



Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm in the East Media Center.

Members present included: Dewey Hupke, Mary Jean Blaisdell, Sarah Lewin, Betty Giddings, Ron Giddings, Kelsie Wittrock, Kim Hansen, Julie Davidson, Nikki Sidles, and Amanda Johnson.

Welcome

Nikki Sidles Co-Chair greeted members for the fourth meeting of the 2014-2015 school year.

Treasurer’s Report (Julie Davison)

PTO Funds:

Beginning Balance 11/10/2014	\$ 57,205.02
Total Income	\$ 1,694.10
Total Expenses	\$ 26,875.98
Ending Balance 01/11/2015	\$ 32,522.14

East Funds:

Beginning Balance 11/10/2014	\$ 2,776.37
Income	\$ 1,931.90
Expenses	\$ 115.00
Ending Balance 01/11/2015	\$ 4,593.27

Total Checkbook Balance 01/11/2015 \$ 37,115.41

Amanda Johnson made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Sarah Lewin seconded the motion, which then carried.

Secretary Report (Amanda Johnson)

PTO News continues to be distributed the week prior to each PTO meeting. Teachers are reminded to please send in pictures of items, projects, and field trips funded via the PTO.

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.

Old Business

PTO membership will be free in the 2015-2016 school year. Email release forms will be distributed to teachers to be signed during orientation and teacher meet and greets.

In the previous school year, the PTO members voted to approve a donation of \$15,000 to be used for the purchase of the new playground. This was to be paid in annual installments of \$5,000. The first installment has not yet been paid. An invoice was requested from the Playground Committee so the check can be written accordingly.

The Amazon Smile account has been setup and is ready to be used. Proceeds from this will be sent to the PTO quarterly.

The teacher meal during conferences was a success. The PTO board would like to thank everyone that donated for this meal.

At the November meeting, the PTO members voted to approve the funding of the Old Creamery Theatre performance. This will be held on March 16th at 2:10pm.

New Business

Junior High Concessions have approximately six weeks remaining. Volleyball, girls basketball, and wrestling concessions raised \$1,302. Hot dogs and pizza were sold at wrestling meets which raised \$314.06. The PTO members thanked Julie Flickinger and Donalyn Pogue for donating a majority of the hot dogs and buns. Volunteers are still needed for the boys basketball concessions. Please let a PTO board member know if you can help.

The Club's Choice Fall Fundraiser raised \$18,027.10 and is coming to a close. The Miami Heat Dunk team will be performing on February 16th. Each school will have their own performance. The AccuCutters have been delivered to the schools and Club's Choice will be working with the PTO to obtain die cuts for the machines via a 50%/50% program.

The Pop Can Box has been delivered to Amanda Johnson's house with the intention of her 4H children to refurbish the box. Once the box has been refurbished the PTO will discuss and determine where to place the box and who will manage it.

The November movie night had attendance of 205 people. The movie shown was Disney Nature's Bears. Feedback on the evening stated the movie did not captivate children's attention but overall the evening was a success. The fruit snacks and the gummy bear guess were positive additions to the night. The next scheduled movie night is February 27th at 6:30pm. The movie has been chosen and will be announced once the movie license has been obtained. It was recommended that the trailer be shown during the school day to the students to get them excited about movie night. Teachers are strongly encouraged to attend movie night with their own families.

The Mustang Foundation dinner is scheduled for January 24th. Helen Lukes has volunteered to make a dessert for the event. Amanda and Izzy Johnson and Zach Sidles will present the dessert. Julie Davison and her daughter will design the poster to accompany the dessert.

A Fundraising Committee will be formed to reevaluate the current and future fundraisers of the PTO. This committee will meet a maximum of three times with meetings lasting 1-2 hours long. This committee will report back to the PTO at the April meeting. Please let a board member know if you would like to serve on this committee.

On Saturday, January 17th, the high school will host a large JV wrestling meet with 17 teams. The PTO was asked if they were interested in having a bake sale at this event. Due to time constraints and potential volunteers being busy that day, it was unanimously decided to forego this bake sale and wait until next year.

Nikki Sidles noted the future PTO meeting dates. These dates are as follows: February 9th, March 16th, April 13th, and May 11th. These will be held at the East Elementary Media Center.

Fund Requests:

Kelsie Wittrock presented a fund request for the third grade Book-It trips to Pizza Hut. These trips will take place in February and April. These trips are for students who meet their reading goals to use the personal pan pizza certificate from Pizza Hut that served as their reward. The cost for each trip is \$64.00 or \$128 total. At the conclusion of the meeting members voted via paper ballot. The fund request was approved unanimously.

Kim Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kelsi Wittrock seconded the motion, which then carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Submitted by Amanda Johnson/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers:

Gina Homan Co-Chair
Nikki Sidles Co-Chair
Julie Davison Treasurer
Amanda Johnson Secretary