

December 16, 2020

Attendees: Allison Crawford, Nikki Schmaltz, Kristina Sipma, Katie Sumey, Amber Blume, Rachael Eggers-Ferry, Shane Hieronimus, Julie Parker, Emily Spaans, Donna, and Jason.

Meeting called to order at 12:07pm.

Minutes

The minutes from the November 18 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kristina gave the treasurer's report. The bank balance is \$10,145.24. The treasurer's report was approved.

Principals' Reports

Shane Hieronimus gave the principal's report. Edison was able to fulfill all the adoptions of kids from Heartland House. Each child will have a gift and a blanket. JoAnn Fabrics was very generous in having fleece pieces cut and put together in kits. The kids also did a lot of fundraising in the building and were creative with their ideas given the covid restrictions.

The Youth Entrepreneur Market Day was last Friday. Staff follow a curriculum to guide the kids with activities. The market day took over the gym and the kids enjoyed it a lot. The kids were able to get a loan through the YE company to buy products. Almost every group was able to pay back their loan and made extra, and kids from the groups that made profit donated money to help the groups that did not make quite enough.

Edison is making negotiations with a photographer for school pictures. There have been some concerns with LifeTouch which has been used to this point. A new company is being explored. All six middle schools will negotiate together in order to get a better deal with the company. It may be difficult to have all of the middle schools have their photography session on the same day.

MAP testing is finishing up today in building as well as with VA. Makeup tests will happen tomorrow and Friday.

The staff are very appreciative of the video and other events the PTO has done to lift their spirits this fall.

Old Business

Spiritwear: The items have arrived, except for a few that were backordered, and delivered to the school. The items will be distributed starting today.

Teacher Thank You Updates: Included in the newsletter was a request for ideas to continue to thank the teachers and staff. Kristy Dillon is organizing a lunch for December and she is asking parents to donate to that. Parents can email her or Allison to get more information on that.

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Be Smart For Kids: This is a gun safety presentation. Shane and Amber looked into this together. It looks like a great message but they think it may be better to bring this in next fall. There's a lot going on right now with covid, virtual academy, and contact tracing.

PTO positions needed: A co-president, bookfair coordinator, and secretary will be needed for next year. Nikki has spoken with someone who may be interested in the bookfair position, who has done it in another state in the past but would like to hear more about it from Karen Walters.

New Business

Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent Teacher conference meals will happen February 23 and 25. Conferences will be virtual again. We will plan on the same format (donating food or money) as we had in the fall.

Chill on the Hill: This will not occur this year due to Covid but hopefully will be brought back next year.

Goodbye Gifts for Mr. Hieronimus: Gifts were dropped off at the school for him to open during the meeting. Shane enjoyed opening those with everyone on Zoom.

The next scheduled PTO meeting is Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at noon on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44pm.