



RIJMS PTO

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:30pm. Jennifer welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jennifer McManaman, the President called for approval of October meeting minutes. Jennifer McManaman made the motion and Mr. Novinski seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer, Kathy Gruber shared the report. We had Aurelio's night \$70, Shoparoo money was \$96, PTO did Aramark donations for \$10, fundraising of \$285, parent donations in the amount of \$130, November magazines sales were \$2648, the Cheese Cake Store we earned \$175, \$50 was received from the School Store, \$5 in membership, \$50 in concessions and \$1 was donated from the movie Wonder. The PTO put out money for the magazine fundraiser \$21k, additionally the PTO provided hospitality and dinners for the staff. Money was also just received for the McDonald's fundraiser and box tops.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski. Thank you for the luncheon on the last day before winter break. It was amazing. There were plenty of gift card donations from the parents to give to the teachers. Students are taking the second round of IREADY testing; it started today. Testing will continue the rest of this week and will be on Social Studies and Science. Mr. Novinski met with the 5th graders to talk about next year. The musical was amazing; the Sixth graders got to see it. There were four shows over the weekend. It was very, very good. Spelling Bee is upcoming; it's the beginning of February. Girls basketball just started, wrestling is in full swing. High School Exploration Night is tomorrow at PNHS. High school is here today about choosing electives; the counselors are coming on the 29th. It is believed the class recommendations are coming tomorrow. There was a discussion on class selection for high school, honors courses, etc. IL survey is at 10%. Jennifer McManaman, President, posted on facebook in the morning, the need for more participation in the IL survey. There were questions on facebook as a result of the post. The results don't count until they are at 20%; which means results aren't released for the administration to review the data unless they are at 20%. On next Friday (1/26) the eighth-grade choir will perform in Peoria at the IL Music Educators Conference.

Committee Reports:

BOOK Fair: Jennifer Roach – the committee chair shared that it is tentatively scheduled for the last week of February. Jennifer Roach shared that it's difficult to get parents to volunteer the nights of conference and Mr. Novinski shared that it isn't a big deal because he has staff that is there to cover it and it generally works out.

Box Tops: Mr. Novinski, Principal, shared a check was just received for \$450.

CAPE: Jennifer McManaman, President, attended the CAPE meeting. There were 3 meetings between October and now, they discussed adjusting attendance zones. They are slowly moving toward a new method for lockdowns "alert lockdown inform counteract evacuate"; "ALICE". Mr. Novinski is certified on this new method. A video was shown at the CAPE meeting. This method communicates what is happening and empowers teachers and students on how to respond to situations. IREADY was discussed. The CAPE awards were discussed. Mr. Novinski shared we received a lot more student nominations then we have in the past, some parents and support staff nominated several people. Based on the nominations the following personnel were selected: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Danielle Ivins. Our clerk Mrs. Fitzgerald, she does an amazing job and the students recognize that. Mrs. Larson is a 6th grade LA, Science and Social Study teacher; Mr. Novinski paraphrased one of the quotes on her nomination form "when a student is having a bad day she puts a smile on their face, she makes them feel comfortable and they feel they can share anything with her, she is an awesome teacher" Mrs. Larson has been at Ira Jones about 7-8 years. Our parent volunteer is Mrs.

Danielle Ivins for spearheading the Color Run and for all of her support and all she does and has done over the past couple of years. An email will be sent out inviting the selected CAPE award winners. Bios are due 1/26. The award ceremony is 3/20 at PEHS (It's a Tuesday).

Family Dinner Night: Jennifer McManaman, President and Mr. Novinski shared how we did on some of the prior family dinner nights. For instance, we made approximately \$320 at McDonalds, however only \$7 was made at Savinos. As a result, it was suggested perhaps we don't do family dinner nights in December. The next family dinner nights are 1/25 for Potbelly and Panda Express will be 2/22. There will be a request for a new flyer for 2nd semester from committee chair.

Hospitality- Mr. Tom Novinski, Principal shared Julie Steben the hospitality chair – did an amazing job on the teacher's luncheon right before winter break. There was a lot of great food. We were spot on as far as leftovers. Overall it was a great afternoon. There will be no spring conferences. And Teacher's Appreciation will be the Week 5/7-5/11. Mr. Novinski shared that eighth-grade promotion is May 24 at PNHS at 5pm – 4:30 people are let in. Soon we will discuss end of the year activities. There was a question regarding the scheduling of finals which they will address later. Students will go to Bowleroo and the Bolingbrook Country Club. There was a question regarding snow day; no snow days don't apply to 8th grade graduates. More information will come home in February.

Membership: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Crissie Jenks just sent another membership spreadsheet. We are at approximately 280 members. We got another member in December.

School Store – Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Carrie Roberts – Is going well. There was confusion regarding the use of "School Bucks" at the store. Mr. Novinski cleared up the confusion and shared that only real money can be used.

Spirit Wear: Mr. Tom Novinski, Principal shared on 4/30 & 5/1 the 5th graders are coming to Ira Jones. We should have something organized for the incoming students.

Student Council: Danielle Ivins shared 5/11 is the next school dance.

Concessions – No report.

Color Run: Jennifer McManaman & Danielle Ivins – no report. There was discussion regarding the status of Color Run. Originally it was done to eventually replace the magazine fundraiser, but we made a lot of money this year for magazine sales and the Color Run really isn't needed. The board decided there would be no Color Run this spring.

Old Business: No report during January 2018 PTO meeting.

From September '17 minutes. Mrs. Domabyl requested the PTO purchase picnic tables for the teachers, so they may sit outside during lunch time. There is a need for possibly two tables. Mr. Novinski shared the tables out front cost approximately \$900. Also, they will need to be attached because there is the fear of loss. In the past, nice items like these can get taken. PTO will review this request and work toward it. It was also suggested we reach out to the male and female Scout groups as they are often looking to complete projects, for instance build tables. We will also follow up with parents to gauge interest.

New Business: Jennifer McManaman requested the board budget for ties for Mrs. Blair, for the 8th grade boys choir. The amount of \$200 for ties was suggested. Mr. Novinski will follow up with Mrs. Blair on the details. Decisions will need to be made on awards for volunteer appreciation. The cost of the 8th grade activities were. Mr. Novinski requested the PTO board consider offering a little money for the eighth luncheon and eighth grade activities. The amount of \$1600 was suggested, approximately \$2 for each student. The board reviewed the existing budget and suggested ways to cover this request. The PTO received a thank you for the purchase of two cameras for \$363 and usb ports for the classrooms. Also, a thank you for a donation for three students to attend the outdoor education program. There will be a book signing for CAPE on 1/25 at 7pm at the District Administration Center to benefit CAPE. Tom Hernandez is selling a book there. The money will apply to high

school scholarships; one for each high school. The PTO also received a thank you for the support provided to the needy family drive because of the Giving Tree; the families really appreciated it. Also, due to the raffle baskets for the Shop for a Cop basketball tournament they were able to give to more middle school students and provide them with Target gift cards.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussion:

Next Meeting:

February 13

Upcoming Events:

Family dinner night 1/25 for Potbelly

Meeting adjourned 7:07pm.