

Indian Ridge Middle School
PTO General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Meeting called to order by PTO President H Kaplan at 6:04pm

Introduction of the Board

Minutes from the September 17, 2019, meeting were approved

The Treasurer's Report was read & a motion to approve was passed. There was also a discussion of having a nominal fee included with orders that come through the Online Store and/or using PayPal instead of using credit processors that charge fees to the PTO. This will be further researched & more information will be presented at a future meeting.

The Membership Report was read & the Membership Drive classroom winners were announced (Ms Blews, Ms Manriquez & Ms Fields), along with a possible date of Oct. 25th for the pizza parties for the 3 classes that won.

The Principal's Report was read. There will be Canvas training for the teachers to make sure that everyone is up to date with any changes that may have occurred. The year, so far, has been going well.

1) Old Business:

- Another slip test will be conducted on the gym floor but there has been no response as to when this will happen. More information will be given at the November 19th meeting.
- Measurements have been provided to Lockdown Door Shades & a quote will be provided soon.
- The new speaker system was used at the Hispanic Fair & it worked well.
- 299 tickets were sold for the "Welcome To The Ridge – 6th Grade Dance" & 293 attended. The pizza & candy sold quickly & the students seemed to have a good time. Discussions were held regarding
A) After school activities & maybe having Administration speak to the athletics & clubs directors so that they know that the 6th Grade Dance is a good social activity for the new students to attend & that maybe the activities could be suspended for a day & B) Maybe moving the 6th Grade Dance to a date earlier in the school year.
- The Hispanic Fair was a great event & there was great community involvement. A discussion was held regarding food trucks vs local restaurants participating in the Fair along with coming up with new ideas for future Fairs.
- The Bus Driver Breakfast was held &, although the attendance was low, it was a success. The drivers were able to share some "stories" & it was made known that IRMS has a good reputation among the drivers.

-Box Tops are accepted until November 1st & as of the meeting, IRMS was getting \$103.00 back for participating in this program. A discussion was held regarding the Box Top App & being able to scan Publix receipts now for Box Tops.

2) New Business:

-Jaguar Jog preparations continue:

The Pep Rally is scheduled for October 17th at noon in the gymnasium, with the Step Team & Cheerleaders performing. Smoothie King & a DJ will be on site as well.

The Collections Drive begins on October 23rd & ends on November 1st. Information is being sent home soon with the students.

The Jaguar Jog will be on November 1st. The Jog will be 9am-12pm (It will be discussed with the Principal regarding holding the Jog a little longer in the day) & the Jog Dance will be 4pm-6pm with a DJ on site.

Raffle prizes/Gift cards are still being requested to make this a fun event for all.

Volunteers are still needed, as well.

-The Harvest Drive will run from November 2nd to November 22nd. Information is being sent home soon with the students.

-Scoliosis Screenings will take place on November 14th & volunteers are needed to assist with the students.

-The Fall Book Fair is scheduled for November 12th to November 22nd. A location has yet to be determined & volunteers are needed. A discussion was held regarding using E-Wallet during the Fair to make it easier for parents.

3) Announcements:

-Grandparent's Day will be held on November 25th. More information will be available soon.

-Remember to log your volunteer hours on the PTO website (<http://irmspto.my-pto.org>)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm

The next PTO meeting will be on November 19, 2019, in the Media Center

*These minutes were prepared by IRMS PTO Recording Secretary Julie A Lakosky