

Loker School PTO Annual Report 2015-2016

May 21, 2015

Dear Members of the Loker Parent Teacher Organization (PTO),

What a wonderful year this has been! From the ribbon cutting and clap-in of all students on the first day of school to the school-wide mural painting in the gymnasium and the dedication of the friendship bench in front of Loker, this has been a year filled with new classrooms, new friends, and new community.

I would like to thank all of you for your involvement in our school throughout the year, and for your support of the PTO and all of our programs. We could not provide the many enrichment programs that we do for our school without your generosity, time and support. It has been wonderful getting to know many of you, and my family and I look forward to another three years as members of the Loker community.

The 2014-15 school year is quickly coming to a close and it's time for our PTO Board to plan for next year. As part of this process, **you are invited to attend the PTO's Annual Meeting on Monday, June 8th at 9:00 am in the Loker cafeteria** to vote on:

- Proposed Budget for 2015-2016
- Proposed Slate of Officers 2015-2016
- Election of Loker School Representatives to the Wayland Public Schools PTO

Please join us for this very important meeting. This is an opportunity for all of us to review this year, talk about plans for next year, and vote on the budget and officers for next year.

Preceding the Annual Meeting, we would like to invite all of you to a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast after drop-off. The PTO will be providing a continental breakfast to thank the numerous volunteers who dedicated their time and efforts over the past school year. No matter what your role was this year, we look forward to celebrating your dedication to our school community.

Please stop by and join us for some coffee and refreshments, and remember that little ones are always welcome!

Many thanks and cheers,

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REVIEW OF 2014-2015:

The PTO kicked off the year with several events designed to build a strong sense of community at Loker. Our ice cream social, held in August, was a great way to get students and families alike excited for the school year. On the first day of school, we celebrated the re-opening of Loker as a full school with a dedication ceremony, clap-in, and welcome coffee for families. Our Curriculum Night featured a dinner for the staff, as well as coffee and refreshments for parents, who were invited to join other families in the gymnasium to see the newly painted Bren Bataclan mural.

With the school year underway, it was time for our fabulous team of volunteers to take over. Thanks to Kristine Feeks Hammond, Loker students enjoyed two wonderful movie nights this year. Jodi Chase and Nancy Schachter helped ensure that our holiday gift and toy drive was an incredible success. Thank you to the many generous families who helped provide much needed and appreciated holiday gifts to local children in need. Our two book fairs were quite popular with students and families alike this year, and we could not have done it without the skillful guidance of Jodi Chase, Nancy Schachter, Jennifer Rosen and Stacey Thirman.

Thanks to Lia Barris' help, our students were treated to three cultural enrichment activities, Jazz: The Roots of America's Popular Music, Become Your Dreams: History of Hip Hop Dance and Zuzu Acrobats. The PTO also sponsored Loker's author visit – David Biedrzycki visited Loker School in February. Third and Fourth graders got to experience firsthand the Just Like Me program, thanks to the hard work of Amy O'Donnell and Jamie Janoff. Many Loker families participated in the townwide Bingo Night and World's Fair, which was hosted by Loker this year. Many thanks to Tracy O'Rourke, Pam Zilembo and Emily Villatoro for coordinating these two wonderful events.

Behind the scenes, Sandy O'Driscoll ran our school picture day, and also dealt with Loker's ever-growing "lost and found" collection. Rama Ravi acted as our webmaster and helped us put together a great website for the Loker PTO, and Melinda Keegan worked with all the staff to update our staff photo board at the front of the school. Daria Greeley and Joanna Hartunian ensured that our teachers felt appreciated all year long, with staff luncheons, dinners, and a great Teacher Appreciation Week in the spring. Daria also worked tirelessly to get Acacia and her mother, founders of Tiny Girl, Big Dream, to present Loker with its very own friendship bench.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the very hard work of our two fundraising gurus, Corrie Dretler and Deb Andler. Corrie ran our successful Giff Your Child campaign, and Deb ran the backpack auction and did a fantastic job. Without the money raised through these two major fundraisers, the PTO would not be able to do any of the things we do.

Thank you to the countless room parents, classroom volunteers, and other volunteers who helped this "first" year at Loker run so smoothly. We hope you'll come back for more next year!

ANNUAL MEETING VOTES:

Proposed Slate of Loker PTO Officers 2015-2016

The PTO Board oversees the appointment of committee heads, the work of the committees, and the expenditure of funds based on the approved budget. The Board can only vote to spend money that is left over in the budget, to cover an overrun for an approved item, or to carry over money from the previous year. Any other allocation of funds must be approved at a general PTO meeting.

Here is the proposed slate of officers for the 2015-2016 school year:

President:	Jennifer Sheldon*
Vice President:	Daria Greeley
Secretary:	Nicole Spiewak
Treasurer:	Pam Cerne*
Ways and Means:	Corrie Dretler
Past President:	Liza Knapp

*Indicates Townwide PTO Board representative

2014-2015 Budget

After each year of fundraising, we plan for the next year's spending. All elementary PTO fundraising is pooled town-wide, and the proceeds are divided among the three schools based on a formula that takes into account the number of students and grades in each of the elementary schools.

		2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Proposed Budget
<i>Income</i>			
4910	Prior Year Income (estimated)	\$23,738.71	\$24,813.51
<i>Expense</i>			
6112	Building & Grounds	\$300	\$300
6114	Cultural Enrichment	\$3,000	\$3,000
6116	Grade Level Activities	\$0	\$500
6118	Grade Level Enrichment (6 Grades x \$800)	\$4,000	\$4,800
6132	Residency	\$2,000	\$1,500
6190	Curriculum Materials (12 classes x \$100)	\$1,500	\$1,200
TOTAL 6100 Educational Programs		\$10,800	\$11,300
6200 Staff Support Programs			
6210	Teacher's Supplies	\$6,000	\$6,200*
6240	Staff Appreciation	\$500	\$750
6244	Team Building	\$750	\$400
6280	Principal's Discretionary Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL 6200 Staff Support Programs		\$9,250	\$9,350
6400 Community Programs			
6420	METCO Program	\$950	\$900
6468	Family Events	\$0	\$850
TOTAL 6400 Community Programs		\$950	\$1,750
6500 Operating Expenses			
6508	Hospitality	\$1,100	\$450
6580	Operating Expenses	\$200	\$150
TOTAL 6500 Operating Expenses		\$1,300	\$600
6800 Wish List/Capital Items		\$7,000	\$6,500
*assumes 90% of potential maximum (\$6,907) will be submitted			
		\$29,300	\$28,360
Projected surplus/deficit		-\$5,561	-\$4,686

Appendix I

Combined Elementary Fundraising Goal for 2015-2016

	2014-2015 Estimates	2015-2016 Proposed
4110 Apparel	\$27	\$0
4120 Book Fair	\$12,464	\$12,000
4130 Directories	\$2,256	\$0
4160 School Pictures	\$8,477	\$8,000
4220 Gift Your Child	\$39,795	\$42,000
4240 Donations*	\$1,091	\$1,000
4400 Auction	\$24,306	\$25,000
4600 Social Events**	\$3,246	\$1,500
4182 Spring Choice	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$91,662	\$89,500

*Donations includes monies given *other* than the fall GYC fundraising drive, including straight donations from the Backpack Auction

**Includes Bingo Night, joint elementary social, World's Fair, etc.