

Tibbets PTA General Meeting  
January 14, 2021

In attendance: Lisa Wald, Casey Bonyata, Chris Jost, Sarah Cox, Buffy Getzen, Kelly Novotny, Sarah Hagie, Allison Lauderdale, Jen Cernech, Bryan Frost, Joan Seye-Pyle, Denise Babcock, Sarah Jost, Adam Bretl, Jodi Tust, Kris Ossi, Nicole Whitman, Angela Pulvermacher, Cheyl Kenth, Kate Hommen, Kenzie Watson, Kelly Carwright, Jen Keinbaum, Jen MEdcum, Jen Box, Kayla Crane

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6pm and introduced Casey Bonyata.

Casey is the owner of "Down To Earth Wellness." She specializes in massage and placenta services and she also offers natural health and apothecary items for all health, pregnancy, birth, and beyond. She has been in the industry for over 15 years. She also offers ear candling, cupping, Elderberry syrup, fire cider, and more. Please follow her on Facebook page: ["Down to Earth Wellness"](#)

Mr. Frost said that the PTA Winter Wonderland was awesome and very enjoyable for all at school. He reported that Coach Mike was helping out in PE this week, introducing Lacrosse to the students. If anyone is interested in furthering their lacrosse skills please contact Coach Mike for information about the [Elkhorn Kwik Stix](#). Bryan announced that MAP testing has started this week, it is a nice mid-year check to see how the school is doing. He was excited to announce that the 5th grade is learning to play the ukulele in music class. He also explained that part of Tibbets school grounds has been made into a new "School Forest". This is to bring in additional learning for students, it includes the treeline and beyond. Bryan listed off a few dates to remember: Monday January 18- no school, MLK day, January 22 Orange Shirt Day, January 29 Spiritwear day. Bryan went on to say that because the school district has added those few extra Fridays off of school, some specials have been moved around. There will be no school on February 5, because of this, those typical Friday specials will be held on February 3rd instead. February 8 Tibbets will be giving a presentation at the school board meeting. He spoke about Valentines Day and the passing of the cards: Please have your students bring their Valentines in between February 8-10 so they can properly quarantine before being sent home. Kids Heart Challenge will be February 15-19 the 100th day of school is February 24 and Read Across America is March 2- The staff will be working on a "BookFlix" video for the students. Mr Frost also stated that the students are interested in doing a "Tibbets Got Talent" show, the students can record themselves showcasing their talent to show to the school. Covid update: As of January 14 there were only 2 people in quarantine.

Lisa said there was an outpouring of Thank You notes given to the PTA for all the wonderful events that took place in December. She wanted to thank all the volunteers that helped set up the Winter Wonderland and those who help with the teacher meals. She also shared that The Tree House sent a lovely email regarding the Giving Tree Program- Please see the PTA facebook page.

Sarah Cox asked for a motion to approve the December PTA meeting minutes. Buffy G made the motion and Angela 2nd, passed unanimously. Sarah also asked that everybody continue to use Amazon Smile, always check out our website and facebook page and to keep in mind that if you leave an Instant Message on Facebook it may take her a couple days to respond. The best way to get in contact with the PTA is [TibbetsPTACrew@gmail.com](mailto:TibbetsPTACrew@gmail.com).

Kelly announced that we had a profit of \$600 from Spiritwear, the Kohls grant has changed the way it pays out and the PTA received \$60 for the Music department. The field trips are still at a standstill, there is hope that the fund will be used this spring for class field trips. If not, the money will be rolled over into next year's budget. Angela P made a motion to approve and Nicole W 2nd, motion passed.

Sarah H announced that in lieu of a family fun night in January the PTA sent home a free kids meal coupon for each student donated by Texas Roadhouse in Janesville, watch for them in the purple folders. She also let us know that the PTA will be hosting a February FFN at Traxside Roller Rink in Burlington.

The fun will be on February 4 from 5:30-8pm. This is a private event, not open to the public. The PTA will be covering \$2 of the \$7 admission fee. So Families- it will only be \$5 for each skater; this includes skate rental and a combo meal. This year there is a \$2 spectator fee. Please remember that this is a Family Fun Night- this is not a drop and go event, parents MUST be present for the children to participate.

Buffy Getzen said that there will be a very small spring spirit wear order, nothing has been planned yet. Jen C announced that \$134 was collected in Franks receipts and the school received a check from Box Tops for \$211. Kate Homment has "Poptabpolooza" all planned. The event will start on February 18 and go through March 4. The goal is to collect 350 pounds of Pop Tabs and if the goal is reached a fun dress up day will be on March 12. Please send in your clean poptabs to school in a ziplock bag and they will be collected in the bin near the main office. Katie James touched on the Kohls grant and explained that they have changed their ways of paying the grants and it is now \$20/hour, no longer a \$500 flat rate. This is something to remember for future planning. Jodi Tust asked for a new volunteer to assist Katie J with the Book Swap, Jodi is no longer able to commit to the volunteer hours because of her job as the school health aide. Angela P and Buffy G volunteered to help with this. The collecting of books will be from February 22-26 and with Swap will take place on March 2-4.

Lisa asked for a volunteer to take over as Fundraising Coordinator. Please spread the word and keep it in mind, if you are interested please email the PTA. Lisa asked if anyone had any other ideas for fundraising. Jen K suggested using "Script"- a gift card fundraiser, where gift cards from your favorite brands can be purchased and used for your daily purchases, a percentage of sales is given back to the PTA. Jen K offered to set this up. Other ways to fundraise were discussed and Joan Seye-Pyle will reach out to her contacts regarding other options.

Jodi Tust reached out to the company that makes Smarties asking for a donation of candy. She had the idea of making a small card for each student for the 100th day of school saying "Happy 100th day, Smarty!" and attaching a candy to each card. Smarties did reply and will be donating all the treats to the PTA.

Lisa asked for at least 2 volunteers to help plan and coordinate Tibbetspalooza. Tibbetspalooza is the last fundraiser of the school year to help with field trips and it also benefits the music dept. Please contact Sarah at [TibbetsPTACrew@gmail.com](mailto:TibbetsPTACrew@gmail.com) if you are interested. Lisa also announced that since the catered meals for the staff went so well, the PTA board would like to continue using our local businesses for these events. Kayla Crane has volunteered to help out with planning any future food ordering. Sarah C will help Kayla and will also continue asking for event donations.

Katie J explained that Mrs. Heiser wanted to speak at tonight's meeting, but her signal was weak. Erin would like to have a VIRTUAL Art auction on the 3rd Friday in March. There were Pros and Cons with the Ebay event last year and she is exploring other options. If anyone has any input or ideas, please contact Mrs. Heiser.

Mrs. Seye- Pyle ended the meeting by thanking the PTA for all of their support. She also thanked Katie James for all her help with Kohls.

Joan made a motion to end the meeting, Kate H 2nd. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Sarah Cox

PTA Secretary