



Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the East Media Center.

Members present included: Betty Giddings, Lisa Wood, Kim Hansen, Donalyn Pogue, Sarah Lewin, Julie Flickinger, Virginia Lake, Dewey Hupke, MJ Blaisdell, Helen Lukes, Erin Blasberg, Gina Homan, Nikki Sidles, Julie Davison, and Amanda Johnson.

Welcome

Nikki Sidles and Gina Homan, Co-Chairs greeted and welcomed members to the February PTO Meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Julie Davison)

PTO Funds:

Beginning Balance 01/12/2015	\$ 32,522.14
Total Income	\$ 49.50
Total Expenses	\$ 5,740.74
Ending Balance 02/08/2015	\$ 26,830.90

East Funds:

Beginning Balance 01/12/2015	\$ 4,593.27
Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance 02/08/2015	\$ 4,593.27

Total Checkbook Balance 02/08/2015 \$ 31,424.17

Secretary Report (Amanda Johnson)

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

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes' field trip to Pizza Hut as a reward for meeting their monthly reading goal was approved at the January meeting. This field trip is scheduled to take place in the next couple weeks.

The Fundraising/Carnival Committee met for the first time this evening. Various ideas were brought to the committee and a report will be given at the April PTO meeting.

## New Business

The Miami Heat Dunk Team will be performing for both East and West Elementary students on February 16<sup>th</sup>. There are 55 kids that earned the incentive to meet the team and approximately 80 kids that earned the reserved seating incentive. The inflatable's incentive the schools earned will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at West in the gym.

The Junior High concession stand fundraisers are nearing completion with only a few dates left. The approximate amount of money raised from these to date is \$3,000.

Family Movie Night will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. McDonald's will be donating one container of orange drink and the PTO will purchase the remaining containers for \$10 each. The movie license has been purchased and Betty Giddings prepared posters to be hung in the schools. The PTO members thanked Betty for her contribution. An event has been created on Facebook for the Family Movie Night. Please like and share to make parents aware of the event. The PTO discussed the possibility of purchasing items to be handed out to students. It was proposed that the PTO purchase small books to handout to all students who attend movie night and for the PTO to purchase five books and one movie (related to the movie being shown) to be the prizes for the students entering the drawing. Betty Giddings also offered to provide a "jar" of marshmallows for students to take guesses as to how many are in the jar. The prize will be a copy of the movie being shown at movie night. Dewey Hupke made a motion to accept this proposal; Helen Lukes seconded the motion, which then carried.

The PTO placed an entry into the dessert auction for the Mustang Foundation Banquet on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The PTO received a \$110 bid on their dessert and \$170 in tips. The PTO members thanked Helen Lukes for providing the dessert and Nikki Sidles, Zach Sidles, Amanda Johnson, and Izzy Johnson for presenting the dessert.

Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The PTO board is proposing to hand out farm themed coloring books and a box of crayons to each child who attends Kindergarten Roundup as a "Welcome" to the school. This was discussed among the members and voted on via paper ballot at the end of the meeting. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Upcoming PTO meeting dates are March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the East Elementary Media Center. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

The Pop Can Box that was donated to the PTO by Julie Flickinger is being rebuilt in the Spring of 2015. The PTO members discussed what to do with the box and what use it could serve. Members were encouraged to bring back ideas at the next meeting of where the box can be used. One suggestion was for the box to be rebuilt and placed on wheels/casters so it can be used for recess supplies.

### Fund Requests:

Erin Blasberg presented a fund request for the purchase of special education books from Shockwave on the topic of the Middle Ages. This would be geared towards the 6<sup>th</sup> grade special education students. Erin Blasberg indicated the books are no longer in print therefore they will be purchased as available through second hand book stores online. During discussions the PTO members recommended increase the amount of the request from \$40.40 up to \$60 to ensure all books can be purchased with the funds. This was voted on via paper ballot at the conclusion of the PTO meeting and was approved unanimously.

Virginia Lake presented a fund request for the purchase of a set of 21 books from the Iowa School Library Association. Each year the association awards one book the Goldfinch Award. Students in Kindergarten through second grade across the state of Iowa are able to vote on the book they feel deserves the award. The purchase of these books would allow students to read the books then place their vote once the books have been read. The total amount of funds requested was \$96.83. This was voted on via paper ballot at the conclusion of the PTO meeting and was approved unanimously.

Virginia Lake presented another fund request for the purchase of a set of books from the Iowa School Library Association. Each year the association awards one book the Iowa Children's Choice Award. Students in third through sixth grade across the state of Iowa are able to vote on the book they feel deserves the award. The purchase of these books would allow students to read the books then place their vote once the books have been read. The total amount of funds requested was \$92.02. This was voted on via paper ballot at the conclusion of the PTO meeting and was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by Amanda Johnson/PTO Secretary

### PTO Board/Officers:

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