

PTO Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019

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

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

Attendance:

Carol Bennett: Lincoln Principal	Christie Johnson: Treasurer
Nick Jandes: School Board	Jennifer Knop: Secretary
Stacie Brown: President	Karen Erickson: IS Teacher Representative
Janelle Martinez: Vice President - Lincoln	Mary Plucinski: Communications Chair
Sue Lee: Vice President – ES	Tami Trahan: Art Awareness Chair
Kristie Paul: Vice President – MS	Latoya Gray: Guest

Reports:

President's Report: Stacie Brown reported. Casino Night has many great donations – police departments, Northwestern, Fremont Middle School graduation seats. Mathnasium may sponsor a table. Kristie Paul recommended band concert tickets as well. Lots of other ideas floating around for both low cost school events and big-ticket item donations.

Vice President Reports:

Lincoln: Janelle Martinez reported. Parties are tomorrow. Opposite issue for a change, we have a lot of parent volunteers. It's really exciting to see!

Elementary School: Sue Lee reported. Parties are tomorrow. It's exciting, but parent volunteer participation seems down. Maybe because it's a Thursday? Every class does have at least one parent volunteer though.

Intermediate School: Jen Arroyo reported via email. Same as Elementary school.

Middle School: Kristie Paul reported. Successful book fair. Nice community service night – each grade level picked a different charity and families joined in and participated in the projects.

Treasurer's Report: Christie Johnson reported.

Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 11/29/19	\$15,822.60
Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 11/29/19	\$65,006.72
Less: Committed Funds	\$58,293.09
Uncommitted Funds as of 11/11/19	\$22,536.23
Balance available for 2019/2020:	\$22,536.23

Principal's Report: Carol Bennett reported. Thank you for the wonderful teacher luncheon. No school on Friday for Teacher Institute Day.

Lincoln - Classroom parties are tomorrow. Thank you for the book fair. It was nice to have them at all three schools this time.

ES/IS – Classroom parties are tomorrow. MAP testing is on January 8 and 9. ACCESS testing will begin in January.

MS – No update.

District and School Board Report: Mike Jandes reported. School board meeting was last Monday. There was a presentation on Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum and Standards Based Grading. There were also approvals for the 2019 Tax Levy, 2020-2021 School Calendar and the money transfer for the remaining CDB money for IS renovations taking place this summer. The Director of HR and Director of Student Services have been hired. Both will start July 1, 2020. The next meeting is January 6. That is a finance and facilities meeting that will be discussing the IS renovations. January 27 will be the next regular board meeting. For 2020-2021, the first day of school will be August 19th and the last day is June 2nd, pending any emergency day usage.

Nick Brilowski reported via email. Parents are being asked to complete the annual 5Essentials survey that was sent out last week. Reminders will be sent out again soon. The 2020-2021 school calendar was approved at Monday's board meeting and we plan on sending that out to everyone right after the winter break.

Teacher Reports:

ES: No report.

IS: Karen Erickson reported. Thank you for the book fair and the luncheon. We all enjoy that! Looking forward to parties tomorrow and two weeks off.

MS: No report.

Committee Chair Reports:

Art Awareness – Tammie Trahan reported. For the most part, parents have not been using the materials in the closet. To help, she has created some documents on how to do projects and what to do with the materials already available. They are trying to make sure parents aren't just turning in receipts and expecting repayment without checking supplies available first.

Birthday Board – Christie Johnson reported. No report. Lots of birthdays tomorrow thanks to the break.

Book Fair – Stacie Brown reported. The ES/IS Spring Book Fair will be held April 1-17. This will cover BINGO night and community service night. The Middle School will also have Spring dates, to be determined.

Box Tops – Janelle Martinez reported. Check should be coming in soon from the Fall contest. We are currently just about \$100 short of the yearly goal. For the Spring contest, we'll only do one class pizza party winner and one overall student winner.

Communications/Facebook – Mary Plucinski reported. Let me know if there's anything you want on the FB page or in emails.

Cultural Arts – No report.

Fundraising – Stacie Brown reported. Casino Night – teachers and staff have separate ticket prices. The Jimano's fundraiser night was pretty crowded and so likely did well. Next fundraiser will be Pura Vida bracelets for Valentine's Day. Share your Fremont love to spread your love to our community –proceeds from bracelet sales will be donated to the Fremont Township. Cost will be one bracelet for \$6 or 3 for \$15. Math Night is January 24th. There are already 81 families signed up for it. Mathnasium will come in and run the whole thing.

Hospitality – Stacie Brown reported. There were plenty of bakers for last event.

Membership Toolkit – Christie Johnson reported. A few registrations are still coming in, but there isn't really anything new to report. In January, she will revisit how to automatically move everyone up. Parents will still have to create accounts online.

Picture Day/Yearbook – Kristie Paul reported. Going well at the MS. Still waiting for pictures to be uploaded. Running a little behind schedule so far due to that.

Janelle Martinez reported – the room parent deadline for collage pages needs to be the same for all the schools. Make sure it's done sometime before Spring Break.

Rooms Parents – No report.

8th Grade Dance – Kristie Paul reported. First meeting for 8th grade dance will be in January. Stacey Begg may have found someone to chair this year's event.

Field Day – No report.

Spirit Wear – Stacie Brown reported. We've raised about \$3000 already so far this year. Last year's Spirit Wear brought in \$3400 over the entire year. The holiday sale made about \$900.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Funding requests:

1. \$503.47 requested by Sherri Goldstein and Megan Temple. The Juggling Club, in its 6th year, has added value to the Fremont learning environment. More than 300 Fremont MS students use Juggling Club props each academic year. No fee is charged for participation. Unfortunately, our props are now starting to show their age. We are respectfully seeking PTO support to replace worn and damaged props so students, staff and the community may continue to enjoy juggling for years to come. Motion made to approve by Tammie Trahan, seconded by Christie Johnson. Request approved.
2. \$1,169.28 requested by Suzanne Tomaschik for 10 Bee Bots, 1 Card Mat, 1 Docking Station, 1 Community Mat and 1 CVC Words Mat. Beginning coding robots to help teach sequencing, estimation, problem solving and teamwork. I currently have 2 Bee Bots and the students really enjoy programming them. I'd

like to do large, whole group lessons. Motion made to approve by Sue Lee, seconded by Tammie Trahan. Request approved.

Card winner is: Kristie Paul

Adjournment: 7:03 pm. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Christie Johnson, seconded by Janelle Martinez.

PTO minutes submitted by: Jennifer Knop