

PTO Meeting Minutes

January 17th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by Stacie Brown. Jennifer Knop motioned, and Tiffany Latter seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the December meeting. Minutes Approved.

Attendance:

Trisha Kocanda: Superintendent	Jennifer Knop: Treasurer
Aga Moach: School Board	Latoya Conners Gray: Secretary
Emily Loerakker: MS Principal	Amber Rychlik: Intermediate
Stacie Brown: President	Monica Trent: Yearbook
Elisabeth Reigle: Vice President - ES	Aimee Briggs: Communication
Tiffany Latter: Vice President – Lincoln	Amanda Monico: Middle School
Jen Arroyo: VP - IS	
Rosa Lopez-Wahington: VP - MS	

Reports:

President’s report by Stacie Brown

- 8th grade graduation pictures
- 8th grade dance committee mtg after this meeting
- Sweetheart dance planning
- Picked theme for teacher appreciation day

Vice President’s Report:

IS Report – Jen A. reporting: Valentine Day party host notified. Multiple classes without hosts. Bingo Night April 26th

ES Report – Elisabeth R. reporting: Valentine Day party host notified. Multiple classes without hosts or only one host. This Friday Parent University and Math night.

MS Report – Rosa W. Reporting: No report

Lincoln Report – Tiffany L. reporting: Valentine Day party host notified. Multiple classes without hosts

Treasurer’s Report:

Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 12/29/23	17,919.44
Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 12/29/23	87,181.34
Less: Committed Funds	69,654.29
Uncommitted Funds as of 12/29/23	<u>35,446.49</u>
Balance available for 2023/2024:	<u>35,446.49</u>

Principal's Report

Dr. Loerakkar reporting. Ensure kids have their winter gear. Retake for middle school picture is February 9th. Author visit March 22nd. The author is Jennifer Neilsen.

District and School Board Report:

Aga M. Reporting: – No update. Next meeting is January 29th.

Dr. Kocanda Reporting: Educational staff and parent meeting will meet monthly. A 10-year plan will be developed around October. January 29th board meeting. Jr. Hope Squad committee. Discussion on recruitment and retention efforts.

Transportation in a reliable manner is necessary and some decision needs to be made. Door to door service may not be able to be sustained. Attempting to make more efficient routes and shorter routes.

Teacher Reports:

ES/IS: Rychlik reporting: Thank you for the luncheon. Winter parties went off very well.

MS – Monico reporting: Thank you for the luncheon.

Committee Reports:

Art Awareness – People like the new structure.

Birthday Board – Going great.

Book Fairs – Proceeds back in scholastic dollars, was successful

Communications/Facebook – Trying to get emails out by 3pm on Thursday.

Cultural Arts – No Update

Fundraising –

- Panera– \$ 82.65
- Box Tops –\$ 137.00

Hospitality – Luncheon a success. Discussed teacher appreciation week.

Membership Toolkit – Going strong.

Picture Day/Yearbook – Collecting orders. Will need yearbook help in the future.

Room Parents – Valentine parties upcoming

Special Days/8th Grade Dance – Meeting after this meeting. The dance date is May 22, 2024.

Field Days – Need a Tent or shade, have a few jugs of ice-cold water for kids that forget water bottles, advertise for parents to bring extra pair of clothes

Spirit Wear – Kindergarten shirts offered in February, so parents have for the field trip in the fall.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

New Business:

Funding Request:

1. \$791.15 requested by Tiffany Martinelli for Secret Stories. It is a supplemental resource backed in brain research to help students identify tricky patterns in words. Mrs. Martinelli purchased a classroom kit and is seeing the students' making connections in reading and writing. This will provide class kits and flashcards for four other classrooms.

Motion made to approve by Jen A. Motion seconded by Elizabeth. Motion approved.

Adjournment: 6:28 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Jen K, seconded by Tiffany L. Motion approved.

PTO minutes submitted by: Latoya Conners Gray, Secretary