



1/21/20 PTU Minutes

Call to order: President Liz Berns

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm
- There were 14 members in attendance
- Minutes from the December 2019 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

- Teacher grants paid out
- Character counts supplies purchased
- Art night brought in around \$300
- Box Tops brought in around \$700
- Fun Fair- Exercising Kindness Inside and Out- seeking donations and volunteers

Principal's Report

- Winter testing- FAST tests for reading and math
 - Building leadership will take a look at this data to help us progress
- Music concerts are starting- you can find dates on the school calendar
- Preschool registration opens on January 31st at noon
- Sixth graders are starting to prepare for their move to Peet
 - 7th-grade orientation- February 4th at 7pm

Teacher's Report

- Dr. Patee was here with some school board members to talk about how the school board can help support our school.
- Election- March 3rd is for the extension of the 1 cent sales tax to allow us to continue to use that money toward building enhancements.
- Jeff Hassman talked about the new high school and how they are going about planning the new building. It is still in a conceptual phase right now.
 - Right now it is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.
 - The new high school plan will allow room for growth.
- The current senior class is around 375 students
 - The largest class is 7th grade with around 470 students
 - Many elementary classes have around 440-450 students
- The new high school needs more space due to serving students with special needs, offering college-level classes, and additional electives compared to years past.
- A variety of parents, students, teachers, etc. have been included in planning the new high school to make sure that it meets the needs of all students.
- The question was asked about moving 9th grade to the high school. Jeff Hassman said that is a possibility but isn't being considered at the moment. He mentioned that 9th grade was originally moved to the junior highs in Cedar Falls due to a space issue. He mentioned that moving 9th grade was a decision that isn't needed right now due to space issues, but it is a possibility in the future.



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- A parent asked about the junior highs being landlocked. Jeff Hassman addressed the possibility of the current swimming pool areas being used to add instructional spaces if needed. The current school board is trying to leave many options open for future building spaces.

Old Business

- Hy-vee receipts- We don't get a check until the end of the school year, but we turned in enough receipts for \$184.35. Our total for the year is \$277.40.
- Art Night was January 10th. This time it went more smoothly. The kids really enjoyed it. We will do another art night next school year.
- Lego League went to the state competition in Ames- the team that went to state improved all of their times and the kids really enjoyed it.

New Business

- Front parking lot- please do NOT drop off kids when first pulling in the parking lot. It blocks all traffic movement on Rainbow Drive. Please pull forward to let students out and walk your student to the sidewalk if needed.
 - Liz suggested putting out a "no drop-off zone" sign.
 - A suggestion was also brought up to have a police officer come and help enforce the "no stopping" sign.
- Water fountains with bottle refills- we are starting to work on this. Looking at applying for grants.
- Family Movie Night- Friday, January 31st at 6pm.
- Mother/Son dance- March 6th. The initial planning meeting is this coming Sunday.
 - Volunteers will be needed the night of the dance. Dads wanted to volunteer so moms can enjoy the dance with their sons.
- Candance Warby is looking for another parent to volunteer for teacher hospitality who would be able to take over this responsibility next year.
- Fun Fair planning is underway
 - Donations are needed for raffle items, silent auction, etc.
 - We still need help with games/prizes. We will need someone to take this over next year.
 - The food and bake sale committee openings have been filled!
- Lisa Cox is starting a Girls on the Run group here at Cedar Heights.

Next PTU Meeting will be...

- Tuesday, February 18th at 7pm. Come early to help cut Box Tops, count Hy-Vee receipts, etc.
- Please note! - The April meeting is being moved to April 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.