families at the end of September. It's possible, but has not been decided.

How will student evaluations happen? It is really important that the student do the evaluation on their own so it's a good representation of what they are capable of. Reading assessments are being done one on one with each student and the teacher. There will also be online virtual

Teacher student meet-ups

Conversations about this will be started after curriculum night.

Kids playing games during school

Go Guardian on student's accounts to monitor student's activity and be able to see everything the children are doing. This will be able to keep kids from playing games on their device.

Internet Connection

When internet connection is not ideal with so many devices on, the school will be sending recommendations to improve the connection?

Zoom Etiquette

The Zoom etiquette must be followed. Camera on and name must be the child's name at all times. It's always a balance of security and accessibility. Zoom security can be a possible hot topic for a future PTO meeting.

PE may do video workouts instead of links in the future.

Meeting adjourned, Next PTO Meeting - October 8th, 2020 6:30pm-7:30pm via zoom.