



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

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

Meeting Place: Zoom

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Meeting Called to Order by Krystal Betts

Attendance: 8

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Building Update – Lori Manley

ISASP Testing coming at the end of the month for 3rd and 4th grade.

March Madness Contest for PBIS is just wrapping up.

April Celebration will be a beach day. Students will have a sack lunch that day. Menu change will be communicated home with families.

A decision will be made at the end of the year about the new reader curriculum that is being piloted this year in grades K-2. A survey will be coming soon to parents about the curriculum.

A virtual parent night will be hosted soon for the incoming kindergarten students.

A huge thank you for the headphones that PTO purchased. Teachers are super excited about them and they say they work really well for students.

3. Teacher's Requests:

Second Grade: Requested 4 sets of A Little Spot books (1 set per classroom). \$193.91/set for a total of \$775.64

4. Officers Report:

Treasurer's Report: March report presented by Angela and will be posted online for review. Motion to move \$2,500 from the playground budget to teacher requests for this year.

Minute Review: March minutes are posted online for review.



5. Current Business

Casey's Cards: A total of 346 cards were sold. Cards and shirts were sent home with students March 29th. The winners of the Victory Ninja passes were announced and will be sent home to students as soon as it opens.

Teacher Vouchers: 27/38 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 March contest was Mrs. Friday's room with 487 receipts turned in. 2nd place was Mrs. Downing's class with 259 and 3rd Place 37 was Miss Melissa's AM class with 185. March total was \$60,997.71, bringing the year total to \$192,121.01. This is only behind last year by \$4,566.62 Keep sending those receipts in to the office! You can also submit your e-receipts to linngrovehyvee@gmail.com We will run contests again next year in September, December, and March. 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: April 29th at 6:00 via Zoom. Order forms have been sent home and can be turned into the main office by April 16th. Supplies/kits will be sent home with students on April 27th unless otherwise noted on the form. Cost of the event is \$10/kit. \$5 of that cost covers supplies and \$5 goes towards the art fund.

Spring Spirit Wear Sale: Only offered via online orders. The website went live April 2nd and will be open until April 16th.

Fourth Grade Send Off: Sizes have been collected and the design has been turned in. Working on ordering shirts.

Staff Appreciation Week: Week of May 3rd. 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.

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6. New Business

Next Year Events: Next year's meetings will possibly be a hybrid of in person with live broadcasting. If there is low in person attendance, then will be moved to all online. Will be starting a monthly newsletter and posting updates on Facebook page. Will also be hosting a PTO table at school events. Thoughts on teaming up with other schools to provide events. A list was presented with events that will continue for next year, a few events possibly won't happen if there is no interest from volunteers to run the events and a few events have already been removed from next year's calendar.

Kona Ice: Looking into schedule the Kona Truck for Back-to-School times/events and for a movie or bingo night after spring break next year. PTO would cover the cost for both events.

Headphones: 160 sets of headphones were purchased for the classrooms.

School Packs: Flyers have been sent home. The website is live and will be taking orders until July 5th. Only online orders will be taken again this year. PTO will be donating 4 packs and EIP (the company) is donating a pack. The extra packs will be given to Mrs. Knudson for students that need supplies.

Clothing for Health Office: 40 pairs of sweatpants were purchased as the Health Office was out of extra pants for students that needed them. A variety of sizes was purchased size XS – L. This cost was taken out of the student welfare budget.

7. Open Discussion

Sensory Path: Look into logistics and pricing for possibly adding a sensory path.

Meeting Adjourned At: 6:51 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!

McTeacher Night: April 20th – 6th 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 May 4, 2021!

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