

Indian Ridge Middle School
PTO General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Meeting called to order via Zoom by PTO President H Kaplan at 6:06pm

Minutes from the January 19, 2021,, meeting were approved.

The Membership Report stated that there were 100 paid staff members & over \$1,700.00 in membership was raised. Something (i.e. email/flyers/etc) will be sent to incoming 6th Graders & a post will be put up on Facebook looking for members.

The Treasurer's Report was January 20, 2021 – February 16, 2021 & included an ending ledger balance of \$53,021.09 in the bank. There hasn't been too much activity aside from the October Box Tops & a December check that cleared. The unclaimed gift cards from the holidays went to teachers for Valentine's Day.

Principal's Report discussions were the following:

- The gym floor is done &, once the cleaning & air vents have been done, it will be ready for use. The IRMS logo is not on the floor because it requires a special paint & Ms Gonzalez will check into that for us. The full cost is not yet known but painting & new wall pads may be obtained (Mr Murray may ask for the money for the wall pads). In the meantime games will be played at Western High School.
- Incoming 6th Graders can register electronically & the website was updated to include videos.
- Cheerleading tryouts were held earlier today (February 16th).
- Basketball tryouts will be held in March.
- Dual language is now being offered.
- No schedule has been set yet for testing, just a timeframe. More info to follow.
- All but 2 teachers are back in school.

Old Business:

- The gym floor was discussed in the Principal's Report.
- The book fair is being organized & will be held March 1st - March 14th & will be virtual. Purchases will be shipped to homes. Promotions for the book fair were discussed & options of posters, go-home flyers for students attending school, Facebook posts, robo-calls, flyers on Canvas pages & emails were brought up. Also the E-Wallet option will be added. All types of books will be available.
- No new information on the Straight "A" Cabaret.
- Box Tops are still being collected. There are still some more in the front office & will be picked up soon. Digital receipts can be emailed for box tops, too.
- Valentine's Teacher Recognition was well received & well done.

- School pictures may not be done & Ms Didier may have pictures sent in. It was brought up that Fox Trail used Foxmar & it went smoothly, both during & after school.

New Business:

- A date will be determined for the 8th Grade Drive-Thru, either June 9th or June 10th. Teachers will be asked what they think is a better date. Julie will reach out to Malynda from the event company for a more detailed quote & will have more information at the next meeting.
- A discussion was held regarding yard signs for 8th Graders. One quote was obtained & another will be available at the next meeting. Signs could be sold for \$20 for a plain one & \$25 for one with a picture & a distribution/pick-up day can be set at the school.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is set for May 3rd-May 7th. Plans are in the works for donations & it was discussed that maybe Menchies, the businesses that are on the banners outside of the school & parents can be contacted to help out. To-Go type meals or food from Panera were possible ideas of lunch for the teachers. A dessert food truck was brought up but there are a lot of hoops to jump through to get a food truck on school grounds. The budget for the lunches is \$1,625.00 but there is some wiggle room.
- An idea for an 8th Grade video was discussed but more information would be needed as to who would put it together & how much it would be to move forward.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 6pm.

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