

Irving Elementary PTO Meeting 10/08/2018 – 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, 21 people attended.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Danielle Burrows presented the September 2018 PTO Meeting Minutes. Shayla Rabe made a motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes and Jolene Crouse seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Stacia Kleene reported on the budget to date. She noted that there were a few miscellaneous items purchased for Homecoming Week festivities. Susan Krisko made a motion to approve the budget and Shayla Rabe seconded the motion.

Principals Report

Mr. Morris reported that the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) had their first meeting. They meet three times per year, with the next meeting on November 19 at 5:45pm in the Media Room at the High School. This is a district-wide focus and they would like to see more involvement from schools and parents.

October 26th will be the end of the first quarter and conferences will be the following week.

The School Board approved for a two-year approval of the year round education for Irving. The next step is to submit the application to the state by November 1, 2018. The state has until January 15, 2019 to respond to the District.

Irving received 13 iPads from the District. These will be located in the media center, and teachers/classes will have the ability to check them out on an as needed basis. Currently we have 2 students per 1 iPad. These additional iPads will allow for every student in a classroom to use in iPad when checked out. Mr. Morris would like to see a charging station for the iPads. The PTO Board will be purchasing a charging station for these new iPads.

Homecoming Week (September 27-28)

Danielle Burrows announced that everyone had a great time with Homecoming Week. The Indianola High School Cheerleaders were able to attend the school assembly. In addition, the students enjoyed watching the teachers play heads-up. Irving had 60-70 students participate in the Homecoming Parade, special thanks to everyone who helped.

Wesley Woods

Susan Krisko stated the event went well with no injuries. The money raised by the Back to School Bash paid for this event.

Football Concession

Danielle Burrows announced that we still had spots open to volunteer at the Indianola football concession stand on October 12 for both shifts 6:15pm – 8:15pm and 8:15pm until close. Volunteers have to be there the entire time and if we are unable to fill these spots then we will not be paid or will get a pay deduction. This raises \$350 for Irving.

Box Tops

Jessica Flatt announced that Irving is in the middle of their Fall Box Tops contest, with it ending on October 19. An email reminder will be e-mailed out next week.

Hospitality for Conferences

PTO will be providing dinner for the teachers on Monday, October 29 for conferences. This year will be a grab and go i.e. sandwiches, chips, desert etc., as many times the teachers do not have a lot of time to eat during conferences.

Spirit Store

At our last PTO meeting, we discussed opening an Irving store with Embark Inc. Danielle Burrows has met with Embark Inc. and they are creating an online store that will have several different shirt designs. Short sleeve shirts, long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts will all be available. The "Be Kind" shirt that was at the Back to School Bash will also be available, and all profits from this shirt go directly to the Irving Special Education Department. In addition, they will be offering a shirt designed by Ms. Darsee and all profits for this shirt will go directly to the Irving Specials Classes. The store will be open for a couple of weeks and then if there is interest it will re-open in the spring.

Teacher Allocation

Danielle Burrows announced that a vote was needed to allocate \$100 (including special classrooms) to each classroom to use in their classroom. There are around thirty classrooms equaling \$3,000. Teachers will do a purchase order and then PTO will pay the District. All in Favor: 21; Not in Favor: zero

Fall Fundraiser

Danielle Burrows stated that a survey went out to teachers regarding their needs for the Fall Fundraiser. In addition, teachers met with Officer Hawkins and voted that they would like 2-way radios in every classroom for safety reasons. These radios will aid in communication between the office, teachers, and classroom to classroom. Currently Irving has eleven, 2-way radios and each grade has one radio to share. The Fall Fundraiser will raise money for additional 2-way radios and if students raise additional funds, PTO will look at purchasing additional technology such as interactive white boards and a voice enhancing system. The cost of each radio is around \$250 and PTO will be ordering the same brand/model.

The fundraiser has started and PTO is doing daily and weekly drawings. The sooner people donate the more chance students have to win. In addition, the teachers have tickets they can give to students for items such as good behavior etc. These tickets will be placed into the daily and weekly drawings. The fundraiser will run through November 9.

Open to Committee Leaders

Lisa Anderson announced that she had two Simpson College nutrition students assist with tearing down the Irving Garden.

Jill Whitson announced that we received a check from Hy-Vee for \$350 and we are close to turning in another round of Hy-Vee receipts.

Danielle Burrows announced that there would be a Purple Palooza meeting following the PTO meeting.

The next meeting is November 12, 2018 at 7pm. Meeting closed at 7:23pm.