



Meeting Minutes
April 09, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm in the East Media Center.

Members present included: Gina Trimble, Kendra Bumblauskas, Helen Lukes, Julie Flickinger, Donalyn Pogue, Kelsie Wittrock, Julie Davison, Lisa Wood, Heather Meador, Nikki Sidles, Gina Homan, and Amanda Johnson.

Welcome

Nikki Sidles Co-Chair greeted members for the eighth meeting of the 2013-2014 school year.

Treasurer's Report (Gina Trimble)

PTO Funds:

Beginning Balance 03/13/2014	\$ 17,203.76
Total Income	\$ 14,388.95
Total Expenses	\$ 3,925.25
Ending Balance 04/09/2014	\$ 27,667.46

East Funds:

Beginning Balance 03/13/2014	\$ 5,417.35
Income	\$ 790.12
Expenses	\$ 15.30
Ending Balance 04/09/2014	\$ 6,192.17

Total Checkbook Balance 04/09/2014 \$ 33,859.63

Gina Trimble re-announced her resignation as Treasurer of the PTO effective July 2014. If there is anyone interested in filling the Treasurer's position please speak with someone on the PTO board.

Secretary Report (Amanda Johnson)

As of 04/09/2014 there were 112 members of the PTO including teachers and parents. New members are still encouraged even though the school year is underway.

There is a "Quick Link" for Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) on the Independence Community Schools website. Monthly meeting minutes are posted on the PTO webpage.

Correspondence

Betty Giddings was not present to provide an update for the Milk Moola, Box Tops, and Wagon Wheels program. The data below is what was provided at the September PTO meeting.

Box Tops, Milk Moola and Wagon Wheels

BTFE:

East Elementary:	\$1,253.70
West Elementary:	\$1,012.40

Milk Moola

East Elementary:	\$ 0.00
West Elementary:	\$ 114.35

**The Milk Moola program will no longer be in affect starting December 31, 2014.

Pizza Wagon Wheels

The schools get \$0.25 per Wagon Wheel. These can be found on Pizza Ranch's large and medium pizza boxes and chicken boxes.

Old Business

Carnival was held on March 29th from 1-5pm. The PTO members discussed potential changes for future years including simplifying the carnival and making the focus more on the games versus the raffle and silent auction. Feedback forms can still be turned into Gina Homan or Nikki Sidels.

New Business

The 5th grade field trip to Living History Farms and the 6th grade field trip to EWALU are being planned for the 2014-2015 school year. The PTO discussed possible fundraising options to assist with the cost. Potential options include a Pizza Ranch fundraising night and a can drive through Nickelback.

A year end Box Tops Challenge will be held this spring. The class with the most box tops collected will earn extra recess time (pending approval from principals'). The deadline to turn in Box Tops will be May 10th.

Heather Meador provided an update on the playground project. The total cost for the new equipment and resurfacing of both East and West Elementary's playgrounds is \$250,000. The concrete cost is not included in this figure. The Playground Committee is looking for donors to donate the concrete for the project. Heather indicated the school board approved \$200,000 to be directed towards the playground (\$60,000 in year 1, \$70,000 in year 2, and \$70,000 in year 3). The committee would like to complete the resurfacing at West in the summer of 2014, which will be a 70'x70' area. This summer the Eagles Nest and "Curly Q" slide will be removed due to safety issues. The Playground Committee is asking for a commitment from the PTO which can be an upfront donation or a donation spread out over three years. The PTO board agreed to compile some scenarios and then vote on these at the next PTO meeting in May.

Thank You notes from the carnival will be completed and mailed out. These will be on a standard template due to the large amount of donors.

Staff Appreciation Week is May 5th-9th. The PTO will be sending flowers to the secretarial staff, have treats and snacks for the teachers, and donuts and water will be delivered to the bus drivers.

Members discussed potentially changing the night of the PTO meetings for the next school year. The current meeting time is the second Wednesday of the month. Members have indicated this interferes with church events and is a reason they are unable to attend the PTO meetings. It was decided to move meetings to the second Monday beginning in September and to move the start time from 7:00pm to 6:30pm.

Any fund requests needed before September 15, 2014 will need to be turned in by May 7th to be discussed at the May PTO meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Submitted by Amanda Johnson/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers:

Gina Homan Co-Chair
Nikki Sidels Co-Chair
Gina Trimble Treasurer
Amanda Johnson Secretary