

Irving Elementary PTO Meeting
8/27/18 @ 7:00pm

PTO President Danielle Burrows called meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were 41 people in attendance including PTO board members.

Danielle Burrows introduced herself then asked the 2018-2019 PTO Board members and meeting attendees to introduce themselves as well.

Danielle Burrows presented the meeting minutes from the May 2018 PTO meeting. Jolene Crouse made a motion to approve the minutes and Jessi Johnson seconded the motion.

Treasurer Stacia Kleene presented the PTO Budget for the 2018-2019 school year. She mentioned that budget line items were added for the summer pool party, grass playground project, and Associates Week. Shayla Rabe made a motion to approve the budget and Jessi Johnson seconded the motion.

Mr. Morris gave the Principals Report. He said the year was off to a great start – the teachers got in earlier than expected with the construction, the custodians and PTO did a great job getting the school ready, and open house had a great turn out. He updated the group on this year's enrollment numbers: 76 Kindergarten, 76 First Grade, 53 Second Grade, 99 Third Grade, 82 Fourth Grade, and 78 Fifth Grade.

Danielle Burrows then announced the committee leaders for this year and each committee leader gave a quick update. Lisa Anderson with the Irving Garden sent around a volunteer sign-up sheet. She said all the produce from the Irving Garden has been going to Helping Hands. Susan Krisko is working with Jill Whitson on Hospitality for this year as its Susan's last year here. They already hosted a welcome back event for the teachers. They will send out Sign-Up Genius emails to coordinate 5-6 events for staff throughout the year. MDA Coin drive will now be led by Nichole Pointdexter-Wilson and will be held in March. Jaci Wetzler is doing Yearbook again this year and asked to get pictures throughout the year (instead of at the end). She will work with teachers to facilitate this, possibly through See Saw and/or Class DoJo. This year she is going to have the Fifth Graders vote on the cover; this will need to be done by October. Mrs. Metzger will be coordinating the supply closet. Purple Palooza still needs a coordinator – there are several volunteers to assist but a single lead is still needed. Contact PTO if interested! Jason will be the committee lead for the Irving Strong Fall Fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held in October and a new goal for this year is needed. An idea was mentioned for security cameras at the school. Please send any and all ideas to PTO! Tara Rehmeier explained the Pancake Supper to the group - that it is not a money-maker, but held to support the Book Fair. Mrs. Burris said this year they are using a new company this year – Follett -- and she is hopeful set-up will be much easier. Tara is looking for someone to shadow her as it is her last year here and Brad Green volunteered to do so. Jessica Flatt will be coordinating Box Tops. There are two major entries – one fall and one spring. She reminded the group to get the Box Tops app. Hy-Vee receipts will be coordinated by Bill and Shirley Sherwood (Jill Whitson's grandparents). Danielle Burrows updated the group on the Football concessions. She said the shifts will be easier this year and she will send out a sign up for volunteers. Mrs. Kampf and Mrs. Matsumara will be coordinating the Irving Cares program again this year. Last year, thirteen families were supported at the holidays. The tags will be available at the Pancake Supper or by contacting Mrs. Matsumara.

Danielle Burrows told the group that we had a great turn out for the pool party and it was great to see everyone during the summer.

There were 247 boxes of First Day of School Supplies ordered this year and the Cub Scouts helped deliver them before the open house. They had them delivered in record time! Mrs. Thiesen won the drawing for the \$50 gift card for her classroom.

Two banners were purchased from Studio Fusco for use at events. One is hanging outside the office and the other can be set up on a tripod.

Danielle Burrows reminded the group that Spirit Gear order forms are due back by Friday August 31.

Susan Krisko and Danielle Burrows updated the group on Back to School Bash to be held September 14. The Back to School Bash funding is utilized to send the Fifth Grade class to the annual Wesley Woods overnight trip, which will be held this year October 4-5. Attendees can purchase and print their own t-shirts at the event. Flyers will be sent out soon.

Danielle Burrows explained that Irving will be participating in Spirit Week this year and will have a float in the homecoming parade.

Mrs. Lullmann has agreed to continue the social media outreach campaign she started last year. She will post periodically on social media (Facebook and Instagram) about what is going on in classrooms and what Irving students are working on. It's a great way for the public, parents, family members, and the community to see what cool things are happening at Irving!

Danielle Burrows explained that the Monthly Squad contest has changed a bit this year. This year, there will be two drawings for teachers and one drawing for parents. Entries for the drawings are earned by volunteering at PTO events, attending PTO meetings, and volunteering in a classroom. Parents can use their entries for their child's teacher if they wish.

The PTO Secretary position needed filled. Danielle Burrows asked the group for any volunteers or nominations. Jill Whitson volunteered. There were no other volunteers or nominations so Jill Whitson is appointed Secretary of the 2018-2019 PTO Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 17, 2018 at 7pm.