

Indian Ridge Middle School

PTO General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

Meeting called to order via Zoom by PTO President Holly Kaplan at 6:05 pm

Board members in attendance:

Holly Kaplan, President

Nicole Andrews, VP Fundraising

Nicole Raizen, VP Membership

Marie Nanni, Treasurer

Jennifer Randall, Recording Secretary

Clara Sanchez, Volunteer Coordinator

School administration in attendance: Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Tower

Minutes from the November 30th 2021, meeting were approved.

Membership Report:

A few new memberships have been added since the last meeting. Total membership number for this year will be confirmed at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report for November 30th – January 18th was reviewed and included an ending ledger balance of \$94,074.67. This period we brought in a total income of \$21,169.34 (Scholastic Book Fair, T-shirt sales, plus a large anonymous donation of \$15,000) and had \$11,393.60 in expenses (IRMS donation, ice cream party reward, dreamcatchers, webstore expenses, door decorating contest, etc). The current Treasurer's report is always available for anyone who requests it.

Principal's Report included the following:

- COVID cases are on the rise in our community, both students and teachers are out frequently right now. Administration is working with the team leaders to make sure all classes are covered, as well as bringing in additional substitute teachers.
- IRMS is currently offering Saturday school for kids who need extra help for classes and EOC tests
- Western High School hosted a showcase for incoming freshman on 1/18/22. Ms. Gonzalez is looking to get the video loaded on to our website for anyone who missed it
- On 2/17 & 2/18 Western High will have their guidance counselors come to IRMS to help with creating schedules for incoming 9th graders for 2022-2023 school year. Course cards will be distributed 2/11 for students to review what courses are available at Western
- Incoming 6th graders will have an orientation within the next month. Course cards will be provided to 5th grade students to choose electives. Orientation is scheduled for 2/22. Unsure if it will be live or virtual – TBD.
- February 23rd – Black History Month talent show showcase (pending district approval)

- February 24th – Spring showcase for band students (pending district approval)
- 8th Grade dance and field trip still going forward as of now – details to be announced soon

Old Business:

- Straight A Cabaret and Book Fair completed successfully. Both had a lot of attendees.
- Team Night out at Holly's house was a lot of fun – glad we could all get together.
- Door Decorating contest winner – Ms. Weisman (given a \$25 gift card). 3rd place – Ms. Beasley, 2nd place was Ms. Kannel. All winners received hot chocolate and donuts.
- Teacher luncheon included a raffle with 50+ gifts all donated by Planet T. This was a really nice treat for the staff, and everyone enjoyed Pollo Tropical.
- Dreamcatchers very successful, all students received their dream gift and also most other items on their list.
- New IRMS Kindness T-shirts will be given out to all staff for Random Acts of Kindness Day on 2/17.
- Online Auction/Raffle – many items have been donated, still looking for more. Auction will take place online from January 22 – January 29.
- Jaguar Jog update: further postponed due to Omicron COVID surge. We are now looking to do a pep rally to showcase sports teams, band, etc. Discussed doing some sort of celebration in March now, ie: Spring Fling dance, etc. An actual jog will not take place this year, but would like to do something for the students to showcase teams / celebrate the year.

New Business:

- Discussed whether PTO will pay for custom logo wall padding for Gym – quote we received was for \$13,205 for the padding only. A motion was made that we need the quote to be revised to include any removal/installation charges from the vendor (BSN Sports) before we commit and call a final vote.
- “Straight A Cabaret” celebrations for 2nd quarter are scheduled for 2/8, 2/9 and 2/10
- On 2/14 PTO will provide a “We Love Our Teachers” coffee and pastry set up in the teacher's lounge from 8:15 – 9:30am
- Student council may run a \$1 (instead of penny) “class war” fundraiser. Need to have a meeting to firm up details and decide if this will happen.
- 8th grade dance is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. Theme will be “red carpet.” PTO will need volunteers to decorate, chaperone and help serve food at the dance. The plan is to have this event rain or shine, COVID or not. The dance will be in the cafeteria, but if COVID is still prevalent it will be moved outdoors. The event planning company will bring tables, couches, decorations, lighting, provide a DJ, etc. Catering is separate. Total budgeted for this event is approximately \$15,000 – waiting on the final quote. Event planner is currently holding a \$3,000 deposit from 2020 that was never used due to COVID. Once we receive the final quote, we will shop around to see if it is comparable.

- Donations to Academics/Clubs: PTO would like to know if there are any academic depts / clubs that can use some funding. Discussed how they could apply to receive funds from PTO. Decided that teachers/clubs will fill out a form to “apply” for funds, which will be turned in and voted on/approved by the PTO.
- Discussed “DJ Lunches” – PTO to provide music/DJ and popsicles during all lunch periods as a fun treat for students. Proposed to do this on early release day March 17th. Will submit for admin approval.
- There was no SAF meeting in January. Latest update from SAF is that high school students will have to take a financial course to learn how to manage money.
- There is an IRMS student who recently passed away from leukemia. PTO discussed planting a tree in her honor. School will contact the parents to get their approval and then the PTO will take a vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The next PTO meeting will be on February 15th, 2022 @ 6:00pm via Zoom

*These minutes were prepared by IRMS PTO Recording Secretary Jennifer Randall