

# Laporte Connection



## Cache la Poudre Elementary PTO

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### CLP Elementary December PTO Meeting

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12/5/19

Begin 8:15am Adjourn 9:45am

**In Attendance:** Kara Houck, Angela Lindquist, Katrina Winborn-Miller, Darlene Prickett, Mrs. Boucher, Mr. Netzer, Kristina Hall, Erica Daniell, Megan Abrahamson, Mrs. Awsumb-Conn (briefly).

#### **Officer's Reports:**

**Principal's update:** (from Mrs. Boucher and Mr. Netzer)

- Grandparent's Day was cancelled. No plan to reschedule. Katrina suggests incorporating a grandparent's event into Book Fair week.

#### **President:**

- Playground balls were purchased for November, and we will be purchasing more for December soon.
- PTO approved \$300 to provide Laporte Pizza lunch for Lopez staff in January.

#### **Treasurer:**

- Current Balance: \$25,242.19. Katrina has kept a tally of amount spent on requests this year, total so far is \$2403.00.

#### **Secretary:**

- Vote to approve November Minutes: unanimously approved.

#### **District Advisory Board DAB**

Angela: The last meeting involved a mental health panel including psychologists and social workers. The board doesn't have exact numbers for where the \$2 million from the recent levy is going to be spent, but some is going to go to improving ratios of mental health staff/school. There are a lot of psychologists and social workers who don't work full time in schools. Trauma informed training may also become more prevalent, and when teacher licensures are renewed, there's now a Social Emotional Learning component. The panel recognized 2 schools that are leaders in our district for SEL. Kruse was mentioned due to their efforts regarding parental involvement and education. And CLPE was recognized as a leader in working with kids and creating safe spaces. They felt our school has a feeling of safety, calm, comfort, and respect. The DAB minutes are posted online:

<https://www.psdschools.org/community/community-committees/dab>.

The Wellness Matters district-wide event will be taking place in the spring. It's a large community event, where parents can go and learn about specific topics of interest.

## Unfinished Business

**Rollerland Night:** Will be 12/19. Didn't get the date added to the newsletter, but flyers will be sent home within a week of the date.

## New Business

**Staff Appreciation Day for Holidays-** Middle School PTO does a huge lunch for their staff before the holiday break where PTO provides hot food and parents volunteer to bring everything else, in addition to a basket of school supplies that teachers can help themselves to. It is suggested that we do something similar the first day back from break instead, and Mrs. Awsumb-Conn thought that would work well. Erica will send out sign-up for volunteers.

**Ongoing Volunteer Sign-up Genius-** Might be useful to have an ongoing PTO sign-up list, where new volunteer needs can be posted. That way members who can't attend meetings can still easily participate. Mrs. Awsumb-Conn says there is a need for this with teachers too- sometimes they could use help for a one-time thing. Kara will look into setting this up.

**Birthday Boxes/Cart-** The current cart has a broken wheel(s). Teachers say the birthday boxes do get used, and could use a new cart as well as periodic refreshing of supplies. We will think about adding a birthday box volunteer position(s) to the ongoing Sign-up if/once it's created. Mr. Netzer will ask the Big Picture team for ideas for stocking the boxes. Katrina will look into a new cart. Wellness money raised from the Pegleg fundraiser could be put towards this if need be.

**Support for Lopez Elementary-** CLPE will send lunch to the Lopez staff in January as a gesture of support from our school. Katrina is wondering if there's anything else PTO could do for Lopez? It is suggested that we could donate a basket of comforting supplies for their counseling office, such as: cozy (weighted) blankets, stuffies, etc. Angela will coordinate and get ideas from Mrs. Lawler-Perry.

**Book Fair-** Coming up in February. The system may be changing to a cashless system, we will learn more soon. The theme can be "arctic adventure", or jungle. We would likely choose Arctic Adventure. After meeting adjourned, officers discussed scheduling afterhours social PTO get together to brainstorm for fun ideas for bookfair night.