

Lucas PTO Minutes
January 11, 2016, 7 pm
Lucas Art Room

Attendees

Cate Burke
Ann Champion
Aprille Clarke
Kate Degner
Sarah Galloway
Kirsty Gardner
Ben Hill
Brooke Hill
Kasiah Jones
Mary Kenyon
Tara Martin
Danielle Oakes
Joe Pavelich
Heather Roth
Michael Tilley
Rebekah Tilley
Ken Turnis

The meeting opened at 7:03 pm. Ben welcomed everyone to the meeting, and attendees shared their name and interest in Lucas PTO.

Motion, second, and pass (MSP) for the 12-14-2015 Lucas PTO minutes.

Susan Brennan, from the ICCSD Foundation, spoke about the Foundation does. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the district. It has five programs: (1) visiting authors for two grade levels, (2) the symphony goes to school program, (3) School of the Wild, (4) STEAM initiatives determined by the junior highs and high schools, and (5) staff celebrations such as the beginning of the year kickoff events and the SHINE awards. The Foundation will be adding another initiative in the next academic year called "Maker Spaces." Susan also discussed how to improve funding requests in the future for the Lucas PTO.

Ken Turnis presented his Principal's report. He mentioned recent activities and he discussed the new inclement weather policy. The 3rd grade half-time teacher has been hired and should start by Tuesday 1/19/2016. The 6th grade half-time teacher is working out well. Principal Turnis discussed the Iowa School Report card, which was released just before Christmas, and the associated complexities with Iowa Assessment scores and the transition to the Smarter Balance Assessments. Building renovation schematics have been finalized, and Ken answered questions about the renovations.

Ben Hill presented his President's report on the Iowa Women's basketball game. The DPO meeting is at Lincoln at 11:30 on Wednesday 1/13/2016. He also spoke to Student Council representatives about student participation in PTO.

Cate presented her Treasurer's report regarding transactions in December and upcoming expected costs and income. There were two funding requests:

- Nathan Kelly requested funds for \$109.54 Alto Xylophone, which is at the discretion of the Treasurer.
- Cate recommends that we approach the art teachers to see what needs that they may have.
- MSP that we extend the ELL pilot program another semester.

Ben will provide an updated version of the PTO by-laws.

Ann Campion discussed Free Family Fun Night. We need to get a succession plan for subsequent years.

Joe Pavelich provided an update on the Make a Mighty Difference campaign.

Andrea Gugliuzza has. asked whether we would like to have volunteers for dinners for two nights, and the consensus was that the PTO would like to get volunteers for both nights..

Sarah Galloway discussed changes to the Carnival night and the need for knick-knack toys. Mary Kenyon would like to have a co-coordinator as a raffle volunteer.

FYI: Next meeting date & times (February 8, 7 pm to 8 pm)