



Linwood Elementary School PTA

Tuesday, December 10th | 4:00 pm |

In Attendance

President Jenaya Nieman, Vice President Jamie Linder, Secretary Lea Bombard, Annette Schwab, Alica Keeler, Tessa Abrahamson, Joe Mueller, Sarah Henry, Christine Amsler, Sue Mullen, Monica O'Rourke.

Treasurer's Report / Budget

The Treasurer was unable to attend, but provided a current budget report that was distributed by Jamie Linder and approved by all. We had to clarify the expenses for the chrome books from October's meeting due to some confusion. In October, the PTA approved paying for an additional 20 Chrome Books for 6th Grade (approx value of \$3,500) and also the remaining expenses to get 3rd grade to a full cart (approx value \$3,100). Plus 3rd grade needed 30 mice (approx value of \$170.) So in total, the PTA is paying approximately \$6,770 to cover all those expenses.

Turkey Bingo recap was discussed and we had a profit of \$3,221.39. THANK YOU to everyone that attended. The gym was PACKED!

Board Reports

November Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Hot Cocoa for Relax and Read - Student Initiative Committee

During the Relax & Read and in school on Friday, Dec 13th, Sarah Henry (head of student initiative committee) asked if PTA would cover cost for marshmallows, cups, and hot cocoa as well as a non-dairy refreshments. Mr. Mueller paid for this in previous years - cost will now shift to PTA for this. Approximate expense \$75. Voted and approved. Mr. Mueller will deliver hot cocoa to the kids (approximately 400 students) during their relax/read times.

Other Business

A reminder was given that all teacher wish lists for Scholastic Books are due by 12/16/19. If teachers need additional time they need to reach out to Jenaya Nieman.

Giving Tree gifts will be distributed to the families the week of Dec 16th. Joe brought up the idea of having a "Neighbors Need Wall". This would be something up at school all year round where families could post things they could use help with throughout the year and other families can take the ideas off the wall and help when they can or want. This is something we will table for future discussions. Possibly PTA can organize or student initiative committee.

Food & Toy Drive was very successful THANK YOU! Heather will be posting it on Facebook.

Dairy Queen Fundraiser

December 17th is our first DQ fundraiser from 4-7. Jamie Linder and Jenaya Nieman will be present from 4-6 and Mr. Mueller will cover 5:30-7:00. 10% of the proceeds goes to Linwood for all purchases from 4-7. We will discuss with DQ if it is necessary for a PTA member to be present during this time... The outcome will be discussed at January's meeting.

Spring Book Fair

Alicia Keeler volunteered to chair this event. The plan at this time is to hold a Spring Book Fair. The book fair will run during conferences. Conferences are 8am to 8pm Tuesday, March 31st (no school this day) and 4pm to 8pm on Thursday, April 2nd. Did not discuss or vote on what money would be used for, so will be discussed in January's meeting.

Read-a-thon

Jamie Linder will be looking more into this to possibly set up. The students would ask for pledges online and read on their own time. Mr. Mueller & staff will work on in-school rewards for this read-a-thon but otherwise this would be a non-reward system. Info would be sent home with students, the students work on pledges. They pledge to read a certain amount of books or read a certain amount of time over the pledge period and raise funds for it.

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Jenaya asked what we could do to get the kids involved since this is an adult-only event.

Some suggestions were: Kids bring change/money for fundraising buckets and there is a daily tally. Rewards given for certain dollar amounts reached on the "thermometer" or something similar. Kids can earn "Hawaii Day" at school? Maybe a pizza party for the winner. Sarah Henry and Mr. Mueller said they will figure something out and take care of it.

Principal's Report - Joe Mueller

The 6th grade concert will be held from 2:30-3:30 on Dec 12th. 1 hour prior to the event the middle school principal will be available for anyone who wants to meet and talk with him about the middle school. This is a good opportunity for parents of 6th graders who will be entering the middle school next Fall.

Part of the playground was ordered around Thanksgiving to get the 2019 pricing which totaled the \$30K we had set aside. This does not cover the entire playground, but it's a start. Katie is waiting to hear on some grants she applied for. The entire playground is much more than \$30K - it's more like \$60K. There is going to be further talk about how to earn more money to build the entire set they picked out but what they have coming is still awesome!

Next Meeting

January 14th | 6:00 pm, Media Center.

Minutes Taken by Jenaya Nieman and Lea Bombard