

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Stacie Brown.

Christie Johnson motioned and Sue Lee seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the September meeting.

Attendance:

Stacie Brown: President

Audrey Dzhurov: Assistant Principal ES

Sue Lee: Vice President - ES

Laura McCarthy: ES Teacher Rep

Janelle Martinez: Vice President - Lincoln

Andrea Poglaren: MS Teacher Rep

Christie Johnson: Treasurer

Karen Erickson: IS Teacher Rep

Jennifer Knop: Secretary

Bari Dacks: Fundraising

Reports:

President's Report: Stacie Brown reported.

Second round of PTO T-shirts have been ordered for PTO board and teachers; they should be in next week.

Back to School event 9/21 – Thanks to Bari Dacks for a great event.

Spooktacular is later this month. November event will be a Reading Rally in conjunction with the Book Fair. December event will be a Break Dance before the winter break on December 14th in the Middle School gym. Planning to have the DJ from the back to school event as well as food and maybe a flash mob dance with teachers and administrators.

Vice President Reports:

Middle School: No report

Intermediate School: Jen Arroyo reported. Every classroom except one has a room parent. All information about room parents has gone out to teachers. November's Reading Rally will be hosted in the Intermediate School building. More than 18 teachers have signed up to read a story. There will be three 15-minute sessions. The Book Fair will have extra hours to accommodate the families attending the event.

Elementary School: Sue Lee reported. All spots have been filled for the Elementary School parties except for two. Checks went home yesterday. The list will go out to all the teachers once the last two spots have been filled.

Lincoln: Janelle Martinez reported. One class did not have a volunteer, however, that class will be joining with another one for parties. November 9 there will be a parent coffee.

Treasurer's Report: Christie Johnson reported. The last account at Harris bank has been closed (after this report was generated). While it looks like we're short, we are in good shape. We should have the check from school supplies later this month. However, it looks like the check won't be as big as anticipated.

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| Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 9/30/18 | \$ 7,359.88 |
| Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 9/30/18 | \$25,050.39 |
| Harris Checking Balance as of 9/30/18 | \$14,829.67 |
| Less: Committed Funds | \$55,995.47 |
| Uncommitted Funds as of 10/17/18 | \$(8,755.53) |
| Balance available for 2018/2019: | \$(8,755.53) |

Principal's Report: Audrey Dzhurov reported.

Please remember to dress students in layers. Temps change throughout the day and they go outside as much as possible.

Lincoln: Halloween parties will be on 10/31. Parent coffee will be November 9.

ES/IS: Halloween parties will be on 10/31. AM Kindergarten will be at 9:30, all other classes will be at 2:00. November 9 will be an early release day.

MS: Dance on 10/26 at Carl Sandburg from 6:30-8:30 pm. Elyssa's mission event on 11/1 from 6:30-8:00 pm at MS. This will focus on suicide prevention/identifying depression in students.

Superintendent's Report: Representative not present. Fremont School District 79's Board of Education is a 2018 recipient of the School Board Governance Recognition as presented by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB).

Teacher Reports:

ES: Laura McCarthy reported. Spirit wear delivered. Thanks for the retake pictures. Family PTO events have been really fun and invigorating for building the community.

IS: Karen Erickson reported. Thank you for the T-shirts. Looking forward to the Halloween parties.

MS: No report.

Committee Chair Reports:

Art Awareness – no report

Birthday Board – No report.

Book Fair – Christie Johnson reported. Dates are set. This year we are looking into taking more credit versus cash back so teachers will be able to have more choices. As some of the funds are promised or used elsewhere, we will have to look at what that ratio will be though.

Box Tops – Janelle Martinez reported. Contest ends Friday. Keep clipping and turn in for the Spring contest.

Communications – Jen Knop reported. Thanks for posting flyers and getting information you want publicized turned in.

Cultural Arts – Christie Johnson reported. The Pro-Kids show assemblies have been booked for April 3-4 in the ES/IS. There will not be an evening event due to cost. The boy from “Wonder” goes to Libertyville High School. He does speaking engagements and will be coming to the IS November 27 for two assemblies.

Fundraising – Bari Dacks reported. The Portillo’s dine and share event raised \$488. Next dine and share will be at Slyce on November 6 from 4-9 pm. There is also a Wolves game fundraiser going on currently. And the Holiday Boutique event in December will need volunteers the night before for set up and afterwards for breaking down.

Hospitality – No report.

Buzz Book: Stacie Brown reported. The Buzz Book is in the appropriate hands for approval. Tried to get as many parents fill out the google form as possible (had about 50%). The other 50% were emailed the form if we had an email address for them. Those without an email listed were called. There will likely be some upset calls from parents that were not included, however, we did the best we could to reach as many as possible. Next year every parent will be responsible for putting their information into the app.

Picture Day/Yearbook – Bari Dacks reported. Retakes will be on Friday. Everyone’s folders have been created in Treering so that parents can start uploading pictures from events and parties.

8th Grade Dance – no report

Spooktacular –No report.

Field Day – no report

Spirit Wear – Christie Johnson reported. Ten boxes were delivered today and distributed. All should go home tomorrow. It was a successful sale. The holiday sale will run 11/2-11/14 with delivery the week of 12/20. There will be another sale in March.

Music – no report.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Funding request - \$1000 requested by Andrea Poglaren to provided financial assistance if needed for some middle school students to attend the DC trip. Will know how much is needed by January 2019. Funds may not be used if there is no need. *Only \$333.34 needs approval, \$666.66 will come out of the scholarship budget. Sue Lee motioned to approve. Christie Johnson seconded. Request approved.

Funding request - \$349.65 requested by Andrea Poglaren, Joan Shanahan and Kathy Kathy Cahill to purchase 35 selfie sticks to work with our Google Expeditions. This will allow Fremont to offer Augmented Reality app to use for multiple grades and curricular areas. The sticks would work in conjunction with our devices for virtual reality. Christie Johnson motioned to approve. Jen Arroyo seconded. Request approved.

Funding request - \$487.35 requested by Meghan Steinsdoerfer to purchase a whiteboard table. In math, students are asked to prove their thinking through pictures or written symbols. A whiteboard table would allow students to draw or write to solve math problems without wasting valuable learning time to gather the materials needed (whiteboards, counters, markers, etc). It would be used by approximately 25 students receiving math intervention. Jen Knop motioned to approve. Christie Johnson seconded. Request approved.

Funding request - \$850 requested by Laura McCarthy for the subscription to Scholastic New Magazine. It will benefit 9 classrooms, about 225 students. The weekly subscription will support our current curriculum including science, social studies, second step and introduce current events to first graders. Students will also use this again for Daily 5 to keep in book bins for reading nonfiction material. Sue Lee motioned to approve. Jen Arroyo seconded. Request approved.

Raffle winner for this meeting – Laura McCarthy.

Adjournment: 7:16 pm. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Stacie Brown, seconded by Jen Knop.

PTO minutes submitted by: Jennifer Knop