

Tibbets Elementary PTA General Meeting
November 12, 2020

Present: Kate Hommen, Allison Lauderdale, Kelly Novotny, Katie James, Sarah Hagie, Buffy and Brett Getzen, Lisa Wald, Nicole Whitman, Esther Weitzel, Denise Babcock, Sarah Jost, Cheryl Kenth, Jodi Tust, Sarah Cox, Kayla Crane

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. She said that the Halloween Treat bags went over well, there were TONS of donations and the PTA has lots of leftover candy that will be repurposed for Holiday treat bags this December. The meals for the teachers went really well. When asking for donations, Tibbets families show up! Lisa said that the PTA received \$745 in monetary donations to feed our teachers during the conferences. The PTA used only a portion of the money to purchase boxed lunches from Annie's Burgertown on Wednesday and bought coffee, donuts, tea, and muffins from CaribBean for Thursday morning. There was wonderful feedback and the PTA plans to use the rest of the donated money for the staff holiday meal in December. Lisa also explained that the PTA board had decided to go back to using Zoom for the virtual PTA meetings. The other platforms just didn't have the best quality or results and Zoom did. The PTA board decided to pay the \$15 fee for the unlimited time on Zoom.

Brett Getzen, from The Getzen Company was the business spotlight of the meeting. He explained that The Getzen Company has been around since 1939 and is one of the last all American made brass musical instrument companies.

Sarah C had everyone to read over the September and October PTA meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve both months, Nicole Whitman made the motion and Kate Hommen 2nd. Motion passed. Sarah C also announced that the PTA has 67 members this year. She said compared to last year's 73, she was impressed with the final number considering how the year has been. She reminded everyone to please use [Amazon Smile](#) for all your amazon shopping since the PTA does get a small kickback in donations from them. She also asked everyone to like the facebook page and visit the website, www.tibbetspta.com for any new information.

Kelly N read through the COH and budget documents, there was more activity this month with the various donations, PTA memberships, and spiritwear money coming in. Motion to approve the COH and budget made by Kate Hommen, Katie James 2nd. With all the generous donations being made, Kelly asked for a budget amendment to increase the donation amount in the PTA's annual budget. The number will change from \$1000 to \$1750. Kelly asked for a motion to revise the annual budget amendment. Sarah H made a motion and Nicole Whitman 2nd, motion passed.

Sarah Hagie was pleased to announce that the book fair books were shipped, sorted, and delivered. If your student didn't bring them home on Thursday they will most likely be home by Friday. Sarah said the bookfair totals were about \$1900 in sales & a total 241 books. Mrs. Gillette will get about \$470 and she plans on using that money to replace library books and possibly put some towards another 3D printer. Sarah H and Jodi T are still deciding on whether Follett should be used again next year for the BookFair. They asked that any kind of feedback would be much appreciated and to please email tibbetsptacrew@gmail.com with your comments. The sales were much lower than previous years and they took Covid into consideration but it seems that many families forgot to log on to order. Some feedback from the meeting was that the website for Follett was clumsy and hard to use, there were many books out of stock with no option to pre-order, the selection of books was low and no books for grades over 5th. Sarah J wondered if the fair would have gone better if it was in person?

Katie James will be helping with an in-person book fair at the middle school and will let the PTA know how that goes.

Mr. Frost was unable to make the meeting tonight. He did email Sarah C some tidbits on what he wanted to talk about. She read the email and filled in as best as she could. (Please see page 4 for Mr. Frost's report)

Lisa gave a small shout out to thank all that has stepped up to help with the classroom supervising and subbing!

Lisa asked for any committee reports. Sarah C said Culvers night was cancelled, Elkhorn Culvers told her that they were not doing any fundraising this year. Buffy G said spiritwear is in the works-Nate Hansen is still working on the items ordered. There were alot more orders than projected so it will take longer to fulfill, thank you for your patience. Franks Receipts and Boxtops were collected and turned in, the PTA received \$93.30 from boxtops and third quarter Franks receipts were turned in for \$112. Kate Hommen announced that the Pop-tab-palooza will start February 18 and end March 5. She will get the total on March 11 and a dress up day will be March 12. All the money earned will go to the Ronald McDonald house. **Kate did ask that all pop tabs be put into ziplock bags. PLEASE no other types of containers.** Kate also said that only soda/beer pop tabs are able to be turned in(colored tabs are fine). No tabs from cat/dog food please, these are made from another material and cannot be in with the "normal" pop tabs. Food Nights have been put on hold for the time being. Katie James had a Kohl's grant approved and it has already been completed and is ready to be picked up after a few days in quarantine. The project was from Mrs. Seye-Pyle and once the Kohl's grant money is direct deposited into the PTA account a check will be written for the music department for about \$500. Katie stated that Kohl's is being very cautious with covid but has money to spend on the grants and she would like to go ahead and plan another for the book swap this spring.

