



Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm in the East Media Center.

Members present included: MJ Blaisdell, Sandy Merritt, Gina Trimble, Kendra Bumblauskas, Heather Meador, Amanda Miller, Susan A Johnson, Donalyn Pogue, Julie Flickinger, Sue Knott, Kim Hansen, Gina DeBoer, Nikki Sidles, Gina Homan, and Amanda Johnson.

Welcome

Gina Homan Co-Chair greeted members for the fifth meeting of the 2013-2014 school year.

Treasurer's Report (Gina Trimble)

PTO Funds:

Beginning Balance 12/12/2013	\$ 17,200.55
Total Income	\$ 5.00
Total Expenses	\$ 443.75
Ending Balance 01/08/2014	\$ 16,761.80

East Funds:

Beginning Balance 12/12/2013	\$ 3,384.34
Income	\$ 00.00
Expenses	\$ 00.00
Ending Balance 01/08/2014	\$ 3,384.34

Total Checkbook Balance 01/08/2014 \$ 20,146.14

Secretary Report (Amanda Johnson)

As of 01/08/2014 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.

Flyers went home to parents explaining the program, its benefits, and how to turn in the Box Tops, Milk Moola, and Wagon Wheels.

## Old Business

At the December meeting, Helen Lukes had requested \$102.40 to take students that have earned their personal pan pizza through the Book It program to Pizza Hut for pizza and pop. There would be two trips total, one in January and one in April. This is to ensure that students receive their "prize" for reading above and beyond the required homework. The PTO approved this fund request.

## New Business

Family Movie Night is planned for February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at West Elementary. This will be a free event to the students and their families. There will also be a table set up showing the PTO's accomplishments. We will also have a PTO member at this table encouraging parents to sign up as a PTO member and reminding them that it is not a huge time commitment, especially for all the good things the PTO provides for the students.

The idea of offering childcare during conferences was discussed at the last PTO meeting. This has been further discussed and was decided that Silver Cord Students could be utilized to help PTO members in babysitting the children during conferences. This will become effective for the February conferences.

The Playground Committee updated the PTO on its progress. The committee representatives indicated a Business Plan was being developed and this would be presented to the PTO. Once this has been presented, the PTO will begin working on a donation commitment for the new playground.

The PTO has been asked for volunteers to make a dessert and for servers for the Mustang Foundation Dinner on January 25<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in helping, please let Susan A Johnson know by January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fund Request:

There were no fund requests at the January meeting.

Carnival

The carnival date has been set for March 29, 2014 to be held at West Elementary. The carnival is the major PTO fundraiser for the 2013-2014 school year. Please start saving gently used stuffed animals and small toys to be given as carnival prizes. The carnival committees met to continue planning details. It is not too late to serve on a committee or to volunteer your help at the carnival. Please contact a PTO board member if you are interested in volunteering your time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Amanda Johnson/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers:

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