

Independence PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023

Attendance: Ashley Enkelaar, Nancy Daly, Michael Shea, Heather Schaff, Lora Stebleton, Chelsi Martian, Becky Bahe, John Holten, Jill Swenson, Kristin Laney, Tennille Altepeter, James Moe

Meeting was called to order by Chelsi Martian at 7:03 p.m.

Ashley Enkelaar made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes; Becky Bahe seconded.
MOTION PASSED.

Guest Speakers:

- 4th Grade Teachers: Kristen Laney and Tennille Altepeter
- The students are currently working on measuring and naming angles in math.
- In ELA, the students are just starting the North Dakota unit. They will learn about the culture, climate, geography, and economy of North Dakota.
- In writing, the 4th graders are learning to pull text evidence to help show what the author is claiming in opinion writing.

Principal:

- Last week, consultants from WestED visited Independence (as well as other schools in the district) to assess how personalized learning is going throughout the West Fargo school district.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 13th & 14th.
- The 5th grade ski trip will be this coming Friday, February 17th.
- The NDSA Testing Window (3rd through 5th grades) starts March 13th through May 4th.
- The 3rd Grade Music Program will take place on Friday, February 24th.

Presidents:

- Upcoming Events:
 - The next Papa Murphy's Pizza Night will be Thursday, February 16th
 - The Family Dance Night will be Thursday, March 2nd from 6:00-7:30 pm
 - This is a new date to accommodate schedules for teachers
- The new popcorn machine is here and popcorn parties have returned.

Treasurer:

- Deposits were made from Papa Murphy's dine to donate and Skate City nights.
- Charges came through from the state of North Dakota for the filing fee of the PTO's Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report, concession supplies, popcorn machine mailing fees, and The Lights ice rink rental for our family skate night.

New Business:

- The 4th grade teachers had updated funds information for their annual Day of Compassion. The price was previously \$1,800 and has increased to \$2,000. Approximately 90 t-shirts will be ordered at a rate of \$5 per shirt, and roughly 20 student volunteers will be provided lunch at a rate of \$2.45 per student.
 - This information was provided to the PTO as an update. No vote is necessary since we have a line item for this recurring expense.
- Michael Shea, principal, requested up to \$200 for snacks for all 3rd through 5th grade students to have during their NDSA Testing periods.
 - Becky Bahe made a motion to approve the request; Jill Swenson seconded.
 - MOTION PASSED
- Tricia Bearinger, library media specialist, submitted updated funds information for the battle of the books t-shirts for students. \$272.12 was used to purchase 46 t-shirts for students that participated in Battle of the Books this year.
 - This information was provided to the PTO as an update. No vote is necessary since we have a line item for this recurring expense.

Popcorn Party Drawing:

- Isaac H. from Mrs. Stangeland's class
- Eva S. from Mr. Leitheiser's class
- Clayton B. from Mrs. Swenson's class

Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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