

Tibbets Elementary PTA General Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2021 6pm

Present: Sarah Cox, Brenda Johansen, Kelly Novotny, Bryan Frost, Lisa Wald, Sarah Hagie, Kayla Crance, Allison Lauderdale, Jodi Tust, Buffy Getzen, Sarah Madl, Nicole Whitman, Jen Kienbaum, Kristin Perkins, Katie James, Niqi Linneman

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. She introduced Brenda J who was representing the Elkhorn Area Middle School PTO. The middle school has started a committee to develop an Outdoor classroom, the PTO asked the students for some input in what they would like and the majority of input was to add more outdoor activities. They have found a website that provides large scale stencils from [fitandfunplayscapes.com](http://fitandfunplayscapes.com). Brenda has approached each elementary school asking for a commitment to help with the purchase of these stencils. Whether the monetary help comes in or not, Brenda stated that the middle school would be happy to lend the stencils to all the schools, just keep in mind that the style they choose is geared towards the middle school ages. The cost of the stencil set is about \$2500. Brenda was hoping that Tibbets PTA would be able to donate around \$1500 and this could go towards the purchase of age-appropriate stencils for the elementary level. Lisa asked if the PTA can take the month to think and see if there is room in the budget for something like this. The board will discuss further at the next board meeting and will have further discussions at the May 13th General PTA meeting.

Sarah C asked for a motion to approve the March meeting minutes, Sarah H made a motion and Buffy 2nd. Motion passed. Sarah also asked that everyone LIKE and check the PTA Facebook page for updates.

The receipts and disbursements are all adding up and Kelly said the Kohls grant money came through and she was able to pass the money off to the music department. Some money was spent for a few field trips and Kelly is working on purchasing the licenses the PTA needs in order to hold the calendar raffle and other fundraising activities. Jodi made a motion to approve the budget and Sarah H 2nd. Motion passed.

Sarah H announced that the read-in, the April FFN is not happening this year and since the May FFN was pushed into June there is no plan for anything then as well. The PTA board is thinking of alternative things to do. An ice cream day at school or a schoolwide playdate at the Sunset park. More information to come soon. Niqi L suggested [Plogging](#) which is a combination of walking/jogging and picking up litter as you go. She said that this could be something great to tie into Earth day and use at a FFN event.

Bryan announced that the art auction and chili cook off were both a great success. The vision screenings went well and report cards were sent out before spring break. He said he had a meeting with Sugar Creek Lutheran Church and they have "adopted" Tibbets to lend a helping hand wherever it's needed, including the PTA. Mr. Frost also announced that the 5th grade mural is up in the cafeteria and it looks great! There is also a new counter in the main office. Information was sent home today about the Virtual Creativity Contest, check your students purple folder. The Forward state testing is month for 3rd-5th grade, this test measures how Tibbets school is doing compared to other schools. He also discussed the Covid guidelines, for more information please see the most recent email from Mr. Tadlock. Bryan was pleased to announce that the students will be able to start WIN time again and there are some updates with maintenance and tech equipment at Tibbets, any fluorescent light is being switched out with LED bulbs. This will make each room much brighter and lighter. The old Smart boards are also slowly being replaced with the new Interactive white boards.

Sarah C and Jen B have the new spirit wear order sheet in the works. There are a few minor changes needing to be made, the order forms will be sent home next week with the due date of April 28.

Sarah C had a small update from Kate Hommen regarding the Pop Tabs. She had dropped off the thank you note to ELkcast, and the owners, Jeff and Chrissy were very appreciative.

The calendar raffle is in the works and will be brought back for fundraising starting the end of May. Sarah Madl has volunteered to help out with this. More information to come next month.

Jen K followed up with Scrip, the Tibbets version has launched, please keep a lookout for a flyer coming home with the students. There have already been a few parents to sign up and Tibbets PTA is already making some money on it. Jen is waiting to hear from Scrip on when they make the deposits so the PTA will know to look for the deposit. The set up is very easy and there are many how-to videos available for reference. Jen said that the PTA should encourage everyone to purchase the e-gift certificates and not that hard card. The hard cards are put on a hold until there is enough money in the account to pay the shipping fee. It is in the PTA's best interest to use the e-certificates if possible.

Tibbetspalooza is a GO! The PTA will be "Glowing out with a bang" to end our school year. The Jost family has graciously volunteered to DJ an outdoor dance for the students and their families. The event will be on June 4 at 5:30pm. The dance will be from 6pm-8pm. There will be a 50/50 raffle, a basket raffle, silent auction, food to purchase, and much more. Katie James will ask for the use of some generators again this year to help power any food trucks. Nicole W has phone calls into some food vendors and hopes to get some plans in motion soon. Mr. Frost spoke with Mr. Tadlock and the few guidelines are to try to keep a social distance outside and if anyone needs to enter the building, to wear your masks.

Staff appreciation week is May 3-7. Kayla C and Sarah C have put together a week of treats and gifts for all staff. Monday- assorted coffees and refreshers from Stillwater Tuesday- M&Ms with a sweet thank you note Wednesday(planning in the works) Thursday individual thank you cards from each student and Friday Lunch from Mr. P's grilled cheese.

Katie J said the field trip planning is going great, each grade level will have 2 different experiences before the school year ends.

Jen B passed around a flyer about Lutherdale's new Summer Day Camp, please check Tibbets Elementary facebook for more information.

Nominations were held for the PTA President, a 2 year term, Secretary, and 2 year term, and Treasurer, 1 year to finish up the remainder of Kellys term.

Kayla C nominated Lisa Wald for President, Lisa accepted.

Kayla C nominated Sarah Cox for Secretary, Sarah accepted.

Katie J nominated Nicole Whitman for Treasurer, Nicole accepted.

The election for the above nominees will be held at our next general meeting in May. Reminder: you must be a paid member of the PTA in order to vote.

Next PTA meeting May 13, 2021 at 6pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Sarah Cox

Tibbets PTA Secretary