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Description automatically generatedW.G. Rice Elementary & Iron Forge Elementary Schools SMPTO Meeting Minutes

**March 19, 2024**

1. **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**
   1. The meeting started at 7:05 PM. In attendance were:
      * Bridgette Wickard (Pres)
      * Janelle Cekovich (IFES Co-VP)
      * Tori Christen (Co-Treasurer)
      * Sarah Faller-Bowermaster (Co-Treasurer)
      * Sheri Bock (WG Rice Co-VP)
      * Brooke Butler Wagner (WG Rice Co-VP)
      * Courtney Burke (Secretary)
      * David Boley (WG Rice, Principal)
      * Trisha Reed (IFES Principal)
      * 6 Parents
      * 2 teachers
2. **Minutes**
   1. The February 2024 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion by Sarah, seconded by Brooke.
3. **Principal Reports/School Board Representative**
   1. **Rice:** Thank for parents for coming to parent teacher conferences and coming to art show. April 5th is spring picture day and classroom pictures. Kindergarten registration event will take place on April 9, 10 and 11. Spring field trips are coming up. The AgVan will be at Rice during the last full week of April.
   2. **IFES**: Thank you to all the parents for coming to the parent teacher conferences. Career day will be March 22nd. Art night will be on March 26th Looking ahead in April PSSA’s will be held. Career day is 3/22. Reminder for school on 3/28. School off on 3/29 and 4/1.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
   1. The budget was reviewed and approved with a motion by Brooke, seconded by Ariel.
5. **Correspondence**
   1. SMPTO received a card from a student & shared it with attendees.
   2. Reading Program Materials from Temple University were shared with both principals.
   3. Teacher Grants – were discussed at the Executive meeting and the SMPTO Board will be coordinating with both Lisa Garman and Dave Yinger.
6. **Chair/Committee Reports/Updates**
   1. IFES Bookfair
      1. Total Sales: $8,760. This was down from last year but still a very good event. The SMPTO used scholastic dollars to buy 2 books for every teacher that had books in their bins at the event. Additional scholastic dollars are available and may be used for PBIS prizes.
   2. Groovy Movies (2) – Torie & Sarah
      1. February was poorly attended, much like January. The SMPTO Board may substitute these events with another event next year.
   3. IFES Luau – Kelsi & Janelle
      1. The remaining items to order include leis, crafts, and table cloths.
      2. Permission forms for this event will be done electronically, IFES office will have some paper copies of the permission form on hand if needed by a student.
      3. It was requested that the time to sign up sheet also be disseminated to the teachers. The SMPTO Board will coordinate with Mrs. Reed.
   4. Spring Fling – Bridgette
      1. Next committee meeting on March 28, 2024. Planning is going well.
   5. Teacher Appreciation – Torie & Sarah
      1. Currently pricing out different options – possibly chair massages for teachers, breakfast/lunch, classroom supplies, gift cards, etc. Will bring formal ideas to be voted on by the board.
   6. Bubbling Over / Forge Ahead Days – Brooke, Sheri, Kelsi & Janelle
      1. T-shirt contest for both events to be held in April.
7. **Old Business**
   1. Harlem Wizards 2024
      1. Bubbler foundation granted money for wizards to come and play basketball against 20 teachers. Assemblies to be held at both elementary schools. date to be confirmed in may
8. **New Business**
   1. Presentation and Discussion of Board Candidates – Voting of board positions will take place at the April SMPTO Meeting.
      1. Sheri Bock – will be extended for a 1-year term in order to have alternating Co-VPs at Rice.
      2. Erica Lounder – Interested in either Rice or IFES Co-VP position.
      3. Emily Kremski – interested in either Rice or IFES Co-VP position.
      4. Katherine Schwenn – Interested in the Treasurer position.
      5. Colby Kramer – Interested in IFES Co-VP position.
   2. Kindergarten Registration Handout – A sample of what will be handed out at the kindergarten registration event was provided and reviewed by attendees.
   3. AgVan – Mr. Boley will provide a schedule to the SMPTO Board to assist with getting volunteers.
   4. Field Trips – reminder for teachers to fill out the field trip request form on the SMPTO site. Request should be made at the earliest convenience.
9. **Announcements/Upcoming Events**
   1. April 16th – SMPTO Meeting @ 7PM in IFES Library
   2. April 19th – IFES Luau (6-8pm)
   3. April 22nd-April 25th – WG Rice AG Van
   4. May 4th – Spring Fling (3-7pm)
   5. May 13th- May 17th – IFES AG Van
   6. May 6th-May 10th – Teacher Appreciation Week
   7. May 21st – SMPTO Meeting @ 7PM in IFES Library
   8. May 24th – Bubbling Over Day
   9. May 28th – Forge Ahead Day
10. **Open Floor/Miscellaneous**
11. **Adjournment**The meeting ended at 8:05 PM with a motion by Katherine, seconded by Ariel.