

R. C. Lindsey PTO Minutes

February 7, 2020

- I. Call to Order, in attendance board members, Michelle Wiece, Katy Cullis, Lynn Barras, 11 members, and Mrs. Bellan
- II. Reading of the Minutes, motion to waive the reading of the January minutes by Misty Caudell, seconded by Genevieve Duxbury
- III. Teacher Requests - none
- IV. Principal's Update:
 1. The entire school will watch a film about anti-bullying and inclusiveness. Then a pledge to be kind and stand up for people who need help.
 2. Second event, Charlie, a locally recognized Special Olympian will come speak.
 3. Third event, tie-dye tube socks, to show we are all the same colors, but we are all different.
 4. Also trying to use the book The Wishing Tree for One Book One School event. Cannot use scholastic dollars, looking into how to pay for it.
 5. The Bookfair money (\$4700) has been used on new books going into the classrooms. Thank you everyone!
 6. MAP scores have been going well – strong results...very proud!
 7. PBIS has started. Stickers have gone home – kids are excited. Now, looking into end of the quarter party ideas.

V. Treasurer's Report-

1. Tax accounting fees invoice of \$500 (double the budgeted amount), reached out and found out that there was a discount due to Debbie doing the taxes in the past, minimum charge is \$500. Danna Geraci motioned to pay the \$500 and stay with the current accountant for the next year due to our history together and all the other changes. Seconded by Genevieve Duxbury. All (11) voted in favor. Katy will pay the \$500.
2. Restricted Funds – Noted in the bottom of the budget. Katy needs to confirm the original intent of the funds. She will look in past minutes and ask the prior Board. Some items accounted for; long term project (\$1500) related to pavilion, 2016. Maybe we can use for hooks or a sign. Teacher appreciate (\$250) never spent (from the PTO), 2017/2018. PTO can then use those funds for teacher appreciation. Thank you to Katy for researching these funds – so they can be used.
3. Becky Ohlson requested \$150 for PTO to provide juice and popcorn to the students while they watch the movie at school on March 16. Becky Ohlson made the motion for the funds, seconded by Sandy Kauzlaric. 11 voted in favor, passed!
4. Approval of the budget. Motion to approve the budget by Meg Minotas, seconded by Genevieve Duxbury.

VI. Old Business

1. Mrs. Palmer gift of \$100 gift card to John Palmer, she sent a nice thank you note – available if you would like to read.
2. Skating Party Jan 13 – strong turn out – kids love it and works on school nights.
3. Family Fun Book Bingo Jan 30, 6:30 – 8:00, - strong turnout, need more second place gifts for the kids. Use the microphone. Next year get more younger books.
4. Parent Teacher conferences (Feb 6) – left a goodie basket of snacks, appreciated
5. Bookfair update (ends Feb 8) – Still going on until, get an update a next meeting.

VII. New Business

1. Valentine Parties – Feb 13, 9:00 am, sugar cookies and jounce pouches.
2. Lunch with a Loved One – Feb 20 & 21, raffle baskets for each classroom, forms went home, look on email for form if you need one. Mrs. Clucus to send Sign-up genius link to get more volunteers.
3. PTO Family Bowling Night (3:00 – 5:00)– March 15** Forms will go home, Sunday 3-5, \$2 cheaper because 2 hours instead of 3. Fundraiser idea is to raffle off front row parking to First Grade Musical (or another busy event)
4. First Grade Musical – If anyone can help with costumes – email Mrs. Harrison, she needs help the day of the event.
5. Bookclub – Lunch Bunch started this week, 112 kids signed up (more than ever). Had to buy 12 more Mr. Henshaw books.

6. Merger plans for PTO update by Michelle. Westwood and Lindsey discussing future of PTO. Dr. Markwardt created subcommittees to get input on traditions, emotions. Danna and Michelle are on the subcommittee for PTO, to discuss 2020/2021 school year. Michelle will keep everyone informed. Not a lot of information right now. Michelle is prioritizing families, to make sure they have the opportunity to attend the school events (at both schools). Need to decide if one PTO or two separate PTOs for next year. Membership tool could be an issue, also PTO fees. All details will be discussed at meeting on Tuesday. Last week each PTO had to provide a list of all events and committees. Will keep everyone informed.

VIII. 2020/2021 Update, as per bylaws, February is when the nominating committee for the next school year is formed. Need three volunteers.

1. Meg Minotas
2. Genevieve Duxbury
3. Need one more – Michelle will send an email asking for more volunteer

IX. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Misty Caudill and seconded by Genevieve Duxbury.
Bye!