

September 10, 2020 6pm Tibbets PTA Meeting via Zoom Video Conference
www.tibbetspta.com

Present: Denise Babcock, Lisa Wald, Sarah Cox, Sarah Madl, Nicole Whitman, Jodi Tust, Kenzie Watson, Jen Cernech, Kelly Novotny, Jen Box, Buffy Getzen, Allison Lauderdale, Cheryl Kenth, Chris Jost, Sarah Jost, Kelly Demerath, Bryan Frost, Cyndi Borgen, Kristal Wulf, Kelly Cartwright, Katie James, Sarah Hagie

Sarah C took rollcall and Lisa called the order at 6:01.

Lisa discussed all of the handouts/attachments that were prepared for the meeting.

This year our meet the teacher night went a little differently by way of video chat, everything seemed to go well. The PTA hosted a meet the teacher night for new families and incoming Kindergarten families. This was in person and went very well. There are a total of 13 new families to Tibbets and 52 Kindergarten Families. The PTA had great volunteers that helped give tours of the school for those who wanted one. Each new Kindergartener received a new Tibbets Tigers T-shirt gifted by the PTA. If your student did not receive a shirt, please contact your Kindergarten teacher. Katie James planned these tour nights and she thanked all the wonderful volunteers for helping out with it all. There was great feedback from Mrs. Gunderson, Mrs. Beuchel, and Mrs. Degner that they absolutely loved the 10 minute time slots to meet each individual family. They enjoyed being able to have that one on one time with each student and would like to continue to do this in the future if possible.

Sarah Cox went over the PTA memberships: \$15 Individual membership, \$10 for additional, \$10 for Staff, and \$30 for Business. If you have any questions regarding memberships please email her at tibbetsptacrew@gmail.com Sarah went on to say that the PTA Website and Facebook pages are always up and running and to please check them out. The website has all the PTA information, forms, and a contact button if needed. Please "like" our facebook page and share for all others.

Kelly Novotny discussed how the PTA breaks down the budget, deposits, and Cash on Hand. If there are any questions regarding the budget please email the PTA. Kelly announced that the PTA Board decided not to go through with a calendar raffle this year. She explained that there is a surplus from last year because of the quarantine and any funds that did not go out were rolled over into this year. The PTA is able to fund any field trips that may take place without having to start the school year with a major fundraiser. Kelly said keep a look out for future fundraising opportunities from the PTA.

Sarah Hagie announced that the Book Fair will most likely be Virtual this year. She is working alongside Jodi Tust and Follot to figure out the best route to take, more information will be coming soon.

Denise had no updates on any Fundraisers but said any donation is always welcome!

Mr. Frost reports that the first 3 days of school have gone well, with each day improving. Tibbets has about 400 students and 50 staff members. The Tibbets staff and Elkhorn School District have worked hard to make the school as safe as can be, and are improving and adapting as needed. He talked about the emailed videos that he has sent out over the past few weeks and said that everything has been fairly smooth, with the exception of the Drop Off/Pick up lines. There have been a few hiccups, it's not perfect but they are working on it. There is a possible cell phone app in the works to help with timely pickup. Bryan explained that right now they have to cut class time down to get the students to where they need to go, and an app or possible parent volunteers would be helpful in the future. Each day has improved: Day 1 all students were gone by 4:05pm, Day 2 was 3:47pm, and Day 3 was 3:44pm. He said it is slowly getting better. Bryan encourages the parents to park their vehicles and walk to the crosswalk/sidewalk area, what he is calling "The Island" and wait for your child(ren) there. This would greatly improve the long line of cars that are ending up on County Rd A. A few parents asked to put a PSA out- Please pull up and leave no large gaps between vehicles and to make sure you are pulling up as far as you can once you are by the building. Mr. Frost also announced that this year's parent/teacher conferences will be on a Wednesday and Thursday in October with time slots during the day as well as the 2 evenings.

Lisa introduced our small committees and the amazing volunteers that run them. Jen Cernech takes care of the Box Tops and Franks receipts and Kate Hommen handles the pop tabs. The PTA has a lovely wooden bin in the lobby by the main office for any and all pop tabs, Franks receipts, and box tops. Please send them to school with your students to place in the bin at any time.

Buffy Getzen and Jen Box have volunteered to take over the Spiritwear and are preparing a new order form to be out in October. Niqu Linneman will continue to take care of the Food in a Backpack program, any questions about this program, please call the Main Office. Katie James and Jen Box will again work on the School Directory; please watch your emails for information regarding this. Lisa thanked the committee volunteers for helping out.

Katie James asked about the announcement of the free meals for the school, Mr. Frost explained that the meals will be free until the funding runs out, he said that the funding could go until December, it could also be used up fast and be gone sooner than that. Katie J also asked if snacks are needed for classrooms since the students are having to bring their own individual snack everyday. Bryan said right now each teacher has a small stockpile, but it will run out fast. Katie asked if the PTA could host a snack drive to get donations for individual snacks. Sarah Cox brought up that there won't be a trunk or treat, can the PTA ask for donations of snacks instead of the candy that is usually sent in. Katie J also announced that she found some extra books from the book swap that are actually worth some money and she posted them on ebay for the PTA.

Kenzie Watson announced that Kellogg's brand has a free book promotion that goes until the end of September. Sarah C said she would add a button link to the PTA website.

Kelly Demerath wanted to give a huge thank you to the Tibbets Aides and Custodians that have stepped up and helped with the Pick up and drop off lines. She said they have been so helpful this week and she hoped that when we celebrate staff appreciation that the aides and custodians are included.

Jen Box gave shout out to Mr. Frost for dealing with all the fuss of the first week. Mr. Frost said he couldn't have done it without his great team to work with at the school.

Buffy Getzen asked if the PTA could fund a Halloween take home bag for the students since the Trunk or Treat was cancelled and would it be possible to have a halloween dress up day? The PTA will look into that more and Mr. Frost approved for a take home bag to be given out to each student if wanted.

Sarah Madl asked if there was any way the PTA members can meet in person? She explained that she is new to the school and would really love to speak face to face and get to know more parents at the school. Mr. Frost said that for now we cannot do this at the school. Other options were discussed and if anyone has any ideas or would like to host a PTA meet and mingle, please contact the PTA.

The next PTA meeting will also be virtual on October 8 at 6pm, please watch your emails, our website, and facebook for any updates!

Sarah Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sarah Hagie 2nd.
Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Meeting minutes prepared and submitted by:
Sarah Cox
Tibbets PTA Secretary