



RIJMS PTO

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:32pm. Jennifer welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jennifer McManaman, the President called for approval of February meeting minutes. Mr. Novinski, Principal made the motion; Jennifer McManaman, the President seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer, Kathy Gruber shared the report. There has not been a lot of activity, deposits were made; Panda Express for \$59 and a check for Culvers for \$180. We had nothing paid out for March.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski Principal. Math PARCC has started, 8th graders must take the Science test, and soon everyone will be taking the IREADY tests, Monday 4/16 is an early release day and 4/27 is a day off. 81% of the school year is over and it has been a good year. The dance is 5/11. For parents with current 6th graders, Spanish night on April 23, STEP UP Night for incoming students is 5/1 and it is for the parents of the new students, Walker's Grove is coming on the 4/30 at 9:30, Lincoln is coming on 5/1 at 9:40. I have talked to Julie Steben about Teacher's Appreciation and she is working on it.

Committee Reports:

BOOK Fair: Jennifer McManaman President, shared Jennifer Roach's report – Book Fair went well.

Box Tops: Jen McManaman President, shared there was not a specific report, but noticed there was a Fall deposit; there should be more info to come regarding the spring contest.

CAPE: Jennifer McManaman, President, attended the CAPE meeting and the awards were given out.

Family Dinner Night: Jennifer McManaman President, shared Amy Drapers report. We had the Culvers night; Mongolian BBQ is on 4/26 and will be with Plainfield North High School and we will share the profits. Mr. Novinski and Mr. Martin, Ms. Carpenter, Ms. Young, Mr. Klein & Mr. Draper will be working at the Mongolian BBQ.

Hospitality: Jennifer McManaman President, restated that Mr. Novinski has been in communication with Julie Steben regarding Teacher's Appreciation.

Membership: Jennifer McManaman, President, no report; but a conversation developed around the districts new approach of having the registration information now be on line, with no packets being distributed. In the past the PTO was able to include PTO information in the registration packets. Mr. Novinski suggested we send information with his welcome letter to the new students. The PTO intends to still set up a table for new members during locker move in night.

School Store – Jennifer McManaman, President, shared there is no report.

Spirit Wear: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Tina Capion's report, she is waiting to hear back from Eich's but they are anticipating everything to be up and running by April 16. A flyer should be coming out.

Student Council: Mr. Novinski, Principal shared there is a school dance on 5/11.

Concessions – No report.

Color Run: Jennifer McManaman, no report.

Old Business: Jennifer Roach requested the PTO investigate providing tissues and hand sanitizer to the teachers. Mr. Novinski, Principal, explained the hand sanitizer was not an option as it must be a certain brand approved from the district. He said yes to the idea of providing tissues to the teachers and that he would follow up to get a better understanding of the teacher's need. The PTO provided the tissues to the school as requested.

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, President asked the question: Do we (the PTO) want to donate to the Foundation for Excellence? The Foundation for Excellence helps with things like Scholarships, the 3rd grade field trip and Outdoor Ed. The Foundation does host a “gala” with a silent auction, etc., to raise funds. The PTO Board decided to budget for it for next year.

Mr. Novinski made a motion on the members for the IJMS PTO Board for the 2018-2019 school year; Jennifer McManaman for President, Julie Steben for Vice President, Kathy Gruber for Treasurer and Phyllis Smith for Secretary. Jennifer McManaman, President seconded the motion.

The board also reviewed the upcoming chairs for next year. We would like to have a “Volunteer Coordinator” (chair) to help organize parents. Ideally have parents volunteer/help out with the Pride Incentives for example; parents could hand out hot chocolate, decorate cupcakes and cookies, hand out candy. Additionally, IJMS does the Wheel of Luck, the BBQ as incentives for the students. Parent volunteers could be used April 19 to help with cookie decorating and May 17 to hand out hot chocolate. Specific times to come.

Mr. Novinski, Principal made the following requests: a request to buy paper and ink for the poster maker. \$693 for approximately 6 rolls of paper and ink for use in the fall. There is also a request for new headphones for intervention and PARCC; they are sold as a 10 pack for \$95. The request is to buy 40 of them; which should last a couple of years. There is money available in technology to help pay for this.

There is a need to determine the amount of money for the 8th grade spring activities.

Motion to move the meetings to the second Mondays of the month, except October it will be the third Monday. The May meeting has been cancelled; then tonight will be the last meeting of the year. The PTO Board needs to set up a day in June to meet for planning of the 2018-2019 school year.

STEP UP Day for PNHS is 4/26. And Promotion day is 5/24.

Handwritten thank you notes to the PTO were shared from the students.

Cleaning day outside will be scheduled for spring.

The Plainfield Parent Community Network will present – “Anxiety Monster- How to Turn Godzilla into Pete’s Dragon” at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 17 at Plainfield Central High School. Veterans Breakfast is going to return.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussions:

Next Meeting: Fall 2018

Upcoming Events: Family Dinner night at the Mongolian BBQ is on 4/26

Meeting adjourned 6:58pm.