

PTO Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Stacie Brown.

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

Attendance:

Stacie Brown: President

Nick Brilowski: PR, District

Sonja Kajohn: Vice President – MS

Shannon Heckman: MS

Sue Lee: Vice President – ES

Dana Gallup: Elementary School

Janelle Martinez: Vice President – PS

Gina Ney: Middle School

Jen Arroyo: Vice President – IS

Karen Erickson: Intermediate School

Jennifer Knop: Secretary

Susan Ryba: Hospitality

Reports:

President's Report: Stacie Brown reported. For those that missed the March Madness event, it was well attended. The emcees were fantastic. Great turnout and great donation to Fremont food pantry. Some of the proceeds from the concessions were donated to the Toubekis family to help in the aftermath of their recent house fire. Still trying to figure out specifics for a mother/son event.

Vice President Reports:

Middle School: no report.

Intermediate School: Jen Arroyo reported. The BINGO night event will be sponsored by both the PTO and the IS Student Council. The Student Council will be selling snacks such as candy bars, chips and water. Bring a donation for the Fremont Food Pantry for a free BINGO card. Additional cards are 50 cents each. The event will be held April 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The Student Council is also securing raffle prizes; so far they have gift cards from Dover Straits and Jewel.

Elementary School: Sue Lee reported. There were 31 attendees at the Yoga event on March 14th. The event raised about \$155, as the instructor donated her pay back to the PTO. Everyone had a great time.

Lincoln: no report.

Treasurer's Report: Christie Johnson reported.

Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 2/28/19	\$13,181.47
Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 2/28/19	\$58,996.09
Harris Checking Balance as of 2/28/19	0.00
Less: Committed Funds	\$48,520.00

Uncommitted Funds as of 3/18/19

\$23,657.56

Balance available for 2018/2019:

\$23,657.56

Principal's Report:

Shannon Heckman reported. Thanks for sponsoring the basketball event. Everyone had a great time! IAR testing starts April 2 for grades 3-8.

Lincoln - Registration for tuition-based preschool is now open at Lincoln.

ES/IS - The elementary school Art and Academic night is getting a new name and will be April 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

The intermediate school Art and Academic night is also getting a new name and will be April 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

MS – Thank you for the assembly today. It was wonderful and a great experience all around.

School Board Report:

Nick Brilowski reported. New partnership with Lake County Sherriff's office. At Monday's School Board meeting, all bids for ES renovations were approved. They will be doing a smaller version of the MS renovations – every classroom will be touched – new furniture, new paint.

Mike Jandes reported. School Board elections are on April 2. There are six candidates running for three open seats.

Teacher Reports:

ES: Dana Gallup reported. Art and Academic Night will be similar to the Reading Night held earlier in the school year. It will be dinosaur themed, with several 20-minute sessions. The full details are still being worked out.

IS: Karen Erickson reported. Thanks for the faculty basketball game! Everyone had a great time, and we were pleased with the turnout too. Art and Academic night will be a totally different format this year. The theme will be Community Kindness Night and parents will not be going into your child's classroom.

MS: Gina Ney reported. Thank you for the assemblies. The MS musical, *USO*, will be performed on April 12. The MS Student Council is doing a color splash run on May 10 at the ES. Only MS students are able to participate in the run.

Committee Chair Reports:

Art Awareness – No report.

Birthday Board – No report.

Book Fair – Starts April 12 and runs the entire week in the IS basement. This year it will only overlap with the IS Art and Academic/Community Kindness Night. There is an option through Scholastic to do

another Book Fair in May as a BOGO. We are going to try it out this year, but will not be publicizing until after the Spring Book Fair.

Box Tops – Janelle Martinez reported. The Spring contest raised about \$250. Mrs. Gust's class won for the top class, and Finn Rollinger won as the top individual. This was more successful than anticipated. Since we can't submit Box Tops again until November 1, we will likely wait and do a back to school event. If you get a Jewel token, you can redeem online for Fremont SD 79.

