



# Meeting Minutes

## Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Zoom

### Mission Statement:

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Meeting Called to Order by Krystal Betts

Attendance: 7

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Building Update – Lori Manley

- It's been great to see students back in the building as we are adjusting to different ways of presenting learning. Class sizes are ranging from 16 – 23.
- Winter assessments have been wrapped up. 6% increase of students at benchmark for reading from fall to winter windows.
- The end of April will bring state testing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. This was not completed last school year due to Covid shut down.
- Completed a school wide PBIS celebration with bingo.
- Kindergarten registration is open for next school year.
- The lead learning team has been working on getting Linn Grove certified as a High Reliability School by the end of the school year.

### 3. Teacher's Requests:

**Jenny Moore:** No updates on the Ukulele Strings/Auto Tuner/Sound System.

**Mary Printy:** A classroom at Linn Grove is demoing a classroom sound system through the technology department. This is a similar sound system was demoed at another school and it was purchased by the PTO at that school. The systems ran approximately \$1,800 per classroom. Building funds would not be ample enough to cover this expense at this time, so if it's something wanted to move forward with and see potential interest, it would then need to be discussed and planned for in the PTO budget, possibly over multiple years.

**Karissa Brincks:** Needing look into logistics more with these like location, possible need to cement the poles into the ground and any obligations to groups contracted to use the field space. Mrs. Manley will be following up with Mr. Roos & Mrs. Brincks.

### 4. Officers Report:

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

**Minute Review:** February minutes will be posted online for review.



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## **5. Current Business**

**Conference Lunches:** Salem Daoud, owner of Fresh Deli & Grill, (Linn Grove family) has graciously offered to provide the March conference meals. Teachers have placed their orders via google form and the meals will be delivered on conference days.

**Casey's Cards:** There is a minimum order of 50 and then must order in increments of 25 after that. All orders are due to the main office by March 5<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to order the cards right before spring break so orders can be given to students after spring break. Most common questions coming in about the cards is locations they can be used at. They are good at any Casey's that serves food, not just Iowa locations. The only stipulation is they must be used in store and not for delivery or online orders.

**Raffle Baskets:** The online auction is completed and all items have been paid for and delivered. Final total was \$2,704.

**Teacher Vouchers:** 22/38 vouchers have been redeemed.

**Box Tops:** Don't forget to use the app to scan your receipt. Any unexpired physical box tops can still be turned into the office. The income from Box Tops will be removed from the 2021-2022 budget with the discontinuation of the physical box tops.

**Hy-Vee Receipts:** The winner of the February contest was Mrs. Downing's room with 216 receipts turned in. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Ms. Melissa's AM class with 108 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place was Mrs. Read's room with 106. February total was \$56,212.86, bringing the year total to \$131,123.30. We are currently behind from this time last year by \$3,700. March's contest will be \$50 in recess toys to the class with the most receipts. Remember to label the container you send your receipts in with the class name for them to count. Individual receipts do not need to be labeled. Keep sending those receipts in to the office! You can also submit your e-receipts to [linngrovehyvee@gmail.com](mailto:linngrovehyvee@gmail.com) The February contest has started, the classroom with the most nonexpired receipts turned in will win an ice cream party. Make sure to label the bag your receipts with the student name and classroom. Individual receipts do not need to be marked.

**Virtual Canvas & Cookies:** Looking for a way to send items/supplies home. Thinking of possibly pizza boxes. Canvases will be purchased in bulk from Michael's. Needing sauce cups for paint yet. Mrs. Boyle is looking through her inventory to see what she has for paint and brushes and what we will need to purchase.

**Spring Spirit Wear Sale:** Will be coming the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>. Will feature more summer type clothes with a mix of cotton/performance shirts/masks. More information will be coming after spring break.

**Fourth Grade Send Off:** Shirts would be \$5.50 for a 2 color design on white with the Cutting Edge Logo like last year. They are not putting student names on the back by class which has been done in the past so virtual students can be included and then the lists don't change based on any changes of students between in-person and virtual. The teachers will be gathering student sizes during conferences.



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**Staff Appreciation Week:** Week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Snacks will be provided in the conference room all week for staff to grab and go. Suggestions have been gathered from teachers. The conference will be stocked on Friday night to be ready for Monday and then again for Wednesday. Looking into getting \$5 or \$10 gift cards donated by families to use as gifts to staff throughout the week, families can sign up via a sign-up genius. The gift cards will be placed in white envelopes and then randomly placed in staff mailboxes.

#### **6. New Business**

**Water:** 20 cases of water was purchased with Hy-Vee gift cards from last year's Hy-Vee receipts. 10 cases were placed in each pod for students if they forget their water bottles.

**Parent Suggestion:** An idea was brought up about holding a student appreciation as a way to acknowledge the students and all the challenges they have been through this year. The idea was to have a glow stick dance party. The school PBIS team is discussing this idea and will possibly use it as the April incentive for students earning green ticket.

**Next Year Events:** A google survey is in the process of being made and sent out to families with events we have had in the past to help gauge interest of what to schedule for next year.

#### **7. Open Discussion**

**Meeting Adjourned At: 6:49 PM**

#### **8. Upcoming Events**

**La Cantina:** First Tuesday of every month. Grab take out and then join the zoom PTO meeting! No flyer needed, just mention Linn Grove. Can't make dinner? No problem! This event is all day so grab some lunch, or better yet do both!

**Chick-fil-A:** Tuesday, February 23 – 5-7 PM drive through only.

**Pizza Ranch:** Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5-7 PM. Linn Grove will receive 15% of total sales as well as 100% of a tip jar. Check out the Facebook event Pizza Ranch has already created!

**McTeacher Night:** April 20th – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue location. Come see Linn Grove Staff and grab dinner!

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

**Next PTO meeting is April 7, 2021!**

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