

Independence PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022

Attendance: Ashley Enkelaar, Nancy Daly, Michael Shea, Heather Schaff, Lora Stebleton, Chelsi Martian, Michelle O'Berg, Amber Swenson

Meeting was called to order by Chelsi Martian at 7:00 p.m.

Ashley Enkelaar made a motion to approve the November 8, 2022 minutes; Michael Shea seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Guest Speakers:

- 5th Grade Teachers: Amber Swenson and Michelle O'Berg
- In math, 5th graders are working on decimals and rounding/place values. During ELA, the students are finishing up their biography unit and living wax museum and will showcase their work next week. In science, students are working on mixtures and solutions.

Principal:

- The Lion's Club will do vision screenings on all students on Thursday, December 15th.
- The 2nd Grade Music Program will be Friday, December 16th.
- A teacher has been hired and will work with K-2 students on Social Emotional Learning skills at Independence. This position will be shared with Liberty.
- A fifth section of 1st grade will start in January. Parents have been notified of student placements for the new section.

Presidents:

- Turkey Bingo went well and had a good turnout.
- Upcoming Events:
 - The next Papa Murphy's Pizza Night will be Thursday, December 15th
 - Family Dance Night will be Friday, February 24th

Treasurer:

- November deposits into the PTO account included dine to donate funds, School Tool Box income, and turkey bingo funds.
- Purchases came through in November for the pie in the face supplies and dip-n-dots party, previously approved PTO funds requests, turkey bingo supplies, welcome t-shirts for students and staff, and leader of the pack signs.

New Business:

- Stephanie Swanson, gym teacher, requested \$470 for health/hygiene products for the 4th and 5th grade students to get during their health unit.
 - Ashley Enkelaar made a motion to approve the request; Michelle O'Berg seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- The 1st Grade Teachers requested \$191.55 for five long arm staplers to use while making their printable decodable books for students.
 - Lora Stebleton made a motion to adjust the original request and purchase two of the long arm staplers for \$70.98 plus tax (35.48 per stapler); Michael Shea seconded the adjusted request.
 - MOTION PASSED
- The 1st Grade Teachers requested \$265 plus tax for the new section of 1st grade to purchase the supplies to teach the Secret Stories and sound sacks to store the materials in their classroom.
 - Amber Swenson made a motion to approve the request; Michael Shea seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- Amber Swenson, 5th grade teacher, requested \$100 for snacks to have on hand for students in the 5th grade classrooms in need during snack time.
 - Ashley Enkelaar made a motion to approve the request; Chelsi Martian seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- Kaila Horning, 2nd grade teacher, requested \$46.21 for a rolling cart to be used in her classroom to help organize and easily move guided reading books and iPads.
 - Amber Swenson made a motion to approve the request; Michelle O'berg seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- Kaila Horning, 2nd grade teacher, requested \$355.44 for supplies for all 2nd grader students to make a gift for someone special. The price includes boxes of ornaments, ribbons, twine, tissue paper, and small gift bags.
 - Lora Stebleton made a motion to approve the request; Chelsi Martian seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED

Popcorn Party Drawing:

- Harper S. from Mrs. Olson's class
- Harrison E. from Mrs. Kranz's class

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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