

April 20, 2022 Edison PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: LeAnn Minister, Kristina Sipma, Katherine Kleinjan, Shannon Huber, Trish Bearden, Rachael Eggers-Ferry

Meeting called to order at 12:00 by LeAnn Minister.

Minutes

The minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Kristina Sipma and was seconded by LeAnn Minister. The minutes for all the meetings are posted on the Edisonsf.org website.

Treasurer's Report

Kristina Sipma presented the Treasurer's Report. The Performance Budget to date was shared on the Zoom screen and is also posted on the Edison.org website. Actual year to date income at the end of March was \$20,211.65. The total expenses for the year to date is \$12,640.78. The checkbook balance at the end of March is \$17,036.83. The approved \$3,000 check for the PBIS rewards will come from the April year to date budget.

Principal's Report

Rachael Eggers-Ferry gave the Principal's report. The South Dakota Assessment test will be given at Edison next week. The staff is encouraging students to focus and do their best by providing incentives for them. Breakfast and snacks will be provided. There will also be incentive points for students to earn by showing good testing behaviors. The reward will be a tech party at the end of the week for students who earn enough points.

Rachael Eggers-Ferry thanked the PTO for providing money to replenish the PBIS reward shop. She reported that the students are excited about the new rewards. When making the PTO budget for next year, the PTO should look at allocating money into the budget for the PBIS store. The PBIS rewards money given will need to be kept separate from the Student Allocation funds that are given as they are used for different things. The amount of money needed next year will depend on how much grant money the school will have for this.

Old Business

Rachael Eggers-Ferry reported that Edison held their first dance in 3 years. It was a big success and 600 students attended. Many more students attended than they thought would attend. The student council sold concessions and sold out. The PTO provided money for the DJ. There was also a photo booth with free photos that the students really enjoyed. The students asked if next year the 8th grade could have their own dance or next year maybe break up the grades so there aren't so many students. The PTO should add the dance into the budget for next year.

New Business

LeAnn Minister reported that the 5th grade welcome will be at Edison on April 26 and May 2. Nikki Schmaltz and LeAnn Minister will give the brief PTO information talk at these sessions. They will talk about the PTO and how families can be involved and what events the PTO helps with. The spiritwear booth will be set up for sales. Angela may need volunteers to help with the sales. The Cheddar Up link can be used for people to pay for spiritwear. If we put signs up we could include the Edison PTO website and what events we help with. Discussion also occurred about how to improve the fall welcome back to school day.

LeAnn Minister reported that staff appreciation will occur on May 2-6. The tentative plans for the week include Poppy's Popcorn, Bagel Boy, Culvers certificates, and "May the Fourth Be with You" treats. LeAnn contacted the Student Council teachers about helping with one of the days. They are having a meeting this Friday and will report back as what they would like to do with one of the days. Rachael Eggers-Ferry would like a gluten free option to be included in the days as 7 teachers are gluten free.

There will be 5 teachers retiring in May. Rachael Eggers-Ferry will let the PTO know if any help is needed to recognize these staff.

Rachael Eggers-Ferry brought up the topic of the 8th grade party that happens on the last day of school. This party will occur outside during the last part of the school day. Last year she planned this party and she is looking for help to work on this year's party. Edison owns many of the yard games that were used and last year they also had a DJ and snow cones from Dakota snow.

LeAnn Minister asked for discussion on if the PTO should use funds from the budget to give teachers gift cards in the fall. As was discussed last meeting, Amber Blume would need to know by August 1st so she could let teachers know before they start buying things for their classroom. Kristina Sipma said this money would come out of the 2022-23 budget that would be set in the summer. Discussion for this item will need to occur later when the new budget is set. The new calendar year budget starts July 1.

Discussion will occur at the next meeting about the Color Run in the fall. Kristina Sipma will report next meeting about a different school that used the Boosterthon website and hosted their own Color Run without having a company that requires a catalog sale.

The next meeting will be May 18, 2022 on Zoom.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kristina Sipma and seconded by Trish Bearden. Meeting adjourned at 12:51.