



11/19/19 PTU Minutes

Call to order: President Liz Berns

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm
- There were 17 members in attendance
- Minutes from the October 2019 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

- Some teacher's grants paid
- Read-a-thon- Approximately \$7,500 profit- some receipts still need to come through
- Art Night- made about \$393-printing costs
- We were able to donate \$88 to Cedar Valley Angels with our Swag sales
- New bulletin board by the front entrance was purchased and installed
- Taxes were done for last year
- Spirit Swag sales. New items also available.

Principal's Report

- Progress reports will be emailed home tomorrow
- Iowa Statewide assessments just came in- pleased with results. Overall, our kids scored above the state average on all tests at all grade levels. These results will be sent home on Tuesday, November 26th.
- Next week- no school Wednesday through Friday because of Thanksgiving
- Wednesday- teachers will be attending professional development and learning how to support behavior and mental health issues.
- We have had conferences were 96% of parents so far. Some teachers are still holding conferences with parents who were unable to attend last week.
- Teachers appreciated dinner last Thursday during conferences! Thank you, PTU- especially Candice Warby!

Teacher's Report

- The first-grade teachers shared how they use technology in the classroom.
- They use iPads for reading programs like Raz Kids (can be used at home or school), Epic, BookFLIX. These programs allow students access to a variety of engaging books at their level. Books are available that match students' science and social studies lessons as well.
- Teachers use Seesaw as an online portfolio for students to show their learning, teachers to gain insights into student skills, and for parents and families to connect with their student's learning.

Old Business

- Mr. White- Community Partnership website is done and waiting on approval from Mr. Ortman
- Read-a-thon- students enjoyed their rewards. Approximately \$7,700 raised.



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- Book fair- Sold about \$4,100 worth of books. Tiffany got about 30% back in books for the school. She was able to purchase about \$1,200 worth of books.
- Art night- the first art night went really well. The next art night will be January 10th. 41 students attended.
- Some new Swag items have been purchased in order to sell at the holiday store.
- Need 30 more PTU t-shirt orders in order to place an order and get the \$8.50 price.

New Business

- Ross Hemsley shared the Step it Up fundraiser
 - 30-minute kick-off assembly
 - Students take home a packet. Go to the website listed and register. They enter email addresses. Students have the chance to earn prizes for this step. Emails are sent out at 7 days, 10 days, and 14 days. If the person responds and donates, they will not receive further emails.
 - 90% of the funds are collected through credit cards. Cash and checks can also be collected.
 - 50% cash profit if at least \$30,000 is raised. 40% if less is raised.
 - 80% or more of the money raised comes back to our school in the form of cash/student rewards.
 - Step it Up takes about 10%, but helps increase participation
 - Day of Awesomeness- obstacle courses, inflatable slides, and other fun items are brought in for a reward for kids. ALL students are included in this reward.
 - Difference levels of rewards based on how much money the student raised through emails.
- First PTU movie night- Toy Story 4- November 22nd
- PTU Holiday Store- December 6th from 6 to 8pm- sell swag items, students will be able to purchase items for their family, wrap presents, snacks in the cafeteria, free gift wrapping for items purchased that night. Mr. Hansen is getting a group of kids together to sing Christmas carols. Kids can listen to Christmas stories while parents shop.
- Fun Fair- a survey was sent out to try to get info on what people would like to see as prizes, etc.
 - Volunteers are always needed. Let Liz Berns know if you are interested.
- Hy-vee receipts- next due date is January 5th
- Box Tops- next turn in date is March 1st
- We will be purchasing a snowblower for the school. Ron let the PTU know which one he wanted.

Next PTU Meeting will be...

- Tuesday, December 17th at 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.