

Independence PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Attendance: Ashley Enkelaar, Nancy Daly, Michael Shea, Heather Schaff, Erin Mauriello, Sonia Nistler, Lora Stebleton, Cassie Klein, Chelsi Martian, Clint Cermak, Jen Simmons, Kelsey Freborg, Raelyn Soltis, Deidra Serumgard, Jill Swenson, Kristin Laney, Tennille Altepeter, Heidi Escobar, Matt Evensen

Meeting was called to order by Ashley Enkelaar at 7:01 p.m.

Lora Stebleton made a motion to approve the May 10, 2022 minutes; Erin Mauriello seconded.
MOTION PASSED.

Guest Speakers:

- 4th Grade Teachers: Kristin Laney and Tennille Altepeter
- In math, 4th graders are working on multiplication by reviewing factor pairs, primes, and composite numbers. They are reading mystery stories and will begin book study groups soon. In writing, students are working on comparing and contrasting.

Principal:

- 1:1 iPads are happening again this school year. Classroom teachers will decide how often they go home with students.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held October 17th and 18th from 4-7:30pm. Sign up information will be sent out closer to the dates.
- Mr. Shea would like to purchase Leader of the Pack signs to be placed in the yards of student leaders again this year. Last year the signs were \$1,860. He reached out to get a quote for this year, but hasn't heard back yet.
- STAR data from 2021-2022 was presented. Fall testing will take place end of September into October.
- New staff at Independence includes: 1st grade teacher, new music teachers, SPED teacher, counselor, administrative assistant, office para, SPED Paras
- Student Picture day will be Tuesday, October 4th.

Presidents:

- Upcoming Events:
 - The first Papa Murphy's Pizza Night will be Thursday, September 13th.
 - Friday, September 23rd will be our school wide walk-a-thon. Students will be walking around the pond during their specials time as part of the PTO yearly fundraiser.
 - We are still in need of volunteers to help. A sign up genius link is posted on the PTO Facebook Page and 99Pledges PTO walk-a-thon website.
- The school wide t-shirt design has been decided. The PTO will work with the school to get shirt sizes of students to order shirts.

Treasurer:

- One check was deposited into our account from an old dine to donate payment from Papa Murphy's.
- Purchases came through for PTO magnets, flyers, and walk-a-thon packets. Many purchases also came through from expenses related to our back to school bash, a charge for a reading and phonics program for first grade, and a charge for the back to school sign used in the front of the school.
- The 2022-2023 Budget was proposed. Some of the adjustments proposed include adding a budget line for checks to be ordered for the PTO's bank account, adding a \$5,000 budget line for the back to school bash, increasing the battle of the books line item since more students have been joining in recent years, and increasing the field trips budget. Based on word from teachers that they don't plan to use Learning A-Z this year, that budget line item was set to \$0 and may be removed completely in the future.
 - Erin Mauriello made a motion to approve the proposed 2022-2023 budget; Sonia Nistler seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED

Secretary:

- At the back to school bash, we received 45 names and emails of parents willing to help out at our different PTO events throughout the year. Those names and emails have been typed up and saved in our PTO Google Drive to be used to reach out to families this school year.

New Business:

- Cassie Klein presented proposed changes to the PTO By-Laws based on discussions at our previous meetings. In Article 8, she gave better descriptions to the duties of the board members and went through the full document to update each section to have consistent formatting.
 - Ashley Enklaar made a motion to approve the proposed by-laws; Mike Shea seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- The Special Ed Department requested \$151.78 for healthy snacks for students they work with throughout the day to help with encouragement and the sensory needs for some students.
 - Erin Mauriello made a motion to approve the request; Cassie Klein seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- Kristin Laney, 4th grade teacher, requested \$139.73 for folders for her students to take back and forth from school to home each night. They have labeled multi-pockets with plastic sleeves that will help with her families getting quick access to needed information each night.
 - Erin Mauriello made a motion to approve the request; Chelsi Martian seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- The 1st grade teachers requested \$190 for decodable readers and a Secret Stories home supplement to send home with 1st grade students each week.
 - Lora Stebleton made a motion to approve the request; Jill Swenson seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED

- The PTO board is requesting \$100 for shelving to help organize our supply closet in the school.
 - Ashley Enkelaar made a motion to approve the request; Lora Stebleton seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- Mike Shea, principal, requested \$2,000 to purchase Leader of the Pack yard signs for student leaders each month.
 - Lora Stebleton made a motion to approve the request; Erin Mauriello seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED

Popcorn Party Drawing:

- James M. from Mrs. Wilson's class.
- Reese R. from Mrs. Gienger's class.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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