



Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2015

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

Members present included: Helen Lukes, Betty Giddings, Kim Hansen, Sarah Lewin, Julie Davison, Nikki Sidles, Gina Homan, and Amanda Johnson.

Welcome

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

Treasurer's Report (Julie Davison)

PTO Funds:

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| Beginning Balance 02/09/2015 | \$ 26,830.90 |
| Total Income                 | \$ 26.97     |
| Total Expenses               | \$ 734.05    |
| Ending Balance 03/15/2015    | \$ 26,123.82 |

East Funds:

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| Beginning Balance 02/09/2015 | \$ 4,593.27 |
| Income                       | \$ 831.31   |
| Expenses                     | \$ 0.00     |
| Ending Balance 03/15/2015    | \$ 5,424.58 |

Total Checkbook Balance 03/15/2015 \$ 31,548.40

Members reported the Target Red Card allows consumers to donate 5% of their purchase to the non-profit organization of their choice. Members are encouraged to choose Independence PTO as a beneficiary of the 5% donation. Lindale Mall also offers a "Receipt Program" that members will investigate further to see if it is a good fit for the PTO.

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.

PTO News was again distributed and members state it is a good way to communicate what the PTO is doing to parents.

## Old Business

The Miami Heat Dunk show was a success. Teachers and students had a good time and the players were interactive with students.

The Fundraiser/Events Committee continues to meet and the committee will provide recommendations at the April PTO meeting.

Three fund requests were approved at the last meeting including Erin Blasberg's request for Special Education books and Virginia Lake's two requests for the Goldfinch Award books and Children's Choice books.

## New Business

The Accu-cutters have arrived and the staff will be educated on how to use them.

PTO Family Movie night was a huge success. There were 355 people in attendance and the movie was Big Hero 6. Coloring books were handed out at the end of the movie to each child. The popcorn popper used was inefficient and the heat was setting off the heat alarms at West. PTO members discussed the possibility of the PTO purchasing its own popcorn popper. Amanda Johnson said she would look into this and report back at the next meeting.

The dessert donated by Helen Lukes and presented by Zach Sidles and Izzy Johnson for the Mustang Foundation Dinner generated \$250 in donations to be used for the benefit of all students. This donation will be used to fund the purchase of the Goldfinch Award and Children's Choice books requested by Virginia Lake.

Jr. High Concessions grossed \$1,081.10 during the fall sports and \$1,677.40 during the winter sports. During wrestling meets pizza and hot dogs were served and grossed \$314.06 with expenses of \$24.68. It was voted by a paper ballot majority vote to not continue the operation of the concessions next year.

The PTO will be providing coloring books and crayons to the Kindergarten Roundup students later this week. These will be distributed to the teachers in the next day or two.

The inflatables incentive from the Fall Fundraiser will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup> at West Elementary. Junior Kindergarten students will be included. There will be five centers with the library being one of the five. Popsicles will be handed to students again this year.

Fund requests that need to be funded by the end of the school year need to be in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. PTO Members shared their interest in making the May PTO meeting a celebratory meeting to thank the members for their time and efforts this school year.

The next payment of \$5,000 is due to the ICSD in May of 2015.

Gina Homan presented a request for the Independence PTO to donate an item for the St John's spring fling silent auction. This was voted on via paper ballot and approved by majority vote to provide an Independence Schools drink cup.

The meeting nights for the PTO were discussed for the next school year. Any input from the members is greatly appreciated.

All PTO board positions will be up for re-election in April. One co-chair position will be a one year term and the other will be a two year term. The treasurer position will be a two year term and the secretary position will be a one year term.

PTO member registration will be free next year and will not be included in the online registration process. The PTO will ask teachers to please add the permission for release of contact information to their forms.

Upcoming PTO meeting dates are: April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Fund Requests:

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by Amanda Johnson/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers:

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