

Independence PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Attendance: Ashley Enkelaar, Nancy Daly, Michael Shea, Cassie Klein, Erin Mauriello, Lora Stebleton, Raelyn Ransom, Sonia Nistler, Matthew Duchsherer, John Holten, Jill Swenson

Meeting was called to order by Ashley Enkelaar at 6:59 p.m.

Erin Mauriello made a motion to approve the August 11, 2021 minutes; Jill Swenson seconded.
MOTION PASSED.

Principal:

- Classes again 1-to-1 iPads this year. Students will use them in the classrooms with teacher direction and on distant learning days.
- Parent-Teachers conferences will be October 18 & 19th. The school is planning to send a survey to families regarding the format of conferences. Families will have about 1 week to respond and the school will use the results to help plan for conferences.
- Michael Shea provided an update on the STAR math and reading scores from the 2020-2021 school year and in comparison to previous years. The school saw growth in the students throughout the 2020-2021 year, although the data started lower than previous years.

Presidents:

- Second Annual Walk-A-Thon coming up this Friday, September 17th. Final details are being worked out.
- The next Papa Murphy's Pizza Night will be Thursday, October 14th. Families no longer have to bring in a paper flyer, but must mention the fundraiser for supporting Independence Elementary when they purchase their pizza.
- The first movie night of the year will be Friday, October 15th.

Treasurer:

- Cassie Klein presented the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget proposal.
 - Jill Swenson made a motion to approve the budget as proposed; Michael Shea seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED.
- Cassie Klein presented an amendment to the PTO By-Laws that specifies a required time for the treasurer to report budget and tax filing information at a board meeting.
 - Erin Mauriello made a motion to approve the proposed by-law changes; Lora Stebleton seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED.

New Business:

- Michael Shae presented details for yard signs that can be placed in the yards of students who earn Leader of the Pack each month.
 - Erin Mauriello made a motion to approve \$1,870 plus tax and shipping for the purchase of yard signs; Ashley Enkelaar seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED.

Popcorn Party Drawing:

- Oscar S. in Ms. Johnson's 4th grade class.
- Sawyer E. in Mrs. Radel's 3rd grade class.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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