



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, September 10th at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Linn Grove Media Center

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Meeting Called to Order by Kara Larson

Attendance: 11

(Officers in attendance: Kara Larson & Priscilla Zaehringer, Co-Presidents; Kelly Ackley & Lisa Dighton, Co-Vice-Presidents; Lana Sellner, Correspondence Secretary; Lori Mullin & Cailey Nachazel, Co-Treasurers)

Minutes: Minutes from May 2017 meeting were accepted

1. School Board Guest Visitors

George AbouAssaly, Cara Lausen, Sondra Nelson:

School board members visited to share information on the upcoming bond vote September 11, 2018. More information on the bond vote can be found at www.linmar.k12.ia.us/vote

2. Building Update:

Chad Buchholz:

- Welcomed many new staff: Tanner Roos – PE; Shaylee Mass – 2nd Grade; Laura Robertson – 4th Grade; Along with several new paraprofessionals/associates.
- PTO donation to the building is greatly appreciated and being used for many operational items – i.e. wireless mike and pedometers for the gym and the new lunch card system. Still have some in reserve for possible future use in the outdoor classroom maintenance/landscaping and/or new playground equipment.

3. Teacher's Requests:

Kindergarten Request: Field Trip to Bart's Farm September 28th. Approximately \$285 (\$3/student). Includes all activities and a pumpkin for each student to bring home. Approved.

4. Officers Report:

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Lori Mullin.



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5. Current Business

Staff Vouchers: Changes were made to the teacher/staff requests. Typically the budgeted \$2500 for teacher/staff requests does not get completely spent. This year \$1500 of this budgeted amount was split into grade level vouchers (\$65) and a \$35 voucher for classroom teachers. So far 11 back to school vouchers have been used and 7 grade level vouchers.

Fitness Station Update: Concrete is in for all the plaques. Most of the plaques are in and will need to be monitored to ensure they are staying on.

Spring donation to Linn Grove: \$10,000 was donated to the building in the spring. This money was left over from budget items not spent and had accumulated in the bank account.

Box Top Contest: Current contest runs until October 12th. For every 5 non-expired box tops a student turns in they will get 1 entry into the drawing for a book fair voucher. The top classroom in each pod will get a \$25 voucher for books for their classroom.

HyVee Receipts: Current total of valid receipts \$21,522.81. It is important to remind staff and students to turn receipts in on time as to date there has been \$31,240.03 of outdated receipts turned in. Online receipts are now excepted and can be emailed to linngrovehyvee@gmail.com

6. New Business

Fall Fundraiser: Papa John Cards through Adrenaline were chosen because Casey's Pizza cards are no longer available through Adrenaline. Casey's is doing their own cards and they have to be paid for up front. The Papa Johns cards will be \$20/card and the PTO will receive 50% of all sales. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards budgeted items and the fitness fund. These cards are good at any Iowa Papa Johns location and expire 10/31/2019. This fundraiser will run October 16 – November 16th. All students will get 10 cards sent home with additional cards being available upon request. Prizes will be offered at the following individual student sales level: 20 cards; 30 cards; 50 cards and every 15 additional cards above 50 cards.

RBTA: September 21, 2018 This event will be a fundraiser. Remember to include matching funds from businesses/employers. Donations can also be made online. Tax receipts will be emailed to online donations and check donations. Students will run/walk the track during their specials time. Night event will start at 6:30 and be a family run/walk around the Linn Grove neighborhood. Forms will be sent home with students this week. Families can pre register or register at the night event. Volunteers are needed to help with the day event.

Homecoming Parade: The Student Teacher in Music is working with the students that will be walking in the parade to create a routine. Any candy donations can be dropped off to the main office. Flyers are going home for students to sign up to walk. The parade will start at 5:45 from the high school.

Fall Conference Dinners: Dinner for conference nights October 18th and October 23rd are being organized by Lori and Linda.



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7. Open Discussion

Clubs/Activities: ideas for possible future clubs and activities were discussed.

PE/Tanner Roos: Tanner expressed his thanks for the Spring funds donation to the building that was able to buy some fitness items, pedometers, wireless mike etc. He has enjoyed planning activities and lessons for the students with the use of these items.

8. Meeting Adjourned At: 7:26 PM

9. Upcoming Events

Foundation Dine Out Night – 9/13/18

RBTA Day & Night Event – 9/21/18

La Cantina Day – 9/26/18 PTO Receives 10%

NFL60 – 10/9/18

Don't forget to turn in Box Tops & Hy-Vee receipts!

Next PTO meeting is October 1st!

Record volunteer hours at <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>