

Tibbets Elementary PTA Meeting  
December 10, 2020

Present: Buffy Getzen, Sarah Cox, Kelly Novotny, Bryan Frost, Jen Kienbaum, Sarah Hagie, Allison Lauderdale, David Gigante, Chris Jost, Katie James, Nicole Whitman, Jodi Tust, Lisa Wald

Thrivent Financial was unable to make the meeting and will be the business spotlight at a future meeting.

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and she checked on the current Sign Up Genius for Classroom wish lists from the teachers. She said there is still time to sign up if you would like. Please have any gifts or donations for the teachers delivered to the school by Friday, December 18. Lisa also shared that 35 \$50 Amazon gift cards have been purchased by the PTA to give as a holiday gift for each teacher to use towards their classrooms. Kelly N will have them delivered next week.

Sarah C asked for all to please review the November PTA meeting minutes. Kelly N noticed that part of the budget amendment from last month was not included in the minutes. Sarah C will make the necessary corrections. Buffy made a motion to approve the minutes and Katie 2nd, motion passed. Sarah C also reminded everyone to please use Amazon Smile when shopping online, the Tibbets PTA does get a small kickback. She also asked everyone to check the PTA facebook page and website.

Kelly N explained that November was another quiet month for receipts and disbursements. The budget has not changed since the amendment last month. Kelly stated that there will be much more activity next month. Nicole made a motion to approve the budget and Sarah C 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Sarah H did not have much to report on, she did say she is looking forward to the upcoming Winter Wonderland festivities.

Mr. Frost reported that last month Tibbets had a Fall Emergency drill, this drill teaches the students to Run, Hide, Fight(in that order). This drill did not include a total lockdown because of Covid. It went well and was much less intrusive this year. Bryan discussed the Covid numbers that caused EASD to switch to remote learning at the end of November. If you would like the link to the Walworth County website with all current Covid numbers, please contact Mr. Frost. He felt that there was a great improvement with digital learning this time around and was pleased at how well everyone managed without a supply pick up. Report cards went home today, please check purple folders. Mr. Frost also wanted to remind everyone of the 5 extra days off that have been added to the district [calendar](#). Tibbets had a fire drill today and it was successful. He ended his report by saying how excited he is to see the PTA's winter wonderland next week.

Katie J commented on how amazing the virtual learning was, she stated that it was so much better than last spring! She gave Mr. Kleist a huge shoutout for the virtual field trip to The Valley of the Kings Sanctuary and Rescue.

Lisa shared that there was a lot of positive feedback regarding the new way of organizing the virtual school and everybody seems very pleased, especially the live meets with the teachers.

Lisa thanked Mr. Frost for his report and moved on to the committee reports: Buffy Getzen picked up all the spiritwear, organized the orders, and delivered them to the school for distribution. All orders should have been sent home with your students this week. Total sales for spiritwear were \$6548. Overhead cost was \$5253 which gave the PTA a \$1295 profit! Buffy

shared that Hansen Screen Printing worked very hard to fulfill our large order and is working on a portal to be able to order the shirts online. Jen K asked that we please make an announcement next time deliveries are being sent home with the students. A note was made to make sure to post to the FB page and send emails next time.

Sarah C announced that Jenny Cernech will be picking up the 4th quarter receipts and delivering them to Piggly Wiggly on January 11. Please make sure to send all 4th quarter receipts with your student to school so we can get that nice donation from Frank's.

There was no new information on Pop-tab-palooza but Lisa reminded everyone that the tabs must be from soda or beer cans, they cannot be from cat food cans or soup cans. Kate H has asked that all donated pop tabs please be sent to school in Ziplock bags and no other containers.

Katie J will be picking up the Kohls grant project for Mrs. Seye-Pyle next week and we should receive a check from them in the near future. She does not have information on Book Swap.

Nicole W talked about next week's Winter Wonderland, there will be 5 days of Holiday treats, dress up, and fun! Mr. Davey will incorporate X-mas X-Games in all the P.E. classes including a makeshift snowball fight and present bowling. The budgeted amount of money was discussed and it was decided that there is enough money in the budget for the PTA to provide ice cream for each student, Katie J will order the ice cream.

Stillwater Coffee Company will be catering lunch for the Holiday Staff meal on December 16.

Sarah C ordered 4 different soups along with bread and butter for the staff to enjoy. There will also be holiday cookies from The Elkhorn Pastry Shoppe. This is paid for with the remaining donated funds from the October staff meal and from the new amended budget.

Lisa is working on connecting with some surrounding winter activity businesses in the hopes of planning a tubing FFN in January, please stay tuned for more information.

Sarah H has reached out to Traxside in Burlington in the hopes of planning a February Rollerskating FFN. More information to come.

David G had a few non-PTA questions and was told to contact Mr. Frost for further discussion.

Lisa announced that the PTA Board positions up for election this Spring are President, Secretary, and Treasurer. She also announced that Winter Break starts December 21 and goes through January 1 with school resuming January 4, 2021

Katie J asked if there was a plan in place from the EASD regarding a Covid vaccine. Mr. Frost meets once a week to discuss new policies and there is no information at this time. He did state that the CDC has changed the 14 day quarantine to 7-10 days.

Nicole asked if the school is able to link the school calendars to Google and Apple Calendar apps. Mr. Frost will look into this.

Lisa reminded everyone to please email the PTA if they have any questions, concerns, or come across any new ways to help with fundraising. Katie J shared that the school district does have a full time grant writer and the PTA can contact them for future needs. Katie also announced that the middle school is working on an outdoor classroom and if it has a positive outcome, the elementary level should consider planning one as well.

Next PTA meeting is January 14.

Buffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sarah H 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm

Meeting Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Sarah Cox

Tibbets PTA Secretary