



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00pm

Meeting Place: Linn Grove Media Center

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Meeting Called to Order by Kara Larson

Attendance: 13

(Officers in attendance: Kara Larson, President; Kelly Ackley, Vice President/Co-Treasurer, Angela Lincoln, Secretary; Sheri McCormick, Co-Treasurer)

Minutes: Minutes from March 2018 meeting were accepted

1. Building Update:

Chad Buchholz, Principal: Mr. Buchholz passed around a petition to put the new bond on the September 11th ballot. 1500 signatures are needed, last Friday district had just 400. We are in the process of testing this week for Iowa Assessments. Thanks to our PTO for snacks (especially the Laughing Cow cheese/crackers), which does motivate and engage the students. Today was our first day of testing and will finish this week. We are also looking at next year and the process of staffing. Kindergarten numbers are solid and growing, at least four sections at this point. A lot is happening in district on enrollment for next year and once that is in place Chad can make changes here. We are also looking at the schedule – make sure we are engaging our kids in our core instruction at the max we can. We are having a hard look right now at our schedule and our day, then the next piece will be to find the people. Not sure if we will have openings at this point, a lot can happen between now and August. We'll start working on class lists any day.

Kara question regarding TLP (Teacher Leadership Program) positions/openings. This is a grant funded statewide and we are in our 4th year of being a TLP school. Teachers are in classroom positions, then out of classroom positions for 3 years and must reapply and re-interview. The intent of grant is to not take you away from teaching opportunity, but to grow you as a teacher. Mr. Harms is taking leadership role for half-time, so we'll be hiring at least half-time PE position. It is designed to strengthen the teachers...unique form of a sabbatical.

2. Current Business:

PTO Events Recap: Moe's was about same as last time, \$60+. Movie Night turnout was the same if not a little bit more for Spring Break. The little kids sat there watching the movie without moving almost the whole time. Zio Johno's was the first time in a long time so didn't know what to expect. We earned \$60+ in tips and \$350 from sales. Ice Arena had about 10-15 LG families, was fun not super busy.



Family Fun Night: Meeting next Monday possibly. Pre-order for food, cupcake requests, and help wanted info was stuffed in the boxes tonight. The map is almost done and all games are figured out. We are looking for pod monitors, Lana and Becca maybe, to keep an eye on junior soda.

Write One For Linn Grove: We're at \$6,421 now. The online link is open until April 15th. Share on Facebook everyone! Last chance to donate online!

Vote on 2 Budget Changes: Staff Appreciation & FFN increases: Staff Appreciation increase from 200 to 400, voted in. FFN increase by 50 to cover photo booth (from 500 to 550), voted in. No one opposed either.

Iowa Assessment Snacks: Kelly reports its going fine so far and we're coming in way under budget.

Box Tops: Kelly reports two contests going on now, both end April 13th. We've had some turned in for both. Staff is for every 5 they turn in get name in drawing for free lunch. Kid's top two classes get popsicle/sidewalk chalk party. They are still tossing around ideas for grand finale. Asking permission for 5 people to sleep on the roof. Other one we could do is make homemade slime and slime principal. After this contest the goal amount will be set.

Hy-Vee Receipts: Carmen reports we are down \$93,461.80 from last year. Aldi, Walmart delivery are a factor. Today total is \$190,480.62. Kara will post on FB tonight about last chance to get them in. Need to check on e-receipts qualifying and mention that online too.

3. New Business/Volunteer Requests:

Take Board Nominations: Kara asked if anyone here wants to run for any positions, there was none. We can allow co-positions per our by-laws. Here are the nominees for 2-year positions unless otherwise stated: Co-Presidents are Priscilla Zaehring & Kara Larson (1 year), Co-Vice Presidents are Lisa Dighton & Kelly Ackley (1 year), Correspondence Secretary is Lana Sellner, Recording Secretary is Amy Ferin, Co-Treasures are Lori Mullin & Cailey Nachazel.

PTO Board Positions – Vote: We voted in the new board as stated above. What we will do is meet as a board to discuss budget, probably won't discuss fundraising at May meeting.

Staff Appreciation Week: May 7 – 11th, the first full week in May. We just raised budget to 400. Kelly and Kara are going to be meeting on a theme, not sure what we're doing yet. Once we know theme and what we need help with then we will put it out there. Great Showman/Circus theme suggested by Mr. Buchholz.

Staff Incentive Drawing: April winner is Lana Sellner.

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4. Officer's Report:

Presented by Sheri McCormick. There was a big discussion over remaining income and expenses for the year. Mr. Buchholz asked how much of our account balance is spent.

5. Open Discussion:

There was nothing else brought up for discussion.

6. Meeting Adjourned At: 7:07pm.

7. Upcoming Events

LG Day at LaCantina – 4/4, 11:00am-10:00pm, 10% back to LG!

Coffee Conversation – 4/7, 8:30am-9:30am @ Indian Creek Elementary

Family Fun Night – 4/20, 5:00pm-7:30pm

Last PTO Meeting of the Year – 5/7, 6:00pm

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

Next PTO meeting is Monday, May 7th!

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