

Académie Lafayette PTSO Meeting Notes, January 16, 2019

General Items:

Food Pantry at Oak Campus: Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring food items for the Food Pantry, specifically items like cereal, peanut butter, granola bars, and shelf-stable foods. Items can be dropped off at Oak, or if you are at Cherry, you can drop off there and items will be brought over to Oak periodically.

2018-19 Budget: A quick review of the budget took place. Copy of it is on following page.

PBIS Overview, presented by Lara Troutner

- Missouri is one of the leading states engaged in PBIS.
- Program teaches behavior expectations for all teachers and all students at the Oak and Cherry Campuses.
- It's Positive based, helping teachers look for the positive in students
- Teachers are being taught to engage with students when they exhibit certain behaviors – kids can earn raffle tickets for prizes
- 4 to 1 Ratio – For every negative comment by the teacher, said teacher is to offer four positive comments
- A consultant from UCM, and a team at each campus, is actively supporting the PBIS effort

Related Questions:

Any update on having a Social Worker at Armour? No. Mr. Mbengue stated they plan to hire a counselor full-time for the 2019-20 school year. There were questions as to what the difference between a counselor and a social worker are. A counselor helps the student with career planning and school guidance and a social worker helps with a wide range of things, such as they help with securing food for families that are in need, if there are problems of feeling unsafe at home, anger management, etc. Mr. M feels that life counseling is necessary for middle schoolers.

Middle School Grading System, presented by Jessica McDowell

It took AL four years to earn IB credential, and we've had it for about 12 months. Brief overview:

- Student is evaluated twice a year on four criteria that go towards final grade
- Each evaluated on a 1-8 scale: Analyzing, Organizing, Producing Text, and Using Language
- There is no "averaging" like most of us are used to, but instead a student will be "trending" at a certain level
- Formative tests/work do not count toward final grade
- Assessing is ongoing throughout the year

There is an IB webinar available! Contact Jessica at jcmcdowell@academielafayette.org to access it.

Related Questions:

Are the middle school teachers being trained in IB grading, as this is very different? Yes, middle school teachers are trained, and they attend conferences to be thoroughly knowledgeable on IB.

K-5 Grading System, presented by Principal Royce

Mme. Royce talked about the standards based grading system. Over the years, the grading systems changed; they were even different when adults now were in grade school. Generally speaking, with the grading system being 1-4, the teacher takes all the practice grades into consideration, but also the fact that those grades were taken while the kids were still learning that particular thing. So, if the child fully understands the subject then that will also be a factor into the grading system. She mentioned that if you or your child has questions about any grades, please go to directly to your teacher first for understanding/clarification.

Upcoming Events:

- AL Day at the K is back! That day will be April 27th, more info to come.
- Evening in Paris (EIP) – date is set for April 13th; theme is Club Havana with a fun light-hearted feel
- Next PTSO meeting will be in March

General Comments by M. Mbengue:

- The parking lot at Armour is always locked, most likely this will not change. Parents are welcome to park in the lot to the west of the school building.
- So far this year, there have been zero suspensions at Armour.

2018-19 PTSO Budget, 1/16/2019

REVENUE	Budget	YTD	Comments	
June 30, 2018, Balance	\$79,569			
FAN 2018 Transfer - Library	-11,000			
Endowment 2017-18 Transfer	-8,036			
Le Fou Frog	-1,500			
Painless Fundraising 2017-18 Transfer	0			
Desbleds Project Transfer	0			
	\$59,033	\$0	Net	
			Budget	YTD
EIP 2018	90,000	0	60,000	-5,100
Fund a Need 2018 - Library	11,000		0	0
Trivia Night	8,500	0	7,300	0
Bingo Night	650	0	375	0
Father/Daughter Dance	6,800	0	5,300	0
Mom Prom	2,000	0	1,000	0
Holiday Art Market	3,500	3,175	3,000	3,153
Trash Bags	15,500	15,144	6,300	4,311
Spiritwear	12,000	5,886	2,000	-5,718
AL Day at the K	5,000		3,000	0
Vive le Rock	2,000		1,600	0
Boogie Down	1,500	5,111	9.21.18	500
Restaurant nights	3,700	164	3,700	164
Painless Fundraising	1,500	667	1,400	646
Yubbler	3,000	3,908	3,000	3,908
Total	\$225,683	\$34,055	\$98,475	\$4,576

EXPENSES	Budget	YTD	Comments	
EIP Planning	30,000	5,100		
Fund a Need 2018 - Library	11,000			
Trivia Night	1,200	0		
Bingo Night	275	0		
F/D Dance	1,500	0		
Mom Prom	1,000	0		
Holiday Art Market	500	22		
Trash Bags	9,200	10,833		
Spiritwear	10,000	11,604		
AL Day at the K	2,000			
Vive Le Rock	400			
Boogie Down	1,000	1,900		
Restaurant nights	0	0		
Painless fundraising	100	21		
Yubbler	0	0		
PTSO Administrative	2,250	1,358		
Endowment Contingency	9,848		10% of revenue (excluding FAN)	
Budget Overages	5,943		10% of expenses (excluding contingency)	
Total	\$86,215	\$30,838		
Net Distributable Funds	\$139,468	\$3,218		
PTSO Sponsored Fun Events	Budget	YTD	Comments	
Boo Boyou	3,600	1,638		
End of Year Picnic	1,500	0		
Field Day	2,500			
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	1,400		140 staff members	
Staff Appreciation Spring Dinner	3,000		Le Fou Frog	
Playground Mixers (3)	600			
Movie Night x 2	600			
Parent education nights with film screenings	750			
Teacher Gift, 3 campuses	750	\$400		
Snack for MAP testing	1,000			
MVP volunteer gifts	500	\$350		
Total	\$16,200	\$1,638		12%
Extra-curricular Activities	Budget	YTD	Comments	
Robotics	2,990			
... stipend	2,000			
Reading intervention	4,685			
Spelling bee	680	566		
Cheerleading Team (no stipend)	500			
Soccer MS Girls	650			
... stipend for coaching Boys and Girls	5,000			
Girls Volleyball	520			
... stipend	488			
Basketball MS	800			
... stipend	2,760			
Basketball 3rd/4th, 5th/6th	1,730			
Track & Field and Cross Country	20,585	2,010		18,575
Stipend included				13615
Journalism Club (including stipend)	3,525			
MS Service Project	1,200			
Cherry & Oak STEM Night	3,000			
Total	\$51,113	\$2,010		37%
Musketeer Fund	Budget	YTD	Comments	
5th Grade - Wildwood	3,000			
Scholarships	6,000	3,000		
Paris Expenses	21,000			
6th Grade KCers	4,200			
8th Grade	18,000			
Total	\$52,200	\$3,000		37%
School Gifts	Budget	YTD	Comments	
Fruit Cart	12,000	12,000		
Playground Equipment	3,000			
PTSO Emergency Support	1,000	250	paid to Heater Royce for teacher	
Total	\$16,000	\$12,250		11%
Total Expenses	\$135,513	\$18,898		
Balance	\$3,955	(\$15,681)		3%
				100%