



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Zoom

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Meeting Called to Order by Krystal Betts

Attendance: 19

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Building Update – Lori Manley

Looking forward to the upcoming trunk or treat. The teachers are diving into learning around the new curriculum. The students will be working towards a PBIS celebration later this month by earning pink tickets. Details on the celebration are still being worked out. Remember that November 15th is a no school day for students as teachers will have a professional learning day.

3. Teacher's Requests:

Tammie Tomash: Roar for Reading – Month long celebration to encourage reading and celebrate our school community by working together. Tammie shared some ideas of possible celebrations/challenges. Tammie is using her teacher voucher to help cover some of these expenses, and has applied at the district level for funds, these two sources cover around half the expenses. Asking PTO to cover the remaining costs (\$350). Motion to approve was accepted.

Kindergarten: Would like to purchase 4 class sets of Wooden Rekenrek Abacus. Cost would be \$219 plus tax. Motion to approve was accepted.

Would also like Deep Chair Pockets to help store student items. Currently to get class sets for all four rooms would be \$1410 plus tax. This request is going to be tabled for now to see if a cheaper price is available or this expense will have to be budgeted into a future year's budget.

Second Grade: Currently has a subscription for Brain Pop Junior provided by the district. The district will not be renewing this subscription after the spring. Asking PTO to continue this subscription. Motion to approve was not accepted as have more follow up questions.

First Grade: Would like 4-6 Bouncy Bands per classroom. Cost would be \$258 plus tax. Motion to approve was accepted.

4. Officers Report:

Treasurer's Report: October 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

Hy-Vee Receipts: Our total for September was \$104,985.69, bringing the year to date total to \$113,314.19. This amount is typically not reached until January or later, so way to go Linn Grove! Currently running a contest for the month of December. Winning class will be announced at the January 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.

Yearly Fundraiser: Leaning towards doing the Hy-Vee Coupon Books. The coupon books would be sold for \$10 and PTO would receive \$7. Looking more into Script. Also looking into doing Sugar Bottom Cookies maybe in April.

Canvas & Cookies: Flyers have been sent out and are due November 5th, 2021.

6. New Business

Voting for Co-Treasurer Position: Two parents and a staff member have expressed interest in the co-treasurer position. Upon hearing that there was parent interest for this position, the staff member has withdrawn their interest to help promote parent involvement on the board. An anonymous vote was held via google forms from those present tonight. Majority vote was for Lori Mullin.

Staff Snack Cart: Would like to start a PTO sponsored weekly snack cart for staff as a morale booster. Would be funded through parent/family donations, Hy-Vee gift cards, or be in the budget under staff appreciation.

Ornaments: In a prior year the PTO purchased ornaments to sell to families. We still have several of these left and will reoffer to families again this year on a first come first serve basis. Order forms will go out in December.

Valentine's Grams: Looking into the possibility of selling Valentine's Grams. Wilkins has done this in previous years – sold the Valentine Gram for \$1 and made about 50% profit. The PTO made sure each student received at least one. They would be passed out at the end of the day Spring Friendship Party.

7. Open Discussion

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:03 PM

8. Upcoming Events

Pizza Ranch Night – October 18, 2021 from 5-8 PM

Goldfinch Night – November 3, 2021 from 5-8 PM

Short's Night – January 5, 2022 from 5 – 8 PM

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

**Don't forget to turn in Box Tops & Hy-Vee receipts!
Next PTO meeting is January 5, 2022.**