



**LAWRENCE ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL - PTA**

**Every Child - One Voice**

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Open Meeting  
October 4, 2017

**Call to order – 6:45pm**

Introduction of the 2017-2018 LRMS PTA board

Correspondence Report - J. Perkins-Acosta

- Thank you notes were sent to the LRMS PTA corporate contributors
- Initiated the name change for LRMS tax exempt certificate
- Bylaws amendment was initiated to transfer LRMS PTA to the LRMS PTSA

Treasurer's Report – J. Pommells

- NEFCU – bank account balance \$1426.25

Membership – 171 members (an increase of 125%)

Fundraising – A. Blanco-Harvey

- Brokerage Comedy Club fundraiser – 70 tickets sold; goal 100 tickets
  - 50:50 raffle, 4 baskets to be raffled off
- As a membership incentive, the Advisory class with the highest percentage of PTA members will be given a pizza party (arranged by A. Blanco-Harvey)
- Workshop attended – topics covered:
  - Membership - entry/printing of membership cards
  - Resolutions – laws in progress
  - Reflections – students enter to win \$100.00
    - Theme – Within Reach
    - Entries due 11/21/17

Mr. Hodge

- LRMS current student enrollment – 829
- Presented “30 Tips for Raising Middle Schoolers”
- Honored for “Principal Appreciation Month”

Dr. Rhoden

- 1<sup>st</sup> ½ of marking period ended 10/4/17
- Presented suggestions to encourage the success of our children
- Keep a record of all of your children's accomplishments(notebook, computer, etc)

Dr. Silverstein

- Teacher's union book donation to LRMS
- State Testing
  - Encouraged all parents/students to opt in
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be completing the testing on computer this year
  - 4/11-4/12/18 – paper based ELA testing
- 2/2018 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in math and engineering testing
- Contractor's for Kids – a volunteer group that helps parents/kids in need of renovation to their home
- Transportation – only students that meet the following requirements are assigned bus passes:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade – live ¾ mile or more from school
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade + - live 1.5 miles or more from school
- Volunteers are needed for the interview committee
- Bring a neighbor to the next LRMS PTA meeting
- Introduced new part-time teaching assistant Jeanette Bermudez

O. Moreno-Hernandez

- A Box top depository is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor – collected \$60.00 to date
- 10/11/17 - UHS College Fair in the UHS Little Theater
  - LRMS PTA will have a display
- 10/19/17 - Family Engagement Workshop

D. King

- Reviewed the '3 for Me' program
- Thanked Mr. Hodge for establishing a Nutrition Club, which she teaches

Ms. Argueta

- Honor Society events:
  - 10/15/17 - Breast Cancer Walk – 20 seats available
  - 1/2018 – Family Fun Night bowling

Neville Georges

- Stressed the importance of the proposed bond for addressing the overcrowding and aging infrastructure in the school district. This issue will be discussed at the school board meeting on 10/10/17.

Guest Speakers

Uniondale Library - Roseann Podias

- Discussed the services available to the community at the library(teen space, Jr. Friends organization, tutoring, volunteer opportunities, healthy living workshops)
- 10/14/17 – Hispanic Heritage Celebration (refreshment donations are encouraged)

for the event)

Primerica –Donna Fykes, Lakeya Craker

- Provide financial consulting(529 programs, debt elimination, legal guidance, retirement programs, etc)
- No charge for the service

**Meeting adjourned – 8:19pm**

*Andrea Prescod*  
Recording Secretary