



## **Irving Park Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes**

March 15, 2022

7:30 AM

### **Welcome and introductions - Jenny Sherouse, PTA President**

- Laura Collie, PTA Vice President & Events
- Julia Wehmeyer, PTA Secretary & Grounds Committee

### **Approval Of Minutes**

- January Minutes are on IPE website: <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/79346> (no meeting in February).

### **Staff Reports**

- **Ms. Woodall:**
  - Each grade level has a group of students participating in the "clean up crew". Each grade takes a turn once a month keeping the grounds clean and picking up litter.
  - Over 200 families were served over the Christmas holiday thanks to the generosity of IPE families.
  - Donations are needed for shorts/pants of all sizes. Drop off for Ms. Woodall.

### **Recent Events**

- Week of Love - February 7-11
  - Raised over \$350 from Candy Grams

### **Committee Updates**

- **All Hands On Deck - April 4-8, 2022**
  - Folders went home with students on Monday, 3/14.
  - Will be a virtual opportunity (like last year) and will conclude with the walk-a-thon on Friday, April 8, by grade level. Parents are encouraged to attend! More details as the event draws near.



- **Kindergarten Open House - April 7, 2022**
  - Rising Kindergarten and their parents are invited to visit and tour the school. This is the first open house since March 2020.
  - Spread the word about our amazing school and invite those you know to attend with their Kindergartners!
  - We will also host rising Kinder playdates at the school during the summer. Dates TBD.
- **Fun Day - May 6, 2022**
  - This is an evening event for students and families at the school. There will be games, a DJ, food trucks, etc. Volunteer sign-up will be coming!
- **Grounds**
  - Spring clean-up day is **SUNDAY, April 3, 2022 from 10 AM - 2 PM**
    - Keep your eyes on DOJO, email and social media to sign up.
  - Remind your kids to use trash cans at school. If you have time on the weekends or after school, please help with litter pick up.
- **Teacher Appreciation**
  - Lunch Wednesday, 3/16.
  - Trying to do something once/month.
- **Yearbooks**
  - Candid photos are needed. Dropbox info to come. If you have any from Dojo or PTA events, please upload to dropbox when the link is ready.
- **School Store**
  - **Opening mid-May**

#### **Volunteer Needs**

- ***Make sure you have completed the background check to volunteer:***
  - <https://www.gcsvolunteers.com/?fbclid=IwAR24mZk6dM2ko2bvWGVG-oh8kJfmExKFSHmSEFSQzCnRRqDTj7YloLWakWk>
- **Spring Dance**
  - Spring dance is Friday, April 8, 2022 in the evening. Exact times for each grade group will be announced soon. K-2 are in one group and grades 3-5 in another.
  - Music, DJ, Photobooth spot, snacks
  - **Volunteers (2-3) are needed** to run point on the event...including set up and clean up, decor, as well as stay the entire dance.



- **Duty Free Lunch:** Monitor lunch on Fridays to give teachers a break. Sign-up [here](#).

### **Board Members 2022-2023 School Year**

- If you'd like to be involved on the PTA board, please let Jenny Sherouse know. We will be looking for folks to transition in and take a bigger role for the next school year. The current board will still be in place to support the transition and onboarding process. We will hold a special interest event in the coming weeks.
- We especially need someone for the Treasurer role because no person can serve more than 2 years in a row.

### **Budget - Jenny Sherouse**

1. Still have only spent 35% of the money we budgeted to spend so far this year (mostly because of Covid). Remember our goal at the beginning of the year was to leave ourselves \$10,000 instead of sitting on all of the money.

Some categories where we are WAY behind:

- teachers and specialists haven't done their class reimbursements
- \$2,500 left for curriculum enhancement
- \$2,000 4th/5th grade production
- \$1500 for outdoor enrichment
- \$3,000 for student enrichment

### **2. Recent purchases:**

- \$200 for an anti-bullying play to be broadcast school wide in April
- \$\$\$ more teacher appreciation in the works
- \$6,400 6 polywood, hexagon picnic tables for the front. Funded mostly with the leftover FoIPE money. PTA covered about \$500 of the purchase, but the tables will not be here until August. We would like to fundraise to purchase 6 additional tables for the back playground area (could easily be covered by "All Hands on Deck").
- Treasurer recommends we go ahead and purchase 6 more tables NOW and fundraise what we can to pay ourselves back during spirit week so that all tables arrive before school starts in the fall. If we wait until after All Hands on Deck to order, the additional tables likely will not arrive until October. We also have lots of funds to reallocate in the event we miss the mark.

## **II. Revenue**

### **1. Recap of recent fundraising**

- Book Fair raised \$1,500
- Candy Grams raised \$357 (a more than 300% increase over last year)



- Soccer team will be making a donation (\$500) to use the school grounds

**Upcoming Events - Save the Date!**

- Grounds Spring Clean-Up Day: Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 10 AM - 2 PM
- All Hands on Deck: April 4-8, 2022
- Kindergarten Open House: April 7, 2022
- Spring Dance: April 8, 2022
- School Store: will open the month of May
- Fun Day: May 6, 2022

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 12, 2022 at 2:30 PM**