

Irving Elementary PTO Meeting 02/04/2019 – 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, 12 people attended.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Danielle Burrows presented the January 2019 PTO Meeting Minutes. Susan Krisko made a motion to approve the January Meeting Minutes and Jolene Crouse seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Stacia Kleene handed out the budget report and noted that the hospitality budget has been corrected from the previous report. Susan Krisko made a motion to approve the budget and Jolene Crouse seconded the motion.

Principals Report

Mr. Morris reported that next week are Parent Teacher Conferences.

As a district, we are moving to a new state assessment for 3rd-5th grade. Lead teachers are attending trainings and will come back and train the 3rd-5th grade staff. The new assessment will be electronic, students will be practicing in March and take the assessment in April. This will cover math, reading and for fifth graders science.

Box Top Fundraiser

Jessica Flatt stated that there would be a Box Top Contest from February 8-22. Classroom prizes are yet to be determined.

Purple Palooza

Purple Palooza will take place on March 8, 2019 at the Indianola High School. The planning committee has started receiving donations, however they are still collecting donation, therefore if you have someone you would like the Purple Palooza Committee to reach out to, please contact Danielle Burrows. A sign-up sheet was passed around for basket assembly on March 3, 2019.

Hospitality

Susan Krisko reported that a Sign-Up Genius was e-mailed out requesting donations for Parent Teacher Conferences. PTO will be providing dinner on Tuesday night of conferences. There were still a few spots open if anyone is interested.

Buddy Benches

Danielle Burrows reported that at our last meeting it was mentioned that the Girl Scouts are collecting plastic lids/tops to build Buddy Benches for the Indianola Playgrounds. Each bench needs 250 pounds of plastic; the Girl Scouts currently have 65 pounds. An e-mail was sent out today requesting parents to donate their plastic lids/tops. Rusti Woods has volunteered to provide a tub/bin to put these items in at the school. Irving would like to have two buddy benches. I-town Customs has stated they would like to make a bench for Irving, and are requesting \$100 for materials. The idea is that I-town Customs would build the bench and then Miss Darsee and students could paint it. Susan Krisko made a motion to approve the \$100 request for materials and Jolene Crouse seconded the motion. No one opposed the request.

Open to Committee Leaders

The Irving Garden has four teachers that are interested in planting seeds indoors as part of their curriculum. The Irving Garden fund will be purchasing the seeds and soil.

Danielle Burrows has reached out to teachers asking what items are needed for the school. They have requested portable items for the playground – Danielle will ask for clarification on exactly what portable items are needed.

Jessica Flatt discussed Earth Day and the possibility of planting a tree. There is a grant through the DNR and Mr. Morris will meet with Bernie to determine if we want to pursue the grant. The grant covers the cost of the tree and mulch, Irving would be required to cover the cost of water. Currently Irving has several Ash trees.

A parent reached out and the business she works for is handing out STEM Grants. She would like to put Irving in the running. More details to come as they become available.

Fall Fundraiser t-shirts and magnets have gone home with the students. If you have any issues or did not receive yours, please contact Danielle Burrows. The Purple Palooza Passes will be handed out closer to Purple Palooza. Admission to Purple Palooza will get you as many activities as you want, the punch card passes will be for the food items. Admission fee is being determined this evening.

Positions for the PTO Board will be open for next year. If you are interested, please let one of the Board Members know.

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