



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, March 4th at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Linn Grove Media Center

Mission Statement:

The PTO is a volunteer organization that works exclusively on behalf of our children through the cooperative efforts of our families and school staff.

The PTO shall do this by:

A. Fostering closer working relationships between school, parents, and teachers.

B. Providing a forum for discussion and communication between parents, administrators, teachers and the community.

C. Enhancing the educational facilities and opportunities for the students of Linn Grove Elementary.

Meeting Called to Order by Kara Larson

Attendance: 6

(Officers in attendance: Kara Larson & Lori Mullin, Co-Treasurer; Lana Sellner, Correspondence Secretary; Cailey Nachazel, Recording Secretary)

Minutes: Minutes from February meeting will be uploaded.

1. Building Update:

Chad Buchholz:

- Big jump in Influenza A last week and today. 2 staff out on maternity leave: Mrs. Peterson with Samantha Linn as sub, Mrs. Downing due soon, her fall student teacher will be substitute. Good turnout at 5-6th grade open house last week.

2. Current Business:

- **Penny Wars** brought in \$332.40, good comments, 4th grade won, donuts this Friday or next for prize
- **Science Night** April 9th- Vendors: Windsteam:atoms and cells, UIHC: germs, ICNC: animals, Marion Library: Geology, Hawkeye Eyes on Science: electricity, space physics. Used \$116 of budget, \$384 left. Will serve pepperoni/cheese pizza, 1-2 slices per person, water is being donated, also lots left in storage, will get RSVP for attendance. Booths will be set up in main hallway if they fit, animals kept in entryway between doors.
- **Coffee Conversation Recap:** how school delays/cancellations are determined, Mr. Bisgard drives through town night before and early AM; ALICE training importance, communication between schools/parents; Indian Creek/Wilkins drop-off issues, city of Marion may make one-way street; state funding for 5/6th building.
- **FFN:** Possible dance with principal approval, DJ cost \$200 for entire night, set-up could be used to announce raffle baskets, décor in gym, photo booth rented/DIY, or photobooth/cake walk, no bouncy houses, Food Quotes: Hy-Vee \$5 hotdog or hamburger, chips and a drink (grill on site) RSVP \$5, we make no profit, charge \$5.50 at the door. Still plan to talk to La Cantina, maybe just buy their taco meat/toppings, PTO purchase chips, etc in bulk from Sam's/Costco, then would only need serving volunteers.

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- **Conference Dinners** Tuesday: 22 pizzas/salad bar, Thursday: Luau theme, Hawaiian type food, ask for parent donations via online sign-up. Tuesday's sign-up requests already filled.
- **Movie night 15th Ralph Breaks the Internet** starts at 6:15pm.
- **Box Top Update** via FB post. Last contest student winners have vouchers now for book fair.
- **Hy-Vee Receipts:** current month total \$13,338. YTD #13,338. Done for current school year at the end of March. April 1st start next years totals and receipts dated from then on can be used for 2019/2020 school year.

3. New Business

- **Requests:** FFN purchase face paint make-up to be used yearly. Natalie Schaffer volunteered to paint along with her mother/MIL, Kara Larson's husband Mike, possibly Mrs. Boyle's daughter, proposed increase budget no more than \$600, any excess cannot be used elsewhere, Natalie or Mrs. Boyle's daughter will find simple designs online to use.
- **April meeting** will discuss next year's fundraisers: catalog price points, % return, any others that have been done, Yankee candle, RBTA, raffle baskets; PTO will do apparel sale in fall/spring, possible companies: Garment designs, Level 10 Hiawatha, need to have online ordering option; budget discussion: board will discuss prior to meeting and present; 4th and 5th grade send off with new 5th/6th building, need to discuss funding with teachers, Chad prefers classes not be together.
- **May meeting** will be approving next calendar year dates and budget.

4. Officers Report:

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Lori Mullin. Perkin's Night low total due to 1st grade family night that same evening. See attached handout for specifics.

5. Open Discussion

6. Meeting Adjourned At: 6:45 PM

7. Upcoming Events

- Ice Skating Night March 7th (also conferences and Parent University)
- Movie night March 15th: - Ralph Breaks the Internet
- Science Night April 9th

Don't forget to turn in Box Tops & Hy-Vee receipts!
Next PTO meeting is April 1st!
Record volunteer hours at <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>