

Indian Ridge Middle School  
PTO General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Meeting called to order via Zoom by PTO President H Kaplan at 6:35pm

Board members in attendance:

Holly Kaplan, President

Nicole Andrews, VP Fundraising

Nicole Raizen, VP Membership

Marie Nanni, Treasurer

Jennifer Randall, Recording Secretary

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

Minutes from the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting were approved.

**Membership Report:**

There are 350 new PTO memberships and \$4800 in membership dues have been collected since the beginning of the school year. Membership dues are used to fund many activities throughout the year, ie: teacher appreciation events, school donations, and student activities like dances, etc,

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report for July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 was reviewed and included an ending ledger balance of \$81,444.64 in the bank. This balance is a lot higher than it is normally because there were very little funds spent for the last school year due to the pandemic. A total of \$5747.30 was spent during this period on back to school expenses (back to school breakfast, teacher gift bags, etc).

**Principal's Report included the following:**

- Cheerleading, Basketball, and Cross Country tryouts coming up in the next two weeks. Golf and soccer are already in progress.
- There has been some vandalism happening at IRMS and students have been suspended. There is a viral trend going around where students are vandalizing property and posting videos. All parents were contacted school wide today and asked to monitor their student's social media.
- IRMS is very short staffed: there is a need for office staff, teacher, and substitutes. Some new hires are starting in the next week, and still working on hiring additional staff.
- Interim reports sent out 9/20/21. Only students in danger of failing were given reports. Everyone else should access their report online.

### **Old Business:**

- Teacher welcome Back Breakfast & Luncheon as well as the teacher gifts were a success
- Pow Wow had a very high turnout
- Open Houses are completed. Many parents opted for the virtual option, a lot of positive feedback on offering a virtual option
- Volunteers have been filling the web orders, waiting on more inventory to come in. There has been a high amount of web orders this year
- PTO Sponsor Wawa donated coffee and donuts for a staff breakfast treat on 9/21/21

### **New Business:**

- Hispanic Fair, Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 10am – 12pm
  - Chair for event is Helen Lacayo
  - PTO will be sending out advertisements looking for vendors and volunteers
  - Asking Hispanic owned businesses to donate items for raffles
  - Asking students to perform poetry, songs, dance, play musical instruments, etc
  - Need decorations and help setting everything up
  - There is a \$500 budget allotted for this event
  - Great event to bring school and families together
- Budget for 2021- 2022 school year was reviewed and approved
- Welcome to the Ridge Dance for 6<sup>th</sup> graders has been postponed
- Krispy Kreme Sales are under way. Box sales only, no individual donut sales after school this year. Delivery Date is 9/30/21
- Bus Driver Breakfast scheduled for 10/11/21
- The Facilities dept has asked the PTO to purchase and donate 10 box fans for their staff to use while working, as well as for classrooms. This was discussed and approved with the maximum to be spent of \$325.00.
- Jaguar Jog was originally scheduled for 10/19/21, but may also be postponed. Waiting on direction from school administration.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

The next PTO meeting will be on October 19, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

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