

Independence Elementary PTA

11/2/17 meeting minutes recorded by Amanda Brunton, Corresponding Secretary

Board members: Carla Buxton, President; Kerri Biesenkamp, VP; Melissa Hosack, Treasurer; Amanda Brunton, Corresponding Secretary; Brittany Enders, VP of Fundraising and Promotions (all present)
Colleen Jesko, Recording Secretary (absent)

Meeting was called order and all in attendance were welcomed by President Carla Buxton at 2:05pm in the art room.

Treasurers report: \$11,000 before NATR and after making a deposit from NATR it is now \$22,4000. NATR deposit was \$6,999.45, Hoagies \$1,727.00, Paint night \$971, Spirit wear \$392

A motion to approve the Treasurers Report and the October meeting minutes was made by Cortney Hall and 2nd by Rachel Woolsey. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Fundraising, NATR and food Sales was discussed by Brittany Enders. 240 tickets for the NATR were sold, 198 people were in attendance, there were 20 tickets purchased at the door. There was over \$600 for the 50/50 raffle, 23 baskets raffled. We will be getting back \$90 for unused beer and pop. For the Hoagie sale, 457 items were sold between hoagies and pepperoni rolls. Next is the Zroni pepperoni roll sale with order forms due back Friday November 3rd and the pickup on Tuesday November 21st. After that will be the freezer raffle and 2 other hoagie sales January 24th- Feb 5th with delivery Feb 16th and April 4-16th with delivery April 26th. Camille Houy spoke about Fill your Freezer fundraiser, tickets are printed and will be distributed. Tickets are \$10 each with 4 chances to win based on lottery on Jan 15th, 16th 17th and 18th. Pork on the 15th worth \$100, Beef on the 16th worth \$150, ½ pig on the 17th worth \$200 and 1/3 beef and freezer chest on the 18th worth \$350-\$400. We need to sell 1,000 tickets, there will be a ticket order sheet to keep track of tickets sold. There will be dates set up for people to purchase tickets. Tickets will need to be paid for first before taking. We will make \$8500-\$9000 if all tickets are sold.

4th grade send off was discussed by Rachel Woolsey. There was a meeting last week. They discussed having it somewhere other than the independence fire hall because the class has a lot of boys and they don't know how entertained they would be there. They are calling to YMCA to get info for swimming and using the gym there etc. Also they will need to get info about bussing the kids there. They have sold 6 cases of candy bars. They will be selling pizza, edible cookie dough and candy bars at the Author night. They are also hosting a swim party Friday Nov 3rd. They are getting pizza for it but are undecided where it will be from. There will also be a Pittsburgh Penguins ticket raffle soon. Colleen Jesko is donating 2 tickets for this, more info to come.

AR was discussed by Cortney Hall. The party is on Nov 20th and she needs volunteers to help, she will be sending an email out with more info. She is thinking of a superhero theme and will need help cutting pieces for the craft. There are 59 kids from the upper hall and 32 from the lower hall.

Author night was discussed by Melissa Hosack. She has 3 authors coming to read and do activities. One is bringing her cat that goes with the story. 4th grade will be selling pizza. There will also be a raffle basket. It's on Nov 16th 6-8 and you need to RSVP. They will be decorating right after school or if you can come early to help finish. Flyers will be distributed with the info. Some of the extra nonalcoholic drinks from NATR will be there and popcorn. The authors are donating books to make a basket raffle.

Yearbook was discussed by Amanda Brunton. Please take photos and send them in. Everyone was also reminded to check with Ms Nancy or the teacher for the kids who cannot have their photos taken.

Rebates were discussed but Jamie Cutright. 1,987 box tops were turned in. We get \$198.70 back. The app has gotten us \$157.20. There is \$355.90 total in box top rebates. There will be a March movie contest.

Hanging of the Greens was discussed by Carla Buxton. This is for parents only, no class parties this day. Just the PTA decorating. Melissa Hosack is donating a new regular sized tree. Any decorating ideas can be shared with Carla. She is thinking of a silver and blue theme. Maybe hanging garland snowflakes. Will look at condition of the snowflakes and throw out the old tree.

Holiday Paint night was discussed by Bree Malackanich. It will be on Dev 8th 7-9pm at Raccoon Fire Hall. \$35 and 8 different designs of burlap door hangers. RSVP with the design that you want. You may bring your own snacks and drinks. A flyer from Artsy doodle will be coming home soon.

Santa's workshop was discussed by Tammy Holland. A company is coming to supply the items. They will cost from \$0.25 up to \$4-5. The company will bring everything. No \$ up front, no inventory. We will get a check for 10% of what is sold. It will be in Dec 8th, 11th and 12th. There will be 4 classes the first day, 4 the 2nd day and 3 the 3rd day allowing more time for each class. There will be a sign-up sheet to help and a teacher schedule. Tax will not be charged on the items sold.

Since there is no meeting scheduled for January, Carla suggested having one and there will be a poll set up on Facebook for when to have it. Evening, afternoon and what day.

Game night was discussed by Kerri Biesenkamp. There will be one on Jan 25th. It is a free event and there will be popcorn and drinks. She is thinking of giving letters out to solicit games to be donated. Share any game recommendations to her. Becky Adams as a huge twister game. Cortney Hall and Tammy Holland volunteered to help.

Calendar of Events

No school Parent Teacher conferences 11/7

Veteran's Day Assembly 11/8

AR Night 11/9 6-7:30

No School Veteran's day 11/10

Picture Retakes 11/15 Becky Adams volunteered to help

Grief Awareness Day 11/16 and Grief Awareness week Mrs. Diehl is asking for blue things to be donated for the blue sale

Author Night 11/16 6-8

All school field trip to Jr High Musical The Little Mermaid 11/17

AR party 11/20

Snapology Assembly and Zroni pick up 11/21 Snapology is STEAM based Legos and connects, kids will be making robots etc. They will move class to class with each class taking an hour. 9:15 start time and it will last all day. Take photos for yearbook.

Early Dismissal 11/22 11:55 no lunch or breakfast

No school for Thanksgiving break 11/23-11/27

Hanging of the Greens 12/1 9am

Holiday Paint Night 12/8

Santa's workshop 12/8, 12/11 and 12/12

Holiday Parties 12/22 2pm

Christmas Recess 12/25-1/2

Hanging of the Greens clean up 1/5

New Business

Someone to sell Smencils at AR night 11/19 6-7:30 (no volunteer yet)

Field day needs a chair person. Amanda Brunton volunteered with the help of Brittany Enders and Cortney Hall.

Presidents meeting recap by Carla Buxton. The new I pad distribution was discussed from a 5 year technology program. Mr Kartychak discussed the literacy program Lexia 20 min placement test and then it moves the students along at their pace. Guided reading was also initiated and will continue, also cold reads will continue. The Lexia program can be done in school and at home. He also discussed Moby Max Math for kids needing more help. He also wanted to remind parents that no siblings are allowed at holiday parties.

It was decided to have Brittany Enders create a Facebook poll for when to have the next meeting in January because as of now there is not one scheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm by Bree Malakanich and Jamie Cutright