



General PTO Meeting - Minutes  
Friday, Aug 31th, 2018, 8:45am

- Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am
- Approval of the May 2018 minutes: May 18, 2018 General PTO Meeting minutes were reviewed. Stefan Murry made a motion to amend the minutes to strike “ROE parents make up most of the new EB slate.” as it is incorrect. PTO President, Catrice Mays, confirmed that line was incorrect. Lanier Parent, Yolanda made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Jennifer Gribble seconded. Minutes were approved.
- President – Catrice Mays welcomed everyone, introduced herself, and referenced the PTO Meetings and Staff Appreciation Calendar handout.
- President Elect – Chiarra Stratton introduced herself.
- Parliamentarian – Kim Dolibois introduced herself and explained her role in using appropriate parliamentary procedures to keep an orderly meeting.
- Secretary – Cheryl Butler introduced herself and asked for parents to state their names when they made a motion so that it may be properly entered into the minutes of the meeting.
- VP Fundraising – Kara Richardson talked about Commitment to Excellence which is our largest fundraiser for the Parent Teacher Organization.
- VP Financial Support – Dana Duplantis introduced herself.
- VP Volunteering – Beth Lemon introduced herself and encouraged parents to volunteer.
- VP Communications – Jennifer Gribble introduced herself and educated parents that the three ways we as a PTO communicate with our constituents are:
  1. Website: **lanierpto.org**
  2. Lanier PTO Facebook Page: **facebook.com/lanierpurplepups**
  3. Purple Page: The PTO weekly newsletter, subscribe on our website

- VP Social Events – Catrice Mays gave the report for Adrienne Murry. Our annual Parent Teacher Staff Social is scheduled for October 18 5-8pm at The Phoenix. This is a great event for parents to mingle with teachers and staff. Please join us!
- HISD Liaison – Gretchen Himsl introduced herself.
- Treasurer – Yolanda Amador introduced herself and reviewed the financial reports. Yolanda then presented the proposed 2018-19 budget. A motion was made to approve the budget as presented. During discussion there were questions from parents regarding safety, physical condition of the building, technology, teacher needs, professional development. A robust discussion was had about what the school priorities should be. Question was called by parent Yolanda and seconded by Stefan Murry. Budget not approved as presented.
- Principal's Update – Dr. Bradarich gave a Powerpoint presentation of some of what last year's PTO funds were used for. She and all of the staff are especially appreciative of the funding to help paint 26 classrooms on campus as it provides for a healthier environment for all. She would like for the other 36 rooms to be painted if we are able to raise the funds this year. Lanier has many new teachers that are eager to be a part of an IB school. Dr. Bradarich talked about her plan to cultivate innovate learners and shared her professional development proposal.
- The proposed 2018-19 budget discussion was re-opened. Josh Turner motioned and Amy Dewbre seconded that the professional development be increased from \$40,000 to \$100,000. Discussion was had about the motion. Motion was tabled. Gretchen Himsl proposed that a task force look into questions of how the \$100,000 that the PTO has sitting in a money market account may technically be used, because some of those funds were designated for a capital improvement track project that never was built. A hand count was taken and the motion failed. Previous motion was reconsidered regarding professional development. Motion to approve amended budget passed. Several parents asked Dr. Bradarich about what metrics would be used to demonstrate that the professional development expenditures were effective and a wise use of donations. Dr. Bradarich committed for each professional development event to share a detailed proposal and budget and she will follow-up after each event with a report to the PTO.
- Trey Christenson, Lanier Parent, suggested that the budget approval should be done in the spring instead of at the first General PTO meeting since there are so many new and uninformed parents at the initial meeting. Over 60% of the parents in attendance identified themselves as 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and/or new to the school.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:26am.