

## PTO Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Stacie Brown.

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

### Attendance:

Stacie Brown: President

Gina Ney: MS Teacher Rep

Sue Lee: Vice President - ES

Karen Erickson: IS Teacher Rep

Christie Johnson: Treasurer

Mike Jandes: School Board

Jennifer Knop: Secretary

Bari Dacks: Fundraising

Traci Strieter: Asst Principal IS

### Reports:

**President's Report:** Stacie Brown reported. Working on a yoga event and a Sweetheart dance, but we are having some custodial/logistical issues. Rachel Glogofsky is spearheading the Sweetheart dance. Also working on a March Madness event with Mr. Bonner – coordinating a teacher basketball game that kids would wear their class shirts to come and support their teachers.

### Vice President Reports:

Middle School: No report.

Intermediate School: Jen Arroyo reported via email. IS is ready for winter parties tomorrow! Thank you to all the Party Hosts and Room Parents!

Elementary School: Sue Lee reported. January event, as mentioned above, will hopefully be a yoga event with the same instructor that will be visiting the IS Healthy Minds classes. Targeting either the 12<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of January for a Saturday, 11:30 family event. Cost to be determined. Would need volunteers to help set up and run the event. Tomorrow is the winter parties. Loads of fun in store!

Lincoln: Janelle Martinez reported. Looking forward to parties tomorrow.

**Treasurer's Report:** Christie Johnson reported.

Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 11/30/18      \$48,957.96

Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 11/30/18      \$24,991.50

Harris Checking Balance as of 11/30/18      \$0.00

Less: Committed Funds      \$60,633.04

Uncommitted Funds as of 12/16/18 \$13,316.42

Balance available for 2018/2019: \$13,316.42

**Principal's Report:** Traci Strieter reported. Thank you for the delicious luncheon last week. No school on Friday. MAP testing January 10<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> for all grades.

Lincoln - Thanks for help with winter party. Preschool screening will be January 10<sup>th</sup>.

ES/IS – Thank you to volunteers. Kindergarten registration will be Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow in January.

MS – Thank you for the luncheon. Pete's Diary assembly was amazing. Thank you for funding it.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

Mike Jandes reported. Board meeting was last Monday. The tax levy was approved. The school calendar for 2019-2020 was approved. Minutes haven't been posted yet, but once they have been, parents will be able to see the calendar. The start date for 2019-2020 will stay roughly the same as this year. From the survey that was conducted, 57% of parents and 51% of teachers wanted to keep it as is. Other changes include taking away the potential use of the February holidays for snow days, and teachers will be alternating full day/half day for institute days. Board meetings resume in January. There is a meeting on January 7. Board elections are April 2. There are six candidates running to fill three seats, including all three incumbents.

### **Teacher Reports:**

ES/IS: Karen Erickson reported. Thank you for luncheon. Looking forward to parties tomorrow and two weeks off. We'll be refreshed and ready to come back.

MS: Gina Ney reported. Thanks for thinking of us with the luncheon.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Art Awareness** – No reported.

**Birthday Board** – No report.

**Book Fair** – Kristy Tiritilli reported via email. This year's Book Fair grosses about \$20,000. We received \$4000 in cash and \$3000-4000 in Scholastic Dollars. These funds were split between books and makerspace supplies.

**Box Tops** – Janelle Martinez reported. Rewards from the first contest have been handed out. Pizza party was Friday. Still working on prizes for the next contest.

**Communications** – No report.

**Cultural Arts** – Christie Johnson reported. Pete's Diary was presented in the Intermediate school with very good feedback.

**Fundraising** – Bari Dacks reported. McAllister's dining event was held in early December. Wasn't the best attended, but still made \$75. Side Lots owner in Wauconda is a Fremont parent and has offered to

host a parent's night out after winter break. Already planning for another Panera fundraiser in February. January's fundraiser will be Lou Malnati's coupons – kids sell coupons for \$13 which can be redeemed at any location for a frozen pizza. PTO will receive \$5 back on each coupon sale.

