

University Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes October 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Shannon Starks.

I. The Minutes for the September 11, 2012 meeting were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report—Kerry McGarry reported that the budget items are updated except for dividends and interests from accounts at the IU Credit Union due to a system overhaul. The Skate Night for September had a profit of \$90, and the spelling and geography bee expenses were paid for. So far, there has been \$8200 donated in the Fall Campaign, which is \$2000 more than this time last year.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Fall Campaign—Katie Herron reported that 45% of forms have been returned, with a donation total so far of \$8200. Katie appreciates the help from faculty and others who have helped the campaign go smoothly, and the individual prizes for the kids are a success.
- b. Pizza Supper—Michelle Burns reported that the Pizza Supper will start at 5:30 on Wednesday, October 10. Classrooms will open at 6 p.m., and food will be served until 7:30, thanks to Pizza X and donations from parents. Thanks to Jenni Murer for her help in introducing “Sign Up Genius” for volunteers for the Pizza Supper, and all is going well with that new system. Prior to the Pizza Supper, a price list for food items will be sent out on the Listserv for parents to use to plan their Pizza Supper budget.
- c. Bulletin Board—Michelle Burns reported that she would like to get input from parents and the PTO about ideas to keep the bulletin board fresh and useful for parents and the school community. Any suggestions are appreciated!
- d. Faculty/Staff Luncheon—Katie Herron reported that preparations are underway for the fall Staff Appreciation luncheon, which takes place on Wednesday, October 24. 72 people have volunteered to help in the initial parent PTO volunteer forms, and she will contact some of those willing volunteers for help in set up and clean up. Katie also announced that since she will not have a child at University next year, she will need to train a volunteer to chair these well-loved and appreciated semi-annual events next year.
- e. Website—Ruth Eberle reports that the PTO website is coming together very well. There are new graphics included, and the approved PTO minutes will appear on this site after they are approved at the subsequent PTO meeting. Also, a google calendar featuring school events may be a good feature of this site, it was suggested.
- f. International Potluck—Jodee Ellett reported that the International Potluck plans are going well. An announcement will be going out on the listserv and a form for the talent show will be going home with students this week.

IV. Upcoming Events

- a. Pizza Supper/Open House—Wednesday, October 10. This event will take place on a Tuesday next year.
- b. Fall Break—Friday, October 12.
- c. Bradford Woods—Fifth graders will attend Wednesday through Friday, October 17-19.
- d. Faculty/Staff Luncheon—Wednesday, October 24.
- e. Fall Campaign Ends—Friday, October 26.
- f. Skate Night—Tuesday, October 23 from 6:30 to 8:30.

V. Principal's Report—Michi McClaine reported that the first Literacy Night of the academic year was held last week with Mrs. Hitchings. Parents who were unable to attend can watch the event on the school website. The data is showing that our students are making great progress after a full academic year with a Literacy Coach and preventionists in place and with the Professional Learning Community efforts. This year, the math curriculum joins language arts in the growth-based report card model. With this model, parents will be able to track their child's growth and progress in essential learnings over the course of the year. Also, starting in January, some grade levels will be using I-Pads in instruction. These devices will be used at school, and will not be going home with the individual students.

VI. Comments for the Good of UES: Shannon Starks reported the Fall Campaign and the Learning Festival are the school's major fundraisers, and that the money donated goes directly to help the school. At a future meeting, she will breakdown how this money has helped the school and the students. Our school philosophy has been to identify what the school needs and then fundraise for it. Michi McClaine noted that an example of this philosophy is in professional development funds for staff, and in the sorely needed playground equipment purchased recently.

PTO Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm