

Independence PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025 *Last meeting*

Attendance: Kaye Fischer, Courtney Rinkenberger, Emily Gerde, Lora Stebleton, Anna Wischer, William Wischer, Jessica Offerman, Allison Hilde, Karlie Hoehn, and Courtney Lehpisto

Meeting was called to order by Lora Stebleton at 6:03pm.

Motion to approve February meeting minutes Jessica O.; Courtney L. seconded. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting Timeline

Introductions

Kaye Fischer - Principal

- 8 days left!
- Last couple weeks will be busy, but fun
- Field Trips to be finished off
 - Bowling (3rd Graders)
 - Skyzone (2nd Graders)
 - Zoo (1st Graders)
- Teacher appreciation was well received - must appreciated by staff!
- Student Council would like to join in PTO meetings next year
 - We will set this up in August
- We'd also like to have kids join in the Grade Spotlight to help present with teachers next year

Lora Stebleton - President

- By-Laws updated
 - Motion to approve Courtney R.; Kaye F. seconded **MOTION PASSED**
 - Teacher Appreciation Breakdown
 - Monday - bagels, Tuesday - wrapped snacks, Wednesday - Yogurt Parfait & Pastries, Thursday - Pizza, and Friday - Teas
 - wrapped snacks definitely worked the best and was preferred
 - Little bit of a pizza snafu, but overall went well. There were leftovers, but they were used by the staff the next day for lunch
 - 57 notes of appreciation went out!
 - Most teachers filled out the Favorite Lists (PDF + Excel) and were sent out to families
- Received an email regarding the upgraded policy for Code of Conduct/Behavior
 - Will be coming soon for feedback
 - May 12 - May 30
- Last year as president and PTO member (moving off to middle school)
 - Thanks for all the hard work and great things you did for our school!! We will miss you!!

Courtney Rinkenberger - Vice President

- Yearbooks were delivered last week
 - Announcement will go out Thursday May 15th for yearbook purchases
 - only 17 left
 - Add to announcement a reminder that all 5th Graders WILL receive a yearbook
 - Student Council will come and help put labels on purchased yearbooks to be distributed early next week
- End of Year Event is ready to go
 - 6p-7:30p
 - Games to Go has confirmed
 - set up Tuesday May 20th, evening
 - 3 of 10 volunteers so far, should fill up
 - Nothing new to purchase; sell leftover candy and other concessions from the year

Anna Wischer - Treasurer

- YTD budget is looking good
 - end with about \$15k
 - Money to come out yet:
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Skyzone
 - Deposit Slim Chickens and Skate City checks
 - Sitting good for the start of next year
 - approx \$4k-\$5k for folders, tshirts, Walk-a-thon, etc
- Kaye brought up the fact there is actually a School Account to help with Field Trip (new this year)
 - busses for Sky Trip will be paid with this

Emily Gerde - Secretary

- Nothing to report

New Business

- Fund Requests
 - 5th Grader Teachers
 - Dominos Pizza Party for an “End of Elementary” Party
 - all 5th graders will get together and celebrate with pizza lunch
 - approximately 22 pizzas; will check with Victor (our Dominos contact) to see what we can get - 1 large for \$7 seems to be what we’ve been offered before
 - Cookies and Chips from Costco; kids will bring their own water bottles
 - Wednesday May 21st
 - Motion to approve up to \$350 Lora S./Kaye F. seconded. **MOTION PASSED**
- Voted for next years PTO Board - 2025-2026. Members were as follows:
 - President: Courtney Rinkenberger
 - Vice President/President Elect: Emily Gerde
 - Secretary: Jessica Offerman
 - Treasurer: Anna Wischer
 - Director #1: Kristi Blanc
 - Director #2: William Wischer
- Will need to remove Lora Stebleton from the PTO Bank Account as a signer.
 - Add Emily Gerde and Jessica Offerman as signers
 - Each will need a PTO card

Popcorn Party Drawing:

- Owen Gerde - Mrs. Trowbridge Kindergarten
- Allison Hilde's 5th Grade class

PTO End of Year Celebration to continue after meeting!

Adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Courtney L.; Jessica O. seconded **MOTION PASSED**

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