



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, January 5th at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Hybrid – Zoom & Linn Grove Library

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Meeting Called to Order by Krystal Betts

Attendance: In-Person: 5 Online: 10

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Building Update – Lori Manley

Excited to kick off the Roar for Reading during the month of January. Aquatics experiences will be able to resume for the students. 4th and 3rd grades will be able to participate in this yet this year. 2nd grade will resume next year. Winter assessments will be starting soon and report cards will be available January 19th. Had a new hire – Kayla Newbauer, she student taught at Linn Grove this winter and will be joining the student support staff as a Level 2/3 teacher. Kindergarten enrollment fair will be March 8th.

3. Teacher's Requests:

Kindergarten: Deep Chair Pockets to help store student items. Currently to get class sets for all four rooms would be \$1410 plus tax. This is going to be requested to be put into the budget for next year. Would also like Osmo's there is a grant in June we can apply and then possibly budget in the rest of the expenses.

First Grade: Reading Wagon/Cart – 2 carts have been donated. First grade teachers have compiled a list of books they would like for these carts (total expense (\$1621.15). Vote (11-1) was held to reallocate unused budgeted amount for In-House Speaker (\$1075) that will not be used this year and move to a line-item to purchase books for these carts. The In-House Speaker line item in the budget will still be a consideration in future budges. The remaining balance will come from budgeted Teacher Requests.

Stem Toys: Multiple grade level have requested more Stem Toys for the classroom. Kindergarten and First grade have all received these items. Looking into business to donate some. Goal is to get 2 new stem toys in each classroom. Currently have budget for Stem fund that can be used to help cover these expenses. This budget line is typically Lego League, but it is not being held this year.

4. Officers Report:

Treasurer's Report: November report presented by Angela and will be posted online for review.

Minute Review: October minutes will be posted online for review.



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5. Current Business

Teacher Vouchers: A voucher will be offered to the new hire. Teachers will be given the option to gift their voucher to another teacher if they have not used theirs yet.

Hy-Vee Receipts: Our total for January was \$113,471.13, bringing the year to date total to \$226,785.32. This amount is over our highest year end total by over 30,000! The winner of the January contest is Miss Carly's room. We will run another contest for March. Winning class will be announced at the April PTO Meeting. The class with the most receipts turned in (physical number, not total amount spent) will get their choice of \$50 of recess toys (indoor or outdoor), Ice Cream Party, Movie & Popcorn Party. Make sure to label the bag or envelope with the student's name and classroom to count for the contest. Individual receipts DO NOT need to be labeled. E-Receipts may also be sent to linngrovehyvee@gmail.com.

On-Going Fundraisers: Don't forget that AmazonSmiles and Casey's rewards are options are year round fundraisers for Linn Grove.

Cookies & Canvas: April 19th – will be a new art event and will be in person. Artesprix has donated Sublimation Markers and the kids will be able to decorate metal bookmarks or keychains. They have donated a school size set and will be available in the art room after this event. It is also a fun learning about science!

Ornaments: Less than 20 were sold this year. We still have a lot left over and will be offering the general Linn Mar ones to other elementary schools at our cost for next year.

Virtual Basket Auction: Has been moved to April.

Red Black Track Attack: Paired with a virtual fundraiser and will be tabled to Fall of next year.

Valentine's Grams: Orders will run January 24th to February 4th and will be delivered at the Friendship Party. Cost will be \$1/gram and will be attached to a tootsie pop. There will be an option for families to donate a Valentine Gram and PTO will ensure that every student receives at least one Valentine Gram.

Staff Snack Cart: Has been running off of donations from families.

Sound System: More information was gathered from the Linn Mar IT department. This is something that will have to be a specific focus of a future fundraiser.

6. New Business

Spirit Wear: Will be doing a spring apparel order. Details are being finalized, if you have any ideas for design or any specific item you would like offered please reach out to a board member.

Conferences Lunches: Will be February 24th and March 1st. Reaching out to Fresh Deli and the Daoud Family.



Yearly Fundraiser: HyVee Coupon Books, waiting on more information from Hy-Vee as we needed to wait until the new books come out this January. Details for prizes is being gathered/worked out.

7. **Open Discussion**

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:05 PM

8. **Upcoming Events**

Your Pie Night – February 2nd

Movie Night – February 18th

Bingo Night – April 15th

Cookies & Canvas – April 19th

Short's Night – May 4, 2022 from 5 – 8 PM

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**Don't forget to turn in Box Tops & Hy-Vee receipts!
Next PTO meeting is February 2, 2022.**