



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Linn Grove Media Center

Mission Statement:

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Meeting Called to Order by Kara Larson

Attendance: 17

(Officers in attendance: Kara Larson, President; Kelly Ackley, Vice-President; Angela Lincoln, Recording Secretary; Angie Lawrence, Correspondence Secretary; Sheri McCormick and Kelly Anderson, Co-Treasurers)

Minutes: Minutes from May 2016 meeting were accepted

1. Mississippi Blood Center – Tim Nash

Linn Grove Blood Drive is scheduled for 9/22. We have 16 people signed up, would be ideal to have at least 25 or more so the school gets the Life Savings Grant of \$250 plus \$1/unit donated. Walk-ins will also be accepted. Will take about an hour of your time, donation itself is just 5-10 minutes. Please invite family, spouses, friends to participate, kids 16 and over can also donate. Each donation saves 3 lives. Clearing up common misconceptions: if you received a blood transfusion, there's a one year deferral for donating; you can donate if you have been declared cancer-free for one year; diabetics can donate; if you received a tattoo or piercing you can donate as long as it's healed up. Call to check on eligible medications because those change constantly.

2. Building Update:

Chad Buchholz:

- 2nd recess has been implemented for K-3 students this year, still working with 4&5 teachers to see if it can fit.
- Lunch and recess time has also been increased 5 minutes, kids are taking more time to eat.
- Lunch room has been changed to three sessions and it's working pretty well: K&2, 1&3, 4&5. More students on playground at once and more staff help by doing this.
- We are up about 23 students compared to end of year last year. 593

3. Teacher's Requests:

Mrs. Bruce: Requesting magnetic pattern blocks. \$25, approved.

1st Grade Literacy Bags: Requesting fabric bags for all students. Vote: 5 yay, 7 nay. Denied.

2nd Grade Stability Cushions: Requesting 6 per class, 4 classes. \$425, approved.

4. Officers Report:

Presented by Sheri McCormick (there was an audit over the summer).



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5. Current Business

Staff Vouchers: Over half of the vouchers have been submitted. Need to be used by mid-October.

Chalk the Sidewalk: 70-80 squares filled up. Similar turnout as years passed. Kona Ice was there.

Meet and Greet: Was great, lots of people stopping at the table. Box Top table drew a lot of people over and kids loved the erasers at our table.

Garden Tending Party: Two male master gardeners educated us and guided the planting of the garden. Donations of seeds and plants received from Blue Zone. Master gardeners willing to return.

Box Tops: Thanks for attending Box Top 20th Anniversary celebration at Hy-Vee. August brought in 1,232 box tops. So far in September we have collected 3,300. Book Fair contest and Pokemon Go contests in September. There is a new Box Top Bonus App that gives bonus box tops when you buy box top products. Sams Club has a great Box Top promotion now for every 3 Box Top items you buy you earn 100 bonus eBox Tops. There is a Facebook page called Linn Grove Box Toppers with all the current contests, promotions, information and news.

6. New Business

2016-2017 Calendar: We did not have copies to distribute; however, current calendar is on linngrovepto.org and there are also calendars in the school lobby.

Future of LM: The School Board presented their results and are going with Scenario #3, which includes changes for all schools and building a new 5-7 building, to accommodate our growing district. There were two meetings for the elementary school PTO's, 9/6 and 9/8. There is a Community meeting scheduled for 9/19 at the LRC. Everyone is invited and they will present their results, answer questions, and solicit feedback.

Budget Change – Remove Emergency Staff Fund. Approved.

RBTA: Kelly Ackley and Sheri McCormick are Co-Chairs.

Chairs Needed: Homecoming Parade, Angie Lawrence will chair it. Conference Dinners, Becca is willing to chair if no one else wants to do it.

NFL60: Linda reports they will try to do it outside this year. John Harms offered to help run it. There's a new NFL60 app available and Linda needs a volunteer spot set up.

Help needed Culver's Night: Volunteers needed to hold doors, deliver food to tables. Will likely do shifts until 7:30 or 8pm.

Trunk or Treat: The bus lane will be used for cars that are giving out treats. Looking at starting the treating at 4:30pm. No cars can leave the bus lane until 6pm, even if they run out of treats.

Merchant Card Fundraiser: These \$20 discount cards will be for merchants located in Marion and NE Cedar Rapids area.

Hy-Vee Receipts: This year the program includes receipts dated 5/1/2016 – 3/31/2017. As of 9/12/16, our total is \$46,825.75.

7. Open Discussion



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8. Meeting Adjourned At: 7:45 PM

9. Upcoming Events

Blood Drive 9/22 @ Linn Grove from 2:30-5:30pm

RBTA 9/23 during specials

RBTA Family Fun Run 9/23 5:30-7:30pm

McTeacher Night 9/27 5:00-8:00pm

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

Next PTO meeting is October 4th!

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