



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Hybrid – Zoom & Linn Grove Library

Mission Statement:

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Meeting Called to Order by Krystal Betts

Attendance: In-Person: 5 Online: 7

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Building Update – Lori Manley

Roar for Reading wrapped up today. The students really seemed to enjoy the book exchange. There may be enough donations left to do another give away towards the end of the year. Winter assessment window also just wrapped up and data has showed some great growth in the building from fall to winter.

Conferences will be Feb 24th and March 1st. Both days will be early out. Conferences will be in person, but a virtual option will be available. Interviews will be starting this week as Holly Swanson, front office secretary is leaving and will be greatly missed. Kindergarten enrollment fair will be in March.

3. Teacher's Requests:

Music: The microphone has quit working. Jenny is looking into more information about the mic. This request will most likely be put in under the budgeted amount for Music Vouchers.

Stem Toys: Multiple grade level have requested more Stem Toys for the classroom. All classrooms that have filled out the form for STEM toys has received at least one new toy. 5 classroom toys have been donated in Memory of Travis Rieck of Palo.

4. Officers Report:

Treasurer's Report: December & January reports presented and will be posted online for review.

Minute Review: January minutes are posted online for review.

5. Current Business

Teacher Vouchers: Teachers will be given the option to gift their voucher to another teacher if they have not used theirs yet during the month of February.

On-Going Fundraisers: Don't forget that AmazonSmiles and Casey's rewards are options are year round fundraisers for Linn Grove. The Library Amazon Wishlist is also still live.



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Hy-Vee Receipts: No update at this time, an updated total will be given in March after the next contest in 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.

Cookies & Canvas: Markers have been donated and are on their way. PTO will only need to purchase the metal items for the students to decorate. Kits will be sold for \$10.

Virtual Basket Auction: This month the committee will start reaching out to businesses for donations. The auction will be in April.

Valentine's Grams: Flyers went out last week. Final sales must be turned in by Monday, February 7th. 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. Thank you to all the families that have helped to keep this running off donations! If you'd like to sponsor a week or donate you can email the PTO or send a message through Facebook.

Spirit Wear: Will run February 7th – February 18th. Orders will be online only. Some of items offered this year will be neon shirts, tie dye shirts, shorts and the school list shirt. Spirit Wear orders are not a fundraiser, as prices are kept low to help make affordable for families.

Conferences Lunches: Will be February 24th and March 1st. Lunches will be from Fresh Deli. The Daoud Family will be doing both nights for the budgeted amount.

Yearly Fundraiser: HyVee Coupon Books are not an option at this time, as management of them has moved from local to corporate and having difficulty getting any responses. Looking for new ideas for the main fundraiser. New ideas for prizes was presented based on participating, not on the number of items sold. Ideas can be sent to the PTO email or send a message through Facebook.

6. New Business

Movie Night: Flyers went home this week for the movie night February 18th. The flyers had info for pre-orders for pizza from Kum & Go. Concessions will also be available, as well as free popcorn. 4th grade is hosting this night and is putting together raffle baskets. Raffle baskets, concessions and pizza sales are all part of the fundraising portion of the night.

Dance Party: Planning an outside Dance Party for May. A DJ has donated his time to host this event. Little Lions and Kindergarten is hosting this event and this event will also be open to incoming preschool and kindergarten students.



Staff Appreciation Week: Will be the first week of May. Starting to gather ideas for this event.

Board Elections: Will be in April. Several positions are up for re-election. If you'd like more information, you can email the PTO.

Breakfast with Buddies: Starting to look into pricing/donations for donut holes, milk & juice.

4th Grade Send Off: Will be planned/organized by the 4th Grade Teachers.

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7. Open Discussion

Meeting Adjourned At: 6:54 PM

8. Upcoming Events

Movie Night – February 18th

Bingo Night – April 15th

Cookies & Canvas – April 19th

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

Breakfast With Buddies – May 19th & 20th

Dance Party – May 20, 2022

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