

## **Independence PTO Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 10, 2022

**Attendance:** Ashley Enkelaar, Nancy Daly, Michael Shea, Trent Leitheiser, Heather Schaff, Sonia Nistler, Lora Stebleton, Chelsi Martian, Deidra Serumgard, Jill Swenson, Paige, Becky Bahe, Jill Glienke, Carin Omonuwah

Meeting was called to order by Chelsi Martian at 7:04 p.m.

Lora Stebleton made a motion to approve the September 13, 2022 minutes; Ashley Enkelaar seconded. MOTION PASSED.

### **Guest Speakers:**

- 3rd Grade Teachers: Jill Glinke, Trent Leitheiser, Carin Omonuwah
- 3rd graders are working on multiplication fluency in math. They are just starting a unit on reading non-fiction and working on multiple syllable words. The classes are also working on the proper way to write quotations in a story.

### **Principal:**

- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be in-person on October 17th and 18th.
- October 19th is an at home learning day for all of West Fargo Public Schools.
- Independence Elementary is still looking to hire a special education para.

### **Presidents:**

- Walk-a-thon recap: Slightly over \$30,000 was raised! The PTO will work with the school to schedule the school dip-n-dots party and classroom popcorn parties. The PTO will also touch base on the date for the t-shirts for students.
- Upcoming Events:
  - The next Papa Murphy's Pizza Night will be Thursday, October 13th.
  - The first movie night of the year will be Friday, October 14th.
    - Still in need of volunteers
  - Turkey bingo will be on Friday, November 18th.

### **Treasurer:**

- Deposits into the PTO account in September included \$5,111 from walk-a-thon checks and cash and an additional \$1,376 in October. \$96 was also deposited from a dine-to donate event.
- The deposit from online walk-a-thon donations should come through in October.
- Purchases came through for shelving for the PTO closet, walk-a-thon snacks and bracelets, final expenses from the back to school bash, and classroom expenses that were approved at prior PTO meetings.

**New Business:**

- Kaila Horning, 2nd grade teacher, requested \$175.31 to replace some old guided reading book bags and purchase place value and 10-frame workmats for her classroom.
  - Jill Swenson made a motion to approve the request; Chelsi Martian seconded.
  - MOTION PASSED
- The 2nd Grade teachers requested \$170.67 for all 2nd grade students to receive a folder to use to take items back and forth from home to school to communicate with families.
  - Jill Swenson made a motion to approve the request; Chelsi Martian seconded.
  - MOTION PASSED
- The 3rd Grade teachers requested funds for different classroom projects. The total requested of \$300 include bottles of modge podge, felt pads (8 per student), ceramic tiles (2 per student), and 4-inch styrofoam balls (1 per student), plus a few extras to have on hand for mistakes.
  - Ashley Enkelaar made a motion to approve the request; Sonia Nistler seconded.
  - MOTION PASSED
- The 3rd grade teachers requested a 1-year subscription to “Time for Kids” for all of their students at a price of \$5.50 per student. The magazine writes about current events presented at a grade appropriate level.
  - Lora Stebelton made a motion to approve up to \$600 to include subscription and shipping and handling fees; Jill Swenson seconded.
  - MOTION PASSED
- The 3rd grade teachers requested \$440 to take the 3rd grade classes on a field trip to the MSUM regional science center to study animal habitats. The price may vary based on current bus prices. This field trip would be in addition to the yearly field trip that 3rd grade makes to Skate City.
  - Ashley Enkelaar made a motion to approve up to \$500 for the field trip depending on bus prices; Jill Swenson seconded.
  - MOTION PASSED

**Popcorn Party Drawing:**

- Kenzington N. and Lucas S. from Mrs. Kranz’s class
- Leah S. from Mr. Leitheiser’s class

Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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