



10/20/20 PTU Minutes

Call to order: President Liz Berns

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm
- There were 9 members in attendance
- Minutes from the September 2020 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

- Spirit Swag donation from Paypal account
- Boy Scouts had a donation from John Deere and it was given Troop 55/ Pack 55. We act as this group's sponsor
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Ortman was not in attendance, but he did send a video
- Things are going well in regard to the virus. Mr. Ortman thanked families for keeping kids home when they have symptoms.
- Music and art now have 4 grade levels going into the special classrooms. The special's classrooms are cleaned between classes.
- We have been able to start some small groups to support students while still following protocols.
- Student council is doing a fundraiser for the Northeast Iowa Foodbank. The food bank has helped provide food for students over the summer and they are continuing their backpack program this year.
- Next week is Red Ribbon Week. Wear red on Tuesday!
- Halloween- observed at school on Friday the 30th. Wear costumes to school. Noon dismissal. Classes will parade 1 at a time on Facebook Live. Some classes will have parties. Treats need to be prepackaged.
- Noon dismissal on the 30th. Students can order a sack lunch. That needs to be done by this Thursday.
- Sign-up for conferences opened today. Emails have been sent home regarding signing up.

Teacher's Report

- Betsy Haht joined us to talk about the student council. She is heading up student council this year while Mrs. Willey is off on medical leave.
- Student council consists of 4th through 6th graders. Sixth graders are leading student council.
- Food bank fundraiser tomorrow. This is a district fundraiser. Whichever classroom brings in the most money will get a special treat.
- Red Ribbon Week is all week next week. Student council decorated the bulletin board and put posters up throughout the school. On Monday, the student council will be putting up red ribbons on the trees. On Tuesday, wear red. Announcements will be made all week to educate students.



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- Students are working on a fundraiser to get new bases for kickball as well as sleds.
- They would also like to raise money for the children's hospital.

Old Business

- Spiritwear fundraiser- sold 205 items, raised \$1,086.
- Some parents missed the deadline for spiritwear. We need a minimum of 12 items per design in order to order more.
- Hy-Vee receipts- deadline is December 3rd. Students can turn in their receipts at school or receipts can be turned in to the tote at 2502 Garden Avenue.
- Box Tops- We need to have baggies of 50. We get 10 cents per Box Tops. You can also use the app to scan receipts.
- Fun Fair- we are hopeful that we can still have some sort of fun fair on May 7th. Volunteers are still needed.

New Business

- Mint Daisy Boutique fundraiser- November 4th. 10% of anything purchased online or as part of the live sale will come back to our school.
- Read-a-thon- postponed until spring.
- Texas Roadhouse fundraiser- 10% of gift cards sold will come back to Cedar Heights. Students will have a unique code so they get credit for selling gift cards. Texas Roadhouse will take care of prizes. Flyers will be sent home with students. It will take 10 days to get the gift cards back to the school. We can have gift cards with a Cedar Heights logo. We can also sell frozen rolls. A free appetizer will come with each roll purchase. Teresa will check into if e-gift cards are available.
- Jeni Barry collected a list of items that teachers need for the classrooms. We may do a sign-up genius in order to allow people the opportunity to purchase items for the school. We will do a drop off in the entryway or the office.
- Hospitality- because of COVID, it will look a little different this year. Rebecca is overseeing hospitality this year with Christina and Stephanie. They are working on doing a donation sign-up genius for food for parents to bring in pre-packaged food for conference days. They are working on getting some pre-packaged sandwiches from Hy-Vee. Stephanie and Christina are working on some fun, creative gifts.
- Mrs. Barry wanted to chat with how it's going at school for the kids. Parents mentioned how the transition to a new grade level has been hard for some kids. There is also a transition to a new math program. Parents have especially seen this with the transition from 3rd to 4th grade.
- Parents asked if the masks stopped students from talking to each other. This may be the case with some students, but most seem to be talking just as much as usual. Masks do make some students hard to hear or understand.
- Parents expressed concern about students being made fun of after coming back from quarantine. Teachers were cautioned about this type of behavior at the beginning of the year. If this is happening, it will be dealt with similar to bullying-type situations. Parents



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asked if this can be discussed with teachers again. If parents hear of this type of behavior happening in classrooms, please inform the school and it will be looked into.

- If you have concerns, please contact Jeni Barry.

Next PTU Meeting will be...

- November 17th at 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.