Communications/Facebook – Jennifer Knop reported. Looking for Communications help for next year.

Cultural Arts – Christie Johnson reported. Assembly for the IS will be on April 3. The ES assembly will be on April 4. This will be the Pro Kids Show – all about positivity and self-esteem. For the MS, we do Renaissance days for 6th grade, 8th grade is the Holocaust museum visit, and 7th grade also has a special day instead of an assembly.

Fundraising – Bari Dacks reported via email. Cards for cause was a big success this year. We sold a total of 68 boxes and our profit was \$884. Our next dine out fundraiser will be at Lucky's Burger in Mundelein on Tuesday, April 9th. They will donate 20% back to us from the sales of the day. We will have a flyer after Spring Break.

Sonja Kajohn reported. School Supply boxes will be done again. Finished approving the cost of all the kits and they range from about \$40-\$90; this is about the same as last year. They will all be shipped to the schools, but will be shipped on different days. She will also have flyers as well as yard signs and banners. These will go out after the Book Fair. There will still be an option to pick up at meet and greet as well as another time.

Hospitality – No report.

Membership/Welcome – Sonja Kajohn reported. Myschoolanywhere app is ready to go. There is flyer going up on the Facebook page. There will not be a printed Buzz Book next year, unless you do it personally. Instead there will be an app that you sign up for online. You will still need to pay your \$15 PTO membership fee. Once confirmed, you get an email confirmation with access. Each family will enter their own information. Teacher memberships will be slightly different. One thing to note is that the app will automatically upgrade the students – incoming kindergartners will automatically be moved up to first if entered before June 15. The app will eventually allow PTO to push information out to parents.

Picture Day/Yearbook – Janelle Martinez reported. All classroom page collages and customized pages should be finished by April 8. IS collage pages need to be completed by April 1. ES pages need to be completed by March 22. There is a lack of pictures for Lincoln and IS. Janelle has emailed teachers to remind parents. All pictures for the admin pages for each yearbook are still needed.

Rooms Parents – Sue Lee reported. Pictures uploaded from parties and class pages from school are done.

8th Grade Dance – Christie Johnson reported. Committees have been decided. Decorations committee has met, the theme is Blackout – but there isn't a name yet. The committee stopped by MHS' recent dance for ideas, but their budget was closer to \$10,000. Bizarre Entertainment will be the DJ again. Kim Wolf was contacting the DJs, some were outrageous, came down to two and decided to stick to Bizarre because of emcee and dancers and photo booth. The DJ can get a photo booth, however, they might get

one from elsewhere. Contract from Bizarre should be coming soon. Wheels are in motion – should be great for kids, and have areas with games, not just dancing.

Field Day – no report. Dates have not been set yet. Guessing at June 11 for ES and June 12 for IS.

Spirit Wear – Christie Johnson reported. Sales are now closed. We had about \$2300 in sales, not bad for a Spring sale. Should be coming in the week of April 15. Becky and Christie are stepping down for next year. Stacie and Bari will be taking over and are looking at another vendor.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Funding Request: \$650.00 requested by Emily Karl for 147 8th grade students. They have been studying WWII in SS and the Holocaust in LA. On May 2nd they will visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum as a culmination of study. This will give the students not on the Washington D.C. trip the opportunity to learn about this part of history. Cultural Arts is funding \$1,174, the remainder is being requested. Motion to approve by Sonja Kajohn; seconded by Christie Johnson. Request approved.

Funding Request: \$300.00 requested by Emily Loerakker for approximately 240 7th grade students. We will be utilizing the \$1875.15 for the 7th grade field trip. In addition, the team is requesting an additional \$300 to cover busing and other expenses as we take all 7th graders to the Libertyville Sports Complex on 6/11. Motion to approve by Sonja Kajohn; seconded by Jennifer Knop. Request approved.

Adjournment: 7: pm. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Christie Johnson, seconded by Susan Ryba.

Card winner is: Janelle Martinez.

PTO minutes submitted by: Jennifer Knop