

Irving Elementary PTO Meeting

01/07/2019 – 7:00pm

Board Members: Danielle Burrows – President, Jason Cross – Vice President,
Stacia Kleene – Treasurer, Jill Whitson – Secretary, Natalie Metzger – Member At-Large

Welcome

PTO President Danielle Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, 16 people attended.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Danielle Burrows presented the November 2018 PTO Meeting Minutes. Susan Krisko made a motion to approve the November Meeting Minutes and Brad Green seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Stacia Kleene handed out the budget report. We received an additional \$350 from Hy-Vee for receipts and \$647 from Box tops. The supplies that PTO approved last year (i.e. cafeteria storage bins, refrigerator) has been purchased. Susan Krisko made a motion to approve the budget and Jolene Crouse seconded the motion.

Principals Report

Mr. Morris reported the Year Round calendar has been created and approved by the School Board. The schedule is slightly different from past years with have the two weeks after Christmas off and the two weeks after Spring Break off.

The next SIAC meeting is January 21, 2019 at 5:45pm at the new District Administration building. Please bring any concerns to this meeting.

STEAM Day was a huge success. There were five centers that students rotated through, created by teachers and district staff. The teachers and staff are thinking of holding a STEAM Day every year. Thank you to the PTO who donated \$500 to this event.

The end of the 2nd quarter is Friday. For 2nd quarter, grades will be online through Power School. The deadline for teachers to have grades in Power School is January 18.

Fall Fundraiser

Danielle Burrows stated that we are still are still receiving donations, but we are currently at just under \$14,000. The classroom winners were announced on December 21, 2018. For the amount of money raised, Mrs. Halterman's class got 1st place and Mr. Bandy's class was 2nd. For the amount of class participation, Mrs. Ackelson's was in 1st place and Mrs. Halterman's class came in 2nd. Mrs. Halterman's class won the movie party. For those students who earned prizes: the t-shirts have been ordered, magnets are here and they will all go out in February. Student Ava Banks was the winner of the Nintendo Switch. Feedback for future fundraisers would be appreciated.

Recap on Purchases

The new refrigerator was delivered and the old one removed. The kitchen has purchased their containers. The teachers are already utilizing the radios purchased through the Fall Fundraiser. Teachers have been purchasing items for their classrooms with the \$100 the PTO donated to them; feedback from the teachers has been positive and very appreciative.

Pancake Supper

Tara Rehmeier shared that we had 370 plates sold which is an increase of about 70 plates from past years. The Library sold over \$10,000 worth and \$4,000 of that was on the Pancake Supper night. This is

not a fundraiser for Irving; however, we did make \$204, which is being donated to the Irving library to purchase new books. Moving forward it was suggested that we do not ask for juice box donations, rather monetary donations so that we can have the same brand/flavor of juice boxes. Leftover water was used for the Pancake Supper.

Hospitality

Susan Krisko reported that we gave out gift cards to 47 staff members for Christmas. Parents donated the snacks. We will be asking parents to donate items for Spring Conferences for the evening of February 12, 2019.

MDA Coin Drive

Danielle Burrows announced that the MDA Coin Drive would take place after Spring Break.

Buddy Benches

Danielle Burrows and Rusti Woods shared that the Girls Scouts are working to get a Buddy Bench at Irving. A buddy bench is an idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. If a student feels they need someone to talk to or play with on the playground they can choose to sit on the buddy bench. The hope is that other students will see them and go ask if they want to play! Girl Scouts are collecting plastic lids to be melted and formed into a buddy bench. They need 250 pounds to make one buddy bench.

Yearbook

The fifth graders voted on a cover for this year. Order forms are being sent out this week and are due the beginning of March. You can also order yearbooks online. They will be \$15 per yearbook. If you have pictures you would like to share please e-mail them to the Yearbook Volunteers.

Purple Palooza

Planning has started and donation letters were sent out in December to over 100 businesses. We have received some donations already, but if you have someone you would like the Purple Palooza Committee to reach out to, please contact Danielle Burrows. The committee is looking for any type of donation, money or gift cards to businesses. Purple Palooza will take place on March 8, 2019 at the Indianola High School. There will be punch cards again this year.

Open to Committee Leaders

Lisa Anderson reported that the teachers would like to hold a STEAM Day in the spring, perhaps around Earth Day. She would like PTO to think about saving money for this event, an idea would be to plant two trees on the playground.

Mrs. Metzger's class had their Board Game celebration from winning the Box Tops Contest. There will be another contest in February.

The next meeting is February 4, 2019 at 7pm.