

Independence Elementary PTA Meeting Notes

1/4/18 6 pm

Board Members Present

Carla Buxton, President; Kerri Biesenkamp, VP; Colleen Jesko, Recording Secretary; Amanda Brunton, Coresponding Secretary; Brittany Enders, VP of Fundraising and Promotions

Absent - Melissa Hosack, Treasurer

Welcome – via Carla 6:08 pm

Treasurers Report - Balance \$24,023.12 as of 12-27-17

Approval of November meeting minutes – Ashley Franz and Rachel Woolsey

Committee Reports

-*Hanging of the Greens* (Carla Buxton)- was to happen 1-5-18 but school is now closed t weather. Will now occur, Tuesday, January 9th after school

-*Spelling Bee* (Carla Buxton) – January 25th, Thursday, Ashley Franz if can get sitter and Tammy Holland as well would be judges. Carla will post it on FB to get helpers.

-*Fundraising* (Brittany Enders) Zronni \$624. Will consider doing this fundraiser again, probably next year. 2 hoagie sale upcoming – January 24th to February 5th . Delivery on February 16th and then another one in April. This should be the last two fundraisers

Fill Your Freezer – 260 sold and paid for. 200 tickets out to PTA members not returned. 400 tickets out to students and not accounted for. 120 unsold in Camille's possession. Lottery Starts going off on January 15th.

Holiday Paint Night recap (Bree Malackanich) – made \$933.50. 63 people attended. Very successful. Talking about doing one in the spring 2018.

-*Author Night Recap* – Carla said Melissa did really well working on the Author night. Very fun and all enjoyed. 62 RSVP. Only cost \$123.00 Kids really enjoyed the evening and the interaction with the authors.

- *Fall Assembly* (Kerri Biesenkamp) – Looking for a chair to organize. Snapology went really well for the kids. This was previous Brain Show. Looking at possible Sky Dome. Kerri has email out to the guy for this. Taking suggestions...

- *Game Night* (Kerri Biesenkamp) – January 25th 6 to 7:30. Free event, families come to play board games together. Free popcorn and looking for donations for maybe other snacks. Flyer to come home soon. If you want to help, let Kerri know.

- *Book Fair* (Kerri Biesenkamp) Book fair is scheduled February 13, 15, 16th. Taking sign up for helpers! Won't have the teachers list until February 1st. Will pass helping list around next meeting.

-*The Giving Tree* done by Jenny Thieroff. Carla reports that Jenny brought it to her at the beginning of the year. Super cute idea to address the tree in the lobby. All

teachers got at least their first three ornaments, and perhaps more. Learning support teachers then put ornaments on. Will look at starting it at the beginning of each year.

- *Yearbook* (Colleen Jesko) – Please upload your pictures. Will be sending out flyer to 4th grade parents to upload or send in baby pics along with purchasing “send off” notes. Still on sale.

- *Dance* (Colleen Jesko) hosted by the 3rd grade. 3:30 to 6:00 book fair will be open. Permission slips will need to be returned. February 16th

- *Science Extravaganza* (Colleen Jesko) April 6th

- *Santas Workshop* (Tammy Holland) – Went well. The vendor sold \$4,046.75. \$586.77 came back to PTA of an early signing bonus. Made 5% extra to round up to nearest quarter. PTA shopped and pre bought items. Monies sold from those paid for 10 kids to shop, pizza for volunteers, and pizza for the janitors for all their hard work. Anyone that would like to help and learn for next year (kindergarten mom) please let Tammy or Carla know.

- *4th Grade Send Off* (Rachel Woolsey) – NB YMCA called and left messages. Trying to do YMCA as the 4th grade class is 80% boys. Going to check with Sewickley. Once finalized send proposal to Mr. Kartychak know to get it signed off. Still selling Anderson Candy Bars if anyone wants some.

- *Mad Science after school program* – Committed to Thursdays in May directly after school 3:30 to 4:30. \$50.00 child. Must come for all 4 Thursdays. Will come in on March 28th to show assembly to the kids to talk about it. Need one person to take the point on it to make sure kids leave with the parents. Maximum 25 kids. Mike Lipnicky is going to be the man responsible.

Calendar of Events

4th Grade Pool Party - 1/19 7 to 9 pm \$5 Pizza, water, any age may attend

Spelling Bee - 1/25

Game Night -1/25

Early Dismissal 1/26 12:15 with lunch

Next PTA meeting - 2/1 2pm **THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE INDEPENDENCE FIRE HALL ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL**

** Brought to PTA attention that cannot bring young kids to the school for PTA meetings, while school in session. Will be done by the time kids are going to be excused for the day.

6:55 - 7:10

New Business

*** Brought to PTA attention that we cannot bring young kids to the school for PTA **AT ALL**, while school is in session. If there is a job you need to do, reach out to Carla and she will attempt to help if you need to complete something.

AR – Company made changes to AR without letting parents have access. Once it is fixed, Mike Lipnicky will post on the Independence Facebook page.

7:10

Adjournment – Kerry Pinchotti, Tammy Holland 6:57 pm