



RIJMS PTO

Monday, April 8, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:25pm. Jennifer welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report Kathy Gruber the Treasurer shared the report. Kathy Gruber, the Treasurer explained money was received for Magazine sales \$79.20, for the School Store \$70.70 and we had one new PTO member \$5. And we had an expense of \$40.92 for the Spelling Bee. Mr. Novinski, the Principal requested gift cards be purchased. Some will be used for the end of this year and some will be for next year. They should be purchased from McDonald's, Culver's and Target. Approximately 15-20 each. We can use funds from our current budget.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski Principal. Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared there is no school on April 19 & 22 for the Easter holiday; and there is an SIP day on April 29 last one of the year. The Eighth Graders are going to high school on April 24. The 5th graders are coming here on the April 30th and May 1st. Registration packets will go home 4/15 for all students; fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade. The packets will include PTO information. The last day for eighth graders is May 23; Promotion is at 7pm. We are in the middle of IAR Testing this week. And we will have IReady testing in May. Julie Steben, the Vice President posed the question; when is the midterm? Mr. Novinski the Principal shared it should be around either the 18th or 26th of April.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Lorrie Walker Box Tops Chair shared the report. Lorrie Walker, the Box Tops Chair explained everything was turned in and a student won; Mr. Novinski, the Principal confirmed this. Lorrie Walker, the shared she was brainstorming additional fundraising ideas. Mr. Novinski, the Principal explained overall the budget was solid, and we should be good because we made an extra one thousand dollars from magazine sales.

CAPE: Jennifer McManaman, the President shared the report. Jennifer McManaman, the President explained it was decided the district was going to go back to the old system of making decisions with the building principal at the school level, instead of at the district level; primarily because it became very complicated at the district level. The example of a scoreboard was suggested, and it is considered a capital improvement and that would still need to be approved at the district level. However, the purchase of chairs could be handled at the school level. The CAPE Awards ceremony was wonderful. Jennifer McManaman, the President explained we need a CAPE representative for Ira Jones. We were thinking someone who has students who attend two schools; ie, PNHS and Ira Jones. Lorrie Walker our Box Top Chair questioned what is CAPE? Jennifer McManaman, the President shared its purpose. CAPE is an umbrella organization of all the districts PTO's. It stands for the Coordination of Administration and Parent Groups for Educational Efficiency. They meet once a month at 9:30am on a Friday. Mr. Novinski the Principal explained the principals go once a month and give a report. Ira Jones needs a CAPE representative who will focus on Homecoming and the CAPE reception. Ira Jones will be responsible for setting up for the CAPE reception next year. Lorrie Walker, the Box Top Chair is interested in being the CAPE representative.

Family Dinner Night: Jennifer McManaman President, shared Amy Draper's report. Jennifer McManaman explained it has been decided that Ira Jones will not be doing Family Dinner Nights next year. They have not been lucrative for Ira Jones; the community is saturated with dinners from other schools and sports teams.

The last one for Ira Jones will be at Culvers on Thursday, 4/25 from 4-8pm. Our goal was \$700 and we made \$339.

Hospitality: Julie Steben the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared the hospitality report. Teacher's Appreciation will be from May 6- May10. There will be lunch served four of the five days and breakfast will served most likely be on Thursday. Julie Steben, the Vice President and the Hospitality Chair would like to provide more Gluten free options at the meals. The suggestion of contacting Einstein Bagels for donations was shared. As well as, Peter Rubi's and Caputo's. Lorrie Walker the Box Tops chair has volunteered to help with Teacher's Appreciation.

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

Spirit Wear: Allison Jordan the Spirit Wear chair was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman the President shared the report. Spirit wear is on sale today through 4/19. The information was posted on the Ira Jones, Lincoln & Walker's Grove facebook pages today. Plainfield North apparel is also included.

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

School Store No report.

Student Council: No report.

Pride Incentives- Jennifer McManaman President, shared there will two Pride Incentives coming in April and May. Signups will be organized.

Book Fair- No report.

Concessions – No report.

Color Run: No report.

Old Business: No report.

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, the President brought up the topic elections for the Ira Jones PTO Board. Mr. Novinski nominated Jennifer McManaman for President, Julie Steben for Vice President, Kathy Gruber for Treasurer and Phyllis Smith for Secretary. Lorrie Walker the Box Tops chair seconded the motion. The Executive Board for the 2019-2020 board is set. Mr. Novinski requested a check for eighth grade activities; the brunch, Dee Jay, etc. The PTO board received a thank you card for Mrs. Domabyl.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussions:

Next Meeting: September 9, 2019

Upcoming Events:
Spirit Wear Sale 4/8-4/19
No School 4/19 & 4/22
8th Grade Step Up Day PNHS 4/24
Family Dinner Night at Culver's Thursday 4/25 4-8pm
8th Grade Promotion May 23rd

Meeting adjourned 6:50pm.