

10/15/19 PTU Minutes

Call to order: President Rochelle McGarvey

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm
- There were 16 members in attendance
- Minutes from the September 2019 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

- The first round of PTU shirts have been paid for and distributed.
- Fall spirit wear was \$474.01
- Have items for sale before/after school
- Teachers/specialists have started to use their teacher grants for the year

Principal's Report

- Character counts assemblies have changed. We are no longer doing skits during assemblies. Teams are explaining why they nominated students as kids of character.
- Character counts week is next week. Friday we will have Character Day. A day filled with activities centered around character building.
- Pack the Bus- Mr. Strassburg is heading this up again to gather items for House of Hope in Iowa City.
- Conference sign-up is coming soon. More information will be sent to parents soon.
- Halloween parade at 3pm on October 31st.
- Noon dismissal on November 1st and 14th. Conferences on November 12th and 14th. No school on the 15th.
- Staff all have "Be Kind to Everyone" t-shirts. This is our school theme for the year.
 - World Kindness Day is November 13th. We will get a "Be Kind to Everyone" banner for our school. We will all sign this and pass it along to another school.
- Picture retakes are actually on <u>NOVEMBER</u> 14th.

Teacher's Report

- 3rd-grade teachers shared about Museum School.
 - Students visited several museums in the area. Many parent volunteers also attended.
 - They learned about fossils of Iowa, pioneer times, Native Americans, immigration in the Cedar Valley, war/Sullivan Brothers, machines, and more!
 - Students had opportunities to not only hear about but experience first hand and touch what they were learning about

Old Business

- Student directories went out last week/this week. Students only receive directories for students in their grade. PTU and the office both have full directories.
- We will sell Cedar Heights SWAG items the rest of the week at the front and back of the school. Items will also be sold a week in November and a week in December.



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- Hy-vee receipts: we earned \$93 for the first collection period.
- Cedar Heights Community Partnership- Andrew is continuing to work on this (volunteer opportunities at Cedar Heights)

New Business

- Teresa and Tiffany are working on the read-a-thon happening now.
 - Teachers are keeping track of minutes this year as well.
 - Teachers also made a hype video
 - We still need some volunteers for Saturday's read-a-thon event. This will be added to the website and the Facebook page.
- Derek from Cedar Valley Angels told about his organization. They match groups from the community with foster families to provide support. A flyer will be going home with students this week about the fundraiser and what the dates will be (November 4th-8th).
- Art night. Rebekah-Can pay \$10 per class (1 per night) to have students take art classes. There are 6 classes being offered. This will be held on November 8th from 5 to 7pm. Space is limited. This will be done again in January. SWAG will be sold again on this night.
- Book fair- will be open from 4-8 Tuesday and 1-8 on Thursday. Tiffany will let parents know what she needs for volunteers.
- Movie night-November 22nd at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30.
- Box Tops- The first deadline is November 1st. Download the app and scan receipts.
- Spiritwear web store will be open again from November 1st through 11th. Mostly the same styles, but adding different color options. Might have a new graphic.
- PTU holiday store- December 6th from 6pm to 8pm. Volunteers will wrap presents. Stay tuned for more details.
- Dances are being planned
- A survey will be sent out to students about what they'd like for the playground.
- A presenter from "Step it Up" will be coming next month to present.

Next PTU Meeting will be...

• Tuesday, November 19th at 7pm. Arrive at 6:30pm for socializing, snacks, and to help cut out Box Tops, count Hy-Vee receipts, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.