

Linton PTO Meeting Minutes
November 11th, 2022 @ 6:30PM

Introductions – 9 in attendance

Principal Report:

- Halloween was successful with great weather!
- Vaccine Bus will be at Linton on 12/07/21 and 1/16/22 all day starting at 10AM
 - o Appointments are encouraged
 - o Walk-ins also welcome
 - o May include doses of Pfizer Covid vaccine for children ages 5-11
 - o Flu shots available
 - o Can check a child out during the day for vaccination
- Vision/hearing screening at Linton
 - o Happening on Friday, November 14th
- Other schools in the district are also doing a similar type of breakfast event to our Breakfast Bonanza using the same burritos that we used
- Fundraising:
 - o Read-A-Thon this year?
 - o Other elementary schools in district using professional companies to successfully raise large sums
 - Ms. Stolte will seek more information about this option
- Covid:
 - o Schools in the district may be designated as pre-outbreak or outbreak status
 - This depends on directly connected case numbers within a 14-day period
- District Advisory Board's school improvement plan
 - o 20% reduction in READ plans
 - o All staff will be trained in phonemic approach
 - o One goal is to help solid readers improve spelling
 - o 6-week intervention cycles
 - o Lots of professional development in connection with this plan:
 - Team doing leadership development on-site
 - 6 weeks of teacher-to-teacher training
- New PA system being installed in all schools to address locations that are currently not receiving audio
- Currently short-staffed in the district
 - o 22 open bus driver positions
 - o 6-7 other open positions
- Today's drill went smoothly

Parent Chair:

- Amazon Smile and Milk cap collection push?
 - o Need 2 volunteers to collect, count, and bag caps
- Ideas for community crafts to send to nursing homes?
 - o Maybe send craft home to complete and return to the school

- Send out on a Friday to be returned one week later
 - Offer a selection of crafts for students to choose from?
 - Plan to take crafts to nursing homes in early December
- Read-A-Thon:
 - Kim taking past years' materials to review and consider leading the committee
- Breakfast Bonanza was successful!
- Trash in school yard has increased due to eating lunch outdoors
 - Saturday Family Clean-up Day from 10AM to 2PM
 - Provide gloves and bags
 - Focus on Pride and Responsibility – taking ownership of our school
 - Advertise as “Mr. E need our help!” via Facebook and email

Treasurer Report:

- \$17,194.59 in account
 - Includes book fair cash and cheques from original works
 - Does not include online sales from book fair
- Need to follow up with Scholastic about payment for the book fair
- One cheque received bounced
 - Following up on how best to handle
- Breakfast Bonanza:
 - Received \$5 in donations
 - Potentially put out more donations jars in future years?
 - Leftover money in budget that was allocated for this event
- Wrote cheque to Reenie for school expenses
 - Came out of program expenses category
- Teacher wish list:
 - Needs to be discussed in the spring
 - Account is sitting high and needs to be spent down
 - Potentially provide money directly to teachers as opposed to mini-grants?
- Field Trips:
 - Current bus driver shortage is an obstacle
- Clean-up Day:
 - Proposed \$100 to fund from leftover not spent on Breakfast Bonanza
 - Seconded and passed
 - Remaining funds returned to general fund

District Advisory Board:

- Comprised of parents from every school in the district
- Meets once-monthly with superintendent, 2 assistance superintendents, and school board members
- Calendar committee
 - Currently working on the 2023-24 school year calendar
- Reports posted on district website about SROs and school data
 - Includes breakdown of incidents that includes race of individuals involved
- Student connectedness surveys:
 - These begin in grade 4

- Aimed at measuring feelings of connection to others, including adults and friends
- Identifying student interests
- Identifying whether students anticipate graduating from high school

Last Items:

- Help needed to organize and disseminate items from Original Works orders
 - November 30th, 2021 @ 6:30; bring boxes and bags to help organize

Adjourned; December meeting canceled; Next meeting: January 4th, 2022