



RIJMS PTO

Monday, January 14, 2019

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 the November meeting minutes. Tom Novinski the Principal made the motion, Jennifer McManaman the President seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report the Treasurer, Kathy Gruber. Kathy Gruber the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Novinski the Principal shared the report. The board reviewed the existing treasurer's report/balance sheet and considered upcoming expenditures and how it will affect our current balance. For instance, funds are still needed for the week of Teacher's Appreciation, books requested by the teachers, end of the year eighth grade student activities, CAPE expenses. There is also a sixth-grade field trip coming up and the Spelling Bee and Geography Bee are also happening this month. It was concluded that the PTO is still in good shape financially to fund the years upcoming events.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski Principal. Mr. Novinski the Principal shared his report. There was a discussion regarding the yearbook sales being down from previous years. The school did a Connect Ed last week which boosted sales to 520 yearbooks purchased; but we are still down from the 700 that were purchased in previous years. It is believed the decline in sales is due to the new format for which they are presented to the parents/students. In the past, purchase information was received in an admissions packet. However due to registration being online now, information is shared in new and different ways. The deadline to purchase a yearbook is Friday, January 18 at noon. Additionally, during our meeting, Jennifer McManaman, the President posted on the IRA Jones PTO page and the IRA Jones Parent page a yearbook reminder message. Mr. Novinski the Principal thanked the board for the holiday luncheon and shared that it was "amazing". Some teachers gave thank you cards to the PTO for the luncheon. IREADY testing is going on now. There will be a speaker this Friday (1/18) on being kind, etc. Girls basketball is starting. The Spelling Bee is the 24th of January. We are excited to have the high school Link Crew coming back this Wednesday (1/16). They will also be coming in February and March. We will not have school on January 21st due to Martin Luther King Jr. day and there will be a School Improvement Day on February 4. Julie Steben, the Vice President questioned when the PRIDE Incentives will be, Mr. Novinski shared they will be on January 25; apparently there was confusion as a result of a Tweet with a different date. Mr. Novinski shared that he sent out the CAPE nominations to the staff and we have had four CAPE nominations come in from students. Previous winners are on a plaque in the media center. CAPE is Tuesday, March 19th at Plainfield South High School. On January 22 the CAPE nominees are due. The PTO board and Mr. Novinski, the Principal will pick the winners and we will have them be recognized when they come to the February 11th PTO meeting. Mr. Novinski shared that we need more 5 Essential Surveys; approximately 87 surveys are still needed. Drop and Read will be starting on Friday. Wrestling is going on. PARCC testing is now gone. There is now new testing; it is the Illinois Assessment of Readiness or IAR; it is completely different from IREADY.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Lorrie Walker Box Tops Chair was unable to attend. Mr. Novinski the Principal shared the report. We made \$254 and there will be one more in spring.

CAPE: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared the CAPE report. We missed November and December. The items that were summarized as a result of the meetings were IREADY Testing and the 5 Essentials Survey. And there will be a presentation on how to develop a healthy relationship with social media, "The Screen Zombie" will be on January 31.

Family Dinner Night: Jennifer McManaman President, shared Amy Draper's report. Jennifer McManaman the President shared we made \$174.13 at McDonalds and a majority of that was from the pies. There was a discussion on the frequency of family dinner nights. There will be a family dinner night on Wednesday, February 20 at Culver's. Mr. Novinski, the Principal suggested we promote the fundraising options with Shoparoo because it has been very successful and Amazon Smiles.

Hospitality: Julie Steben the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared the hospitality report. Julie Steben the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared this year there were no leftovers which was ideal because the break follows and a "Thank you" card that was received because of the holiday luncheon.

Membership: Chrissy Jenks was unable to attend. Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared we have one new member.

Spirit Wear: Allison Jordan the Spirit Wear chair was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman the President shared that compared to other schools Ira Jones Spirit wear sales is down. The board discussed thoughts on why the sales are down.

Volunteer Coordinator (for School Store, Student Council, Book Fair and Pride Incentives)- Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Kelly Conlon-Hockman reports.

School Store Jennifer McManaman, President, shared the signup looked good.

Student Council: No report.

Pride Incentives- Jennifer McManaman President, shared signup filled up quick.

Book Fair- Jennifer McManaman President, shared signup is out but there are still spots available.

Concessions – No report.

Color Run: No report.

Old Business

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: Mr. Novinski the Principal shared that he has received the list of books from the Language Arts teachers that they are requesting the PTO provide. They are looking to have different book studies for groups of three to four kids. The books are for the grades of sixth, seventh and eighth. They are requesting the amount of \$525.97 for the books.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussions:

Next Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2019

Upcoming Events: 5 Essentials Survey – Please fill out by February 18th
CAPE Nominations due by January 22nd
The Screen Zombie January 31st 6:30pm at PEHS

Meeting adjourned 7:02pm.