Holiday Boutique didn't have strong attendance. Thinking about other options including timing, other activities at the same time/entertainment for kids, more signage around town. Market feels saturated with so many other organizations holding similar events at the same time. This year's profit was about \$1000.

Current fundraiser is through the holiday light show at the Lake County Fairgrounds. A percentage of each ticket sold that uses the FREMONT code will go back to the PTO.

**Hospitality** – Luncheons went well.

**Buzz Book:** No report

**Picture Day/Yearbook** – Leann Zanardo reported via email. All Composites have been approved and sent to CP. Two of the four schools have been uploaded to TreeRing. We will start the process of creating pages to be edited by the classroom representatives in hopes to have them ready to start collage pages the second week of January. We need a list of yearbook editors and e-mail address from Lincoln, Elementary and Intermediate Schools. VPs will touch base with room parents. January 25<sup>th</sup> is the date scheduled for Graduation photos. I would like to have two parent volunteers to help. Should be a maximum of a two hours at the beginning of the day.

**Rooms Parents** – no report

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** – no report.

**Spooktacular** – no report

**Field Day** – no report

**Spirit Wear** – Christie Johnson reported. Orders arrived a week early. All has been delivered and distributed. No complaints. All of the back orders also arrived last week. Everybody should have what they ordered. Next sale will be in March. It will likely have the same items as the holiday sale.

**Music** – no report.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:**

Funding Request - \$504.99 requested by the Kindergarten teachers for an igloo fort building set. They are asking for 5 sets to be shared throughout the team. There is a polar animals unit in kindergarten and this would be a great way to add to it. The students would be collaborating together to build an igloo. It would also be a great way to add STEM. There are reusable and could be used year after year. Christie Johnson motioned to approve. Jen Knop seconded. Request approved.

Funding Request - \$160.00 requested by Aileen Duffy for building classroom characters. It is a social emotional program developed by a Fremont ES special education teacher to help promote the social

emotional needs of students at Fremont Elementary. The actual 'Characters' are stuffed animal 'room mascots' that each represent social emotional qualities students need in order to succeed during their school day and be ready to learn. It would benefit 10-15 students K-2nd grade. The amount requested would go down to \$140 if we have 8 bags left from Spooktacular for them to use. Sue Lee motioned to approve. Christie Johnson seconded. Request approved.

Funding request - \$1,600 requested by Karen Erickson for a set of 30 mini Sphero robotic balls. These will allow students to learn about coding in a fun way. Coding is an important skill students need to explore. All IS students would benefit from these. The Sphero robotic balls she has now are approximately 3.5 years old and are starting to "die". Sue Lee motioned to approve. Christie Johnson seconded. Request approved.

Funding request - \$797.50 requested by Nick Wyatt for the Traveling Yogi, yoga instruction Erin O'Neal, to go through an age appropriate yoga session with all of the IS Healthy Minds students. Erin will instruct students through a 35-minute yoga session. The session will be a culminating activity at the end of each class' second rotation through Healthy Mind where students will be introduced to yoga as well as go through sequences that promote focus, calming down and being active. This will benefit all IS Healthy Minds students. Janelle Martinez motioned to approve. Christie Johnson seconded. Request approved.

Funding request - \$300.00 requested by Krista Winkelman for Elyssa's Mission. Fremont Middle School is implementing this suicide prevention program for all 763 MS students. Christie Johnson motioned to approve. Sue Lee seconded. Request approved.

Funding request - \$TBD requested by Krista Winkelman for the start-up of a 2019-2020 Wrestling Team for Fremont MS. Would the PTO be able to contribute to the start-up of a wrestling team? If yes, what would the approximate amount be? Dr. Bill wants the PTO's support to start a wrestling team next year at the middle school. Total cost is estimated between \$10,000-15,000. We haven't set a budget for next year yet, so it's tough to know what we could provide. More information is needed before we can vote on this topic.

**Adjournment:** 7:10 pm. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Stacie Brown, seconded by Sue Lee.

Raffle winner - Janelle Martinez.

PTO minutes submitted by: Jennifer Knop