

Irving Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes 8/17/2020

Roughly 25+ Parents and all board members in attendance + Mr Morris
Danielle Burrows – President, Jason Cross – Vice President,
Stacia Kleene – Treasurer, Meg Poindexter – Secretary,
Natalie Metzger – Member At-Large

March 2020 Meeting Minutes

Treasurers 2020/2021 Budget Approval.

Edits: Took down open house budget. Added signs that we had on first day. Added in a STEAM budget. Adding in teacher classroom allowance \$100 to each teacher.

Motion to approve by Ashley Whitehill and Kim Cross second.

Principals Report

About 88% returned onsite. We had our first positive case, had to quarantine that room + some parents elected to have siblings be remote learning. He predicts number will drop down to 60 students again when the official classroom quarantine is over. Kids are happy to be there and have been great adjusting. If you have any feedback please let Mr Morris know. Most has been positive but we know this is a learning curve for everyone.

Parent Question: Are in person families supposed to be checking PowerSchool daily as well?

Response: School is not telling you can/can not. That is not the purpose its mainly for the remote.

Parent Question: How are teachers feeling about the time balance of organizing in person and remote?

Mr Morris: He knows the teachers do feel overwhelmed right now bc they are so dedicated to both in person and their remote learners. He thinks it will get easier bc this is all new. The parents have been very supportive, thank you.

Mrs Metzger: It is like having two jobs. When we get questions during the day its hard bc we are still working with the in person kids during the day. Please keep being patient as we all figure this out.

Two positive parent comments for teachers.

Spirit Store

Link is ready! We will be adding a few more items. Window Decals and the Irving Strong logo. Store will be open for two weeks and then items delivered to your student. We are looking to open a Fall/Winter store also later. Remote learner's items will be placed on table outside or other arrangement made.

Concession Stand

As of 8/17/20 Irving is one of 3 groups they have agreed to let do a concession night for fundraising. 15 6:15-10:00 One shift this year. Masks required and provided. Gloves

required and provided. Date is next Friday August 28th!! Please let Danielle Burrows or any PTO member know ASAP! Usually raises \$300-750 for PTO

Election for PTO Officers

Accepting nominations through the next meeting and the election will be held in October. Danielle Burrows is stepping down as President so any interested parties please reach out. All positions are open for election every year, so interested parties for any position need to let PTO know.

Gaga Ball Approval

Gaga ball concrete proposal is \$5,300. We had originally approved \$3,000 so we will need to get approval for the final amount. (our fundraiser raised right at \$12,000) The concrete slab needs to be poured in the open dirt area in between the two playgrounds.

Open to questions:

Who will be building the walls? Volunteers to build, just purchase wood.

Do we know how deep the digging will be (concerning trees)? No more than 4"

Motion to approve Jill Whitson, Ashley Whitehall second

Box Tops

They are still going digital. You can still turn the physical ones that you cut off of the box in until they expire. If you do online shopping you can also just send in your email receipt! Or remember to use that App!! We raised \$941 in 2018/2019 school year, last year we were only at about \$250. Lets get some box top activity going again and make our 2020/2021 goal \$1,000!

Hy Vee Receipts

When we turn in \$150,000 in Hy Vee Indianola receipts they will donate \$350 back to us! Last year we were able to submit THREE TIMES!! Thats a super easy way to get cash for Irving. More info coming as far as new drop off at school office.

Hospitality

We usually provide a few days of lunch and treats throughout the year for teachers and staff. This year will be more of a monetary donation instead of homemade goodies.

Ex. Donations to pick up Mish mash, grab and go snacks, Funaros. Teachers LOVE this and it is very appreciated.

Smile.Amazon

Amazon has a feature called smile.amazon where your purchases will give back to a charity of your choice. Irving is now set up to be able to get that donation. You have to make this a setting in your browser bar. If you have any questions please reach out to Stacia Kleene or any PTO member. More information on next email.

Irving Garden

The garden is open for help from anyone!! If you want to stop and weed with the family in the evening or Saturday morning please feel free! The garden is open for the teachers to use and they love it. All of the produce that does not get used by the school is donated. High schoolers can use gardening time for silver chord hours!

Yearbook

The PTO does the yearbook so you will not see an order form until after the first of the year. Any pictures you want to share just send to the email address! We always want pictures from the entire year! If you're interested in helping please reach out!!

Purple Palazzo

This is our big party fundraiser!! We have a basket auction usually 75-100 baskets. We have bounce houses, face painting, fun foods, a DJ its so much fun!! We an always use all the help we can gets if you are interested please let us know! Last year we made \$16,000!

Pancake Supper

This event will not be held in the Fall this year. But we are hoping to still help in some way!! This was mainly set up to help bring families in to the book fair. If you have any ideas please let us know. One possibility is moving it to the Spring.

School Supply Closet

This is a supply closet that is open to all teachers. They can take what they need so they don't have to use their own resources or ask donations. This is really helpful for the teachers! Feel free to donate at any time, it will get used and appreciated!

Back to School Bash

This is a party we usually do that the fifth graders are in charge of because it is how they fund their trip to Wesley Woods. As of now the event is moved to the Spring.

Fall Fundraiser

We usually purchase a large item for the school ex. Radios for each staff teacher, iPads so that every two students has an ipad, Gaga ball pit currently. We will be waiting to see what needs pop up in the school. The fundraiser may start later in the year.

Open Comments:

Mr Morris: We have a few radios that are not working. Would PTO be willing to pay for the repairs? Roughly \$200.

Motion to approve Jill Whitson, Jess Flatt second

Parent Question: has there been any discussion about the Indian logo?

Mr Morris: I have not hard anything at our district meetings.

Adjourned 8:17

****Next Meeting September 21st 7:00pm plan on Remote meeting****

