

Indian Ridge Middle School
PTO General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 30th, 2021

Meeting called to order via Zoom by PTO President Holly Kaplan at 6:07 pm

Board members in attendance:

Holly Kaplan, President

Nicole Andrews, VP Fundraising

Marie Nanni, Treasurer

Jennifer Randall, Recording Secretary

Clara Sanchez, Volunteer Coordinator

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

Minutes from the October 26th 2021, meeting were approved.

Membership Report:

No changes on membership from last month to report for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report for October 26th - November 29th was reviewed and included an ending ledger balance of \$84,421.73 in the bank. This month we brought in a total income of \$9,220.64 (Scholastic Book Fair, Banners, Amazon Smile, etc) and had \$1,645.99 in expenses (Thanksgiving Day luncheon, Hispanic Fair, etc). Looking for donations (monetary + items) for the Dream Catchers holiday program. So far we have received approx \$700.

Principal's Report included the following:

- Staff were very thankful for the Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the PTO
- Two new hires to IRMS: Micro Tech (Mr. Vendryes), and Behavior Tech (Mr. Hamilton)
- SAC Accreditation completed successfully, received great feedback from parents and students
- New padding for the gym walls was quoted at \$15,000, which was approved by Mr. Murray. PTO will be covering this, and anything over this amount will be supplemented by the school. PTO will be raising funds for the padding through the upcoming virtual Winter Auction.
- Administration reported that there have been a lot of issues with students having a hard time adjusting in school this year. There has been some vaping at school, alcohol on campus, and a higher amount of referrals and suspensions this year than normal. There are also many issues with social media and cyber bullying. Asking parents to be more aware and vigilant with what is going on with their children.
- Teacher on staff lost her husband unexpectedly, and staff has taken up a collection of cash and gift cards and sent to the family to help out. Discussed PTO giving an additional donation, the amount and what will be given will be determined in the next few weeks.

Old Business:

- Harvest Drive was a success – 3,416 items were collected. Top 3 homeroom classes who collected were Ms. Beasley, Mr. Haase, and Ms. Flesh. These classes will each receive an ice cream party.
- Book Fair did approx \$11,000 in business this fall. This is \$2,000 more than the previous book fair. We will be hosting another Book Fair in the spring – dates TBD.
- Jaguar Jog update: 1/14/22 (Pep Rally) & 1/29/22 (Color Run) dates are still scheduled. Will touch base with administration after the new year to confirm if this is still going forward.

New Business:

- Discussed class / grade level competition ideas to fundraise, but also to get all students involved in a school-wide competition for school spirit. Debated a coin/money war competition between grades. PTO and administration will meet again to flesh out more ideas. This will be for Spring 2022.
- Straight A Cabaret reward breakfasts are scheduled for the first week of December.
 - Parents are welcome
 - PTO provides food and treats
 - There are between 100 – 200 students in each grade that earned Straight A's
- Team Night Out – December 10th, 2021. Holly is inviting the PTO and admin to her home for a get together since we have not seen much of each other in person this year.
- Holiday Themed door decorating contest is running December 6th - 12th. Top 3 Homeroom classes will receive donuts and hot chocolate party on 12/17. Winning teacher will also receive a gift card.
- Discussed holiday candy grams – students will buy a candy cane or chocolate santa for \$1 and send it to a classmate. This will be distributed the last week of school before Winter Break. Clara Sanchez volunteered to chair this event.
- Staff Holiday Luncheon will be on 12/15. Will need volunteers to help serve.
- Band Winter concert will be held 12/16
- Discussed having a 6th and 7th grade school dance in early 2022. Possibly Winter Wonderland theme. Needs to be approved by administration.
- 8th grade prom/dance will be in May
- Waiting to see if there will be end of the school year field trips. If not, PTO may provide some other end of the year school events if possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

The next PTO meeting will be on January 18th 2022, @ 6:00pm via Zoom

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