



FREDSTROM ELEMENTARY PTO

5700 NW 10TH STREET LINCOLN, NE 68521

MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2018 7:00 PM
FREDSTROM ELEMENTARY MEDIA CENTER

President: Erin Rourke
Secretary: Cristi Stewart

Vice President: Kelly Bielenberg
Treasurer: Lisa Siegel

Members Present: Gwen Bowers, Pam Kenaston, Erin Rourke, Kelly Bielenberg, Lisa Siegel, Cristi Stewart

Staff Present: Amy Maschka, Adam Vinter

Visitor Presenters: Lisa Oltman, Denise Golden

Erin Rourke called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa explained the deposits and payments for the last month. We received payments from our Dine-Out nights at Raising Canes and Carlos O'Kellys, a few more membership dues, a check from Amazon Smile and she made some more deposits from the Walk-a-Thon. She also said we made payments for 5th grade photos, Pumpkin Walk, treats for kids, and 5th grade used some of their team funds. Kelly Bielenberg moved to approve the report and Pam Kenaston seconded. Lisa also added that we are in need of a new Treasurer, starting as a co-chair now and then taking over the position completely in the 2019/2020 school year.

Secretary's Report: The October Minutes were reviewed, Lisa Siegel moved to approve the Minutes and Erin Rourke seconded.

Grant Update: Kelly spoke about the Grant Funding again, reviewing the details that we are offering up to \$2000 and that the applications are due Nov. 26, which is a teacher work day. If we get requests exceeding that total, Kelly has started putting together a Grant Committee to rank the applications for us to reward the grants. Adam Vinter added that a number of teachers have spoken with Cheryl about their interest in applying for funding, as all requests need to be approved by Mrs. Richter before they can submit their application.

New Business: None

Principal's Report:

Assistant Principal Amy Maschka filled in for Cheryl at the meeting. Amy said thanks for all the volunteers who have helped with the book fair, literacy night, and the picture retakes recently. All the volunteers are greatly appreciated!

Staff Report:

Adam Vinter said again that the staff are appreciative of the opportunity to apply for grant funding from the PTO, they are excited to have the option of additional funds to support student learning. He also said thanks for the PLC treats, they always enjoy having a snack during their professional learning community time.

Committee Reports:

Book Fair:



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Kelly Bielenberg said the book fair went very well. She explained that it is driven completely by Mrs. Sleight with minimal support from the PTO and it is a position that will need a new chair person in the next 2 years. Kelly also went on to explain that the duties of this committee chair are to create a box for prize drawings, assists in recruiting volunteers as needed and the PTO Treasurer prepares and provides a money box for the event as well. All the funds from this event support the library.

Fun Fair:

Erin Rourke wanted to remind the PTO that this position is still available and needs to be filled at or before the January 14 meeting if we want to have a Fun Fair this school year. Kelly Bielenberg added there is also the opportunity to change this event to try a different family friendly event, like a Potluck Picnic, or any other ideas to be discussed further at our January 14th meeting. Pam Kenaston also added that maybe we should try advertising this open position on a half sheet in a Wednesday Folder, to insure more people are aware of this opening.

Holiday Gift Shop:

Pam Kenaston is working on getting organized for this event coming up on December 10. She has started shopping and is working on going thru all the inventory from last year. Last year we had Candy Canes for a snack after visiting with Santa and we had an overabundance of wrapping paper donated. Pam also added that she will start looking for volunteers by reaching out to those who marked Holiday Gift shop volunteer on the PTO membership form at the start of the school year.

Visitor Presentation:

Lisa Oltman and Denise Golden came to speak to the PTO about guided reading. They taught us: Guided reading happens everyday in every grade at Fredstrom Elementary school. The purpose of guided reading is to have small group or one-on-one guided reading focus: specifically to understand the student's thinking, to have intentional time to teach each child the skills and strategies good readers use, and to observe and diagnose the next steps of instruction for each individual student. There are multiple components that are involved in these guided reading sessions including: sight word review (especially for K- 2 students), a book introduction, the student reading, teaching points, discussion of the text, word work, and then guided writing.

Meeting was adjourned by Erin Rourke at 8:05 pm.

Approved this 14th day of January, 2019, by:

Erin Rourke, President

Kelly Bielenberg, Vice President

Cristi Stewart, Secretary