

PTO Meeting Minutes: April 2, 2019

Attendees: Kim Bauer, Colleen Bakker, Kristie Mattson, Jami Demuth, Ed Rogers, Lisa Sherard, Tabitha Lightfoot, Christina Hunt, Helen Royer, Kevin Royer, Heidi Hora, Kim Albers, Laura Montgomery, Michelle Langston, Chris Langston, Bird Gengler, Hollie Trenary, Linda Engel

Meeting called to order by Colleen Bakker.

March PTO meeting minutes approved.

Principal's Report:

Ed passed out a description of the new grading system with a comparison to the old grading scale.

Morning drop off continues to be monitored.

We can drop eight Raz Kids licenses which will cut approximately \$700 from the budget.

PTO can decide if they will continue to purchase the Movie Night license or it will go into the general school budget.

Writing journals for the following year will be in the school budget.

Children's Choice and Chorus medals will continue to be in the PTO budget. (However, when the new 5/6 school opens, the budget for this can be reduced.)

There will be two 2nd grade positions and one third grade position that will need to be filled for next year due to teacher retirement.

The next year's calendar of events is being worked on and will be forwarded to the PTO when it is complete for inclusion of PTO dates.

The new intermediate buildings were discussed, and plans were viewed from the Linn-Mar website. The schools will be sectioned into pods called "neighborhoods" and there will be a contest to name the schools.

Adding more time to conferences was discussed as some feel 20 minutes is too short of a time to meet with teachers. There was also discussion about including an overview presentation for interested parents on standardized testing and Lexile levels.

ISASP testing was discussed. This year will be the benchmark year with 3rd-5th grade being tested on reading and math. 5th grade will also be tested on Science. These tests will be given on the computer while the Writing component will be taken with pencil and paper.

Executive Team Nominations and Vote

Kevin Royer nominated himself for position of Co-Vice President. His nomination was confirmed by those present.

Committee Chairs

It was noted that next year we will need a new chair for the Fit and Fun Club.

Old Business

We had 13 donors for the March Blood Drive which was not enough to earn the \$250 grant for Westfield. There was discussion about whether to hold a blood drive next year or support other blood drives in the community or at other Linn-Mar schools.

Conference meals went well.

New Business

Staff Lunch will be a taco bar on May 5th. Two weeks prior, a sign-up sheet for volunteers will be sent out.

Hy-Vee receipt collection will take place this week. Please add up your receipts and make note of your child's teacher for proper credit. The class that brings in the most will receive a treat.

The Sock Hop is Friday, April 5th.

The Art Show and Chorus/Orchestra Concert will be held on April 25th. PTO will provide cookies.

Culver's Night is April 23rd.

Kernels Night is May 14th. The deadline to sign up is May 6th (online deadline is May 13th). There is a \$4 savings per ticket by signing up before the deadline.

Since there was not a dunk tank at the Back to School Bash, there was discussion about what to do with the approximately \$160 funds. It was decided that popsicles will be purchased for all students for the end of the school field days.

Officer's Report:

Current Checking Account Balance: \$14,095.82

The proposed budget for next year was reviewed line by line. The budget will be voted on at the next meeting. Writing journals will be purchased before June 1st so that they will be covered under this year's budget.

There was discussion about other venues for dine out nights/fundraisers including Marcos (pizza box decorating fundraiser), Hurt Donuts, Chipotle, and Kohls.

Meeting Adjourned.