



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Linn Grove Media Center

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Meeting Called to Order by Priscilla Zaehring

Attendance: 13

(Officers in attendance: Priscilla Zaehring, President; Lisa Dighton, Vice President; Lana Sellner, Correspondence Secretary; Angela Tastad, Krystal Betts, Kara Larson, Co-Treasurers)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Building Update:

Chad Buchholz:

- Grade level parent information nights will look differently this year. Grade levels will not be doing a formal night, but instead will be providing families with this information in different formats like video links, brochures, google slides, etc.
- The District will begin the hiring process/posting for the next Linn Grove principal in January.
- A letter will be coming home with students about a High Reliability Schools survey for parents to take. Please take 5 minutes out of what we know is a busy schedule and complete the survey by October 18th. Information from the survey will be used to help improve safety, security, culture, and climate of Linn Grove. Staff will also be completing the survey.

3. Teacher's Requests:

None at this time

4. Officers Report:

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Kara Larson. Will be posted online at linngrovepto.org

5. Current Business

Five Guys Restaurant Night: \$261.00 was raised for Linn Grove. Many reports that it was a very busy night at the restaurant!



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Go Fund Linn Grove: This will be the main fundraiser for the year. It is a direct donation campaign. Sample flyers were available. These will be coming home with students in the next couple of weeks. There will be both individual and school wide incentives including brag tags, pizza for lunch, spirit wear swag, dunk tank, pie in the face and Kona Ice! Be sure to check with your employer about donation matching. Online donations are also available for friends and family that live out of town. For online donations there is a spot for student name to be entered so students can still get credit for individual incentives.

Cookies & Canvas: Will be held in the Linn Grove Cafeteria and Art room on September 26th. Flyers for sign up will be coming home soon. Adjustments made to this event from feedback received from our first Cookies and Canvas event include adding 15 minutes to the time to allow for project completion, more supplies and a variety of cookies.

NFL60: At this time this event has been postponed to the Spring as it is currently scheduled and conflicts with the Homecoming Parade. We are still looking for an event chair for this event. If you are interested in chair this event please contact a PTO Board member. If there is no one interesting in chairing this event it will unfortunately be cancelled for the year.

Spirit Wear: Orders are due September 18th, A sample run of sizes and materials were available at the meeting. Flyers have gone home with students. The flyers had basic school spirit wear items on them. Make sure to check out the online store for more options! Orders will be delivered to students prior to the Homecoming Parade. If there is enough interest there may be another ordering opportunity before the holidays with the option to pick up the order at school if ordering for gifts.

Box Tops: Make sure to download the new App as box tops are going digital! After the app is downloaded and you have created a profile linked to Linn Grove all you have to do is scan your receipt. Easy as that!! No scanning the product just your receipt! Be sure to scan your receipts within 14 days of purchase for Linn Grove to get credit. Digital receipts? No problem! They can be emailed to Box Tops just make sure to mention Linn Grove. More information on digital receipts can be found on the box tops website. Contests will be changing as the app does not allow for student specific submission information to be collected. There will be 3 contests this year: Box Top for Books; App Share; and School Wide Incentives. A flyer will be coming home with students in the next couple of weeks with more details. Keep saving those clipped box tops! They will still be collected until expired.

Hy-Vee Receipts: E-Receipts have greatly increased! Keep up the good work Linn Grove and forward those E-Receipts to linngrovehyvee@gmail.com Total receipts turned in for August total \$14, 268.13 bringing our year to date total to \$24,852.49 over \$3000 ahead of this time last year!!! Remember all metro area Hy-Vee, Hy-Vee Drugstore, Hy-Vee Gas and Hy-Vee Market Grill count.



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6. New Business

RBTA: September 20th The Day event will be during the student's specials time. Volunteers are needed to help hand out bracelets and cheer students on as they run the track. A volunteer signup will be coming soon. Families may preregister for the night event or register the night of. The night event will begin at 6:15 and be \$3 per individual or \$5 per family. The night event will be a fun run/walk around the Linn Grove neighborhood with medals for the top finishers.

Trunk or Treat: October 26th 4:30 to 5:30. We already have 7 confirmed trunks! We still have plenty of space if your family or business would like to decorate a trunk (contact a PTO Board member for more information). You may provide your own candy for the trunk and/or PTO will also have candy available that night. Families will get a chance to vote that night on their favorite trunks and prizes will be awarded.

Bingo: Join us October 4th 6:00 – 7:00 for our first Linn Grove Bingo Night. Come have fun with the whole family! Cards are only \$0.25 a piece and prizes will be awarded!!!!

7. Open Discussion

8. Meeting Adjourned At: 7:10 PM

9. Upcoming Events

Foundation Dine Out Night – 9/12/19

Papa Murphy's Linn Grove Day – 9/20/19 PTO Receives 20% on instore orders

RBTA Day & Night Event – 9/20/19

Cookies & Canvas – 9/26/19

Bingo – 10/4/19

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

Next PTO meeting is October 14th !

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