# Indian Ridge Middle School

## **PTO General Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by PTO President H Kaplan at 6:07pm

Introduction of the Board

Minutes from the November 19, 2019, meeting were approved

The Treasurer's Report was read & a motion to approve was passed. There were discussions of the

#### following:

- PTO income for November, December & January & the book fair
- The gym floor update was included with the Principal's Report

The Principal's Report was read & there were discussions of the following:

- The gym floor test resulted in a fail & the District will now provide additional funds to combine with the \$48,000.00 that has been allocated for a new floor. The floor chosen will be approved & under warranty. Mr Grayson did not attend this meeting but sent an email that he is waiting on further information from his manager.
- Thanksgiving will be a full week off, starting with 2020
- Testing will be held in April & May
- Uniform/School ID/Jacket infractions were discussed
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade has the upcoming dance
- Vaping use in the school has decreased
- February 14<sup>th</sup> will be an early release day with team building activities taking place

# Old Business:

- ESE received the requested equipment & everything is working out fine
- The lockdown shades have been installed &, with the exception of the front office, all of the shades worked fine during the recent Code Red Drill
- The Harvest Drive was a success & ice cream parties will be held on January 22, 2020, for

the classroom winners – Volunteers are needed at the parties

- Dream Catchers was a tremendous success with online donations totaling \$1,100.00 & a lot of gifts donated – The families involved were very grateful!
- Grandparents Day went very well \$634.90 was raised from the photo booth. A
  discussion was held on improving next year's GD.
- All grades enjoyed the Winter Dance & discussions were held regarding implementing wristbands versus tickets for the bag check, crowd control & no more than 2 Davie Police Officers at this event (The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will have 3 Police Officers).
- The Door Decorating Contest produced some terrific designs & a discussion was held about combining Ms Hill's contest with the PTO contest & making it more "kid-friendly"
- The Teacher Luncheon was very nice with Azteca providing the lunch

### **New Business:**

- Dr Watson was present & requested \$250.00 to get students more involved with African- American History Month by having poster & writing contests with donated gift cards for the winners. Dr Watson is also working on getting a speaker for the students. There will be activities & programs for the students as well.
- Dr Watson also proposed a Spring Dance to raise money for the Leukemia Society, asking for PTO assistance with ticket sales, bag check & promotion of the Dance. March 18<sup>th</sup> was the suggested date but this is on a Wednesday so a discussion with Mr Murray will happen regarding the date.
- The Straight A Cabaret is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> (For 6<sup>th</sup> Graders) & February 5<sup>th</sup> (For 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders). Logistical discussions were held regarding security issues & having the Cabaret on two days vs one day.
- Strive Awards will be held soon, with a date to be determined, for the students who make the effort for straight A's This event will be students only
- Spring pictures are taking place February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> & will be a good school fundraiser
- The second drive for Box Tops will be in February & "Scan Your Receipt" will be promoted
- "We Love Our Teachers" Coffee will be on February 14<sup>th</sup> before school & a discussion was held regarding food

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm

The next PTO meeting will be on February 18, 2020, in the Media Center at 6pm

\*These minutes were prepared by IRMS PTO Recording Secretary J Lakosky