The EASD Food Service program asked the PTA to share their new order form for treats and snacks. These items can be ordered right from the food service department and they will be delivered straight to the students classroom. (Please see the flyer [here](#).)

Esther W has volunteered to take on the giving tree this year. She will be typing up a Giving Tree sign-up genius. Her plans are to have it done before Thanksgiving in order for all to be able to hit up those great Black Friday sales. Please watch for more information on this. Sarah C has been in contact with the Tree House in Elkhorn and will get the information to Esther.

With the great success of the Pumpkin Patch in October, Lisa explained that Mr. Frost had approached the PTA Board with the suggestion of a Holiday outing as well for the students. He asked the board to brainstorm some ideas and to get a committee together to make these ideas a reality. Lisa's thoughts were to have a Holiday Spirit Week with different dress up days, have an outdoor Candycane Lane with decorations and inflatables, pictures of the students in front of the green screen, etc. She asked for a committee to head this up. Katie James and Nicole Whitman will head this up. Sarah H, Buffy G, Allison L, Jodi T, Sarah C, and Kayla C also volunteered to help where needed. Lisa would also like to do a December FFN in a bag for the kids. This will include some treats, coloring sheets, letter to Santa template, home depot kit, bag of hot cocoa, etc. Stay tuned for more information.

Jodi T has been in contact with the teachers to get their holiday wishlists. Sarah C will type them into a sign-up genius and have the link sent out. The PTA will continue with giving each teacher a \$50 gift card

from Amazon to use in their classroom. Kelly N will order those soon and they will be handed out the week before the winter break.

Lisa thanked everyone for joining the meeting and finished up the meeting with a few announcements: Thanksgiving Break is November 25-27. There is no school on November 30, Staff In-Service day. Winter Break is from December 21-January 1, School Resumes January 4, 2021. Don't forget the Tibbets Student Council Food Drive ends November 20!

Esther W wanted to remind everyone to check their emails from Mr. Tadlock, he had announced that the EASD will be adding the extra snow days into the school calendar so watch out for updates on that. Katie James asked about why the EASD has taken away the use of Google chats and hangouts. Sarah C will email Mr. Frost regarding this issue.

Buffy made a motion to adjourn, Jodi 2nd.

Meeting Adjourned 7:14pm

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by:

Sarah Cox

Tibbets PTA Secretary

Mr. Frost's Principal Report

We are looking into having in-person meetings at the school. With the rise in our county's numbers, unfortunately, we aren't to that point yet. Hopefully, we can see a turn-around in the near future.

I had also shared with the board my thoughts about future events similar to the awesome pumpkin patch. I was thrilled with the creativity that you all shared in the brainstorming session and can't wait to see what we can make come to fruition.

Since the last meeting...

- Parent Teacher Conferences were held virtually or by phone. I was hoping to get some feedback from the group on both the format as well as having them on Wednesday evening and then Thursday morning/evening with Thursday and Friday off of school. Staff was appreciative of the meal from Annie's as well as the opportunity to spend a little more time with each family and provide morning times for families that work in the evening.
- PikmyKid - our dismissal app has been picking up momentum and will need a few tweaks to differentiate between the island and car lane. Overall, it has been a fairly smooth launch and no more need for volunteers. (Thank you again for all of the time given!)
- We honored our Tibbet's veterans with a digital program that was shown in homerooms. This Veteran's Day presentation was shared on Facebook as well for families to view. Students wrote letters and made cards that were distributed to veterans as they picked up free meals at the high school.
- We had a video crew at school today that recorded footage for a Promotional Video of Tibbets that will be prepared and shared out at a future meeting. With protocols for visitors in place the video may be an opportunity for families to see what we have to offer at each of the schools within the district while visiting may not be an option.

Upcoming Events...

- Annual Emergency Drill will take place on 11/18. This drill will only be a discussion about the expected actions by staff and students during a lockdown scenario.
- Thanksgiving Break is 11/25-27, with a staff inservice day on the following Monday, 11/30
- Our first Trimester Report Cards are scheduled to be available on 12/10 through Family Access.