



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00pm

Meeting Place: Linn Grove Media Center

Mission Statement:

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Meeting Called to Order by Kara Larson

Attendance: 9

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

Minutes: Minutes from November 2017 meeting were accepted

1. Building Update:

Chad Buchholz, Principal: December is focus/learning time, with three full weeks of school. We have a staff transition starting tomorrow: Mr. Tristan Evans is starting tomorrow and will work with Bri for the next four days, getting to know kids and staff. Bri is moving into new teaching transition next Tuesday. Before winter break, we will start a new tradition on Wednesday with a school-wide sing along. Each class will do their own song then a couple of school-wide songs, possibly a couple little skits. Thursday we'll be doing Reindeer Games for our students, and that is our winter party this year. This will be in the gym with their whole grade level and they'll do activities then have a treat. We need lots of volunteers and donations. Thursday is also ugly sweater/festive day for kids and staff.

2. Current Business:

PTO Events Recap (Chick-Fil-A Night): This year we earned \$142 on only games at Chick-Fil-A night, and we are still waiting on our check for purchases that night. We had a great turnout. Although there was a problem at first with take-out order counting toward our school, Chick-Fil-A did honor those as well. We will need to talk to them more about that next year.

Write One for Linn Grove: As of today, we have raised \$5,770. Here are some numbers: 91 Kids, 69 Families, 1 Staff who doesn't have kids at LG donated; 51 Families donated over \$40+ per kid, 18 Families donated \$20-\$30 per kid; top three highest amounts so far by student = Kindergartener raised \$560 (almost 19 kids @ \$30 amount), 2nd Grader \$350 (almost 11 kids), 1 Family \$210 (7 kids); 15% of families sent in a donation; 35 of the 70 donations were online. **All kids with donations will be able to play Dodgeball!** Working on dodgeball date. You can still donate! Online donations can be made until 4/15/18. Kara will send out something before break that is a reminder that we'll still continuing it. We have to figure out the student match to one donation we received, email has been sent.



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Track Fitness Stations Update: These are installed. We are working on plaques and waiting on mulch. We have push-ups, pull-ups/hip twist, crunch pole, sit-ups, step-up. **Thanks to Mindy Walderbach for all her hard work!** We did not purchase diagrams for outside, Mr. Harms knows how to use them.

Holiday Kids Bazaar: It's this Saturday. Set up help needed on Friday night at 5:30pm. Carmen will be here at 5pm to start taping off places and vendors can set up 6-7:30pm. Choir will perform on Saturday 11-11:30am (warm up 10:45) and be walking around. Gift Wrapping in Cafeteria and seats/colors. Carmen says we have a total of 20 vendors (24 spaces paid for). Chad is opening building at 7:30am. Carmen has not been able to connect with La Cantina so we don't know if Raul is going to come and sell food during the bazaar. Staff who volunteers at bazaar will get in a drawing for something nice from Carmen Bell.

Family Fun Night: Kara will create Facebook group/event to organize a meeting now that budget has been adjusted.

Box Tops: – Presented by Kelly Ackley. First grade won popcorn party and had a good time. Angie Lawrence and Miss Judy were staff winners. We got 978 box tops total for those contests. Now is Winter Wonderland Pizza Party and it goes until next Tuesday, party is Friday the 15th for class that brings in the most. Check should be coming soon, around \$1400. Please be sure to check expiration dates on your box tops and make sure yours don't expire!

Hy-Vee Receipts: Presented by Carmen Bell. We have no numbers for last December to compare to, but we had additional \$14,429 since the November PTO meeting. We usually get 30k-40k per month, so please send in all those receipts!

3. New Business/Volunteer Requests:

Proposed Budget Changes: Kara went over sheet with budget cuts. Zero out math and reading night per Chad because he'll take care of that. There's a possibility of a bank sponsoring Old Creamery per Leena, at Viola Gibson it was like that. New budget was voted in and Kara will send it out to all staff.

Staff Incentive Drawing Nov & Dec: Mr. Walker won for October and picked his prize (box sharpie markers). November winner is Bri Baronowski.

4. Teacher's Requests

There are no teacher requests this month.

5. Officer's Report:

Presented by Sheri McCormick. Sheri will have the LM Foundation cut a check when she goes to see them this Friday (should only take 2 days).



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6. Open Discussion:

7. Meeting Adjourned At: 7:10pm.

8. Upcoming Events

Holiday Kids Bazaar – 12/9, 10am-2pm, Gifts \$10 or less, free wrapping

LaCantina Day – 12/13, all day, 11am-10pm, 10% back

Buffalo Wild Wings Day – 12/20, all day, 11am-12am, 10% back

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

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, January 9th!

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