

Irving Elementary PTO Meeting

03/04/2019 – 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 February Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Stacia Kleene handed out the budget report and noted that bins for the cafeteria had been purchased and that the report reflected Purple Palooza to date. Susan Krisko made a motion to approve the budget and Lisa Anderson seconded the motion.

Principals Report

Mr. Morris reported that the AEA provided a virtual reality lesson to the students using goggle headsets. The kids were engaged and he suggested that this may be a possible fundraiser. Mr. Morris stated that the AEA could present for the PTO in April. 30 goggle headsets would cost around \$10,000.

Mr. Morris stated a district-wide survey was distributed asking input for the make-up snow days. The options were a) add 12 minutes on to the end of the school day or b) remove the early out Wednesdays. The District has received several survey results back thus far and will make an announcement soon.

Box Top Fundraiser

Jessica Flatt stated that the Box Top Fundraiser classroom winner was Mrs. Kluver. Irving submitted a total of \$292.70. The next submission will be next school year.

Yearbook

Last day to order Yearbooks is Friday.

Purple Palooza

Purple Palooza will take place on March 8, 2019 at the Indianola High School. The baskets are assembled and on display in the library. Wine is not allowed in the baskets, due to being on school property but the high bidders will still get the wine. A flyer will be going home with students soon with more details on the event. A few changes this year: admission fee of \$10 per student for the first 2 students and \$5 per student after that will get students unlimited bouncy houses and face painting. Tickets can be purchased for glow sticks, donuts, pizza and beverages. In order to speed up the checkout process we will have 3 stations, that will be connected electronically. You may pay with cash, credit or by check. For students who raised enough money through the Fall Fundraiser, they will receive admission and tickets for each item.

MDA Coin Drive

Nichole Poindexter-Wilson reported that the week after spring break the MDA Coin Drive will take place. Each classroom will have a fundraising box. Prizes are yet to be determined and will need to be approved through Mr. Morris, food cannot be a prize and gift cards need to go through the district. Irving holds an MDA Coin Drive for our Irving Teacher Mr. Bandy, who had a child pass away from muscular dystrophy – this is a way for us to honor his son.

New purchases

The fifth graders will be heading to Pioneer Day at the Warren County Fairgrounds. For this experience in the past we have donated \$75 to the Warren County Historical Society. Danielle Burrows asked for approval for \$75 for the Warren County Historical Society, Tara Rehmeier made a motion to approve and Susan Krisko seconded the motion. All in favor – aye – Nay – 0.

Mrs. Theisen presented on a recent personal development workshop she took on how to utilize iPads in the classroom. One suggestion was to use the cameras. The current iPad cases are not sturdy enough for Kindergarten and 1st graders to use and she is requesting that PTO look at ordering stronger cases. IT was suggested that we talk to the District and see what type of case they recommend. Irving has 2 different iPad models so we will need different cases for each model. There are 13 iPads in each classroom. PTO will talk to the District and at the next meeting will share the results. Susan Krisko made a motion to approve up to \$2,000 for new iPad cases and Jolene Crouse seconded the motion.

Elections

There will be 2 open positions for the PTO Board new year: Secretary and President. If anyone is interested please reach out to a current Board Member. Elections will be at the April Board Meeting.

Open to Committee Leaders

The Irving Garden has 5 teachers that would like to grow seeds inside for their classrooms. Lisa Anderson will purchase the seed, trays, cups, soil, and grow lights to start the classroom gardens. Last year an individual donated vegetables to Irving and will do so again this year. It was mentioned that a field trip to the Simpson greenhouse may be beneficial for these classes.

Lisa Anderson also reported that the last 1/3 of the Irving Garden will be pollinator plants. We are hoping to receive a donation for those from Theisen's.

Jessica Flatt

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 followed up with last month's discussion regarding the DNR Kids for Trees Program. The 3rd grade classes will be planting 4 trees on the Irving school grounds: a Magnolia tree, a White Pine, a Hackberry, and Tulip tree. The grant will provide the trees, we will get the mulch through the city and Irving will provide the water. Planting the trees will take place in late April/early May.

Susan Krisko reported that the hospitality committee is working on teacher appreciation week.

Danielle Burrows reported that Mr. Bandy and Mrs. Halterman had their fundraiser party where they watched a movie and had snacks.

Susan Krisko mentioned that there will need to be a volunteer for the Back to School Bash next year. This is typically 5th grade parents.

The next meeting is April 8, 2019 at 7pm.