

MINUTES

Arcadia – Indiana PTO

October 9, 2018 6:00 pm Meeting called by Marsha Green

ATTENDANCE

Julie Cragg, Co-President | Marsha Green, Co-President | Jydia Bures, Secretary via Conference Call | Erica Walker, Treasurer | Dr. Covington | Mrs. Healy

Treasurer's Report:

Balance \$5,061.92

Board raised the following amounts from school fundraisers: PTO memberships - \$140, Panda Express - \$31.21, Kroger - \$36.35

Principals' Reports:

Dr. Covington, Indiana

- Benchmark assessments were completed. Scores improved from last year with a Spring 2019 assessment goal of 50%
 - The Q1 assessments are used to determine how to bridge the gaps (especially from Q4 3rd grade to Q1 4th grade). One method being used is to bring in prior year's teacher to intervene and assist in the classroom.
- Partnerships established with Megan Michaels and South Cook Math Initiative to provide additional training and guidance in Reading and Math, respectively.
- Indiana held a 2-day professional development training for the teachers
- Indiana had a successful and fun Stomp Out Bullying Campaign. They are now gearing up for the Say No to Drugs Campaign
- Successful Dad's Night (10/4); preparing for Mom's Night (10/18) & Family Ready Night (10/25)

Mrs. Healy, Arcadia

- Benchmark assessments were completed. Scores improved from last year.
 - Academic Support meetings have been held to continue to identify ways to add to the academic experience at Arcadia. Programs and services such as Stem Lab on Fridays, Book Club, Reading Specialists have been implemented as a result.

PTO Board Reports:

How do we get more participation in the meetings?

- The PTO will post minutes and meeting agendas on the website
- A conference call number will be offered for participants to call in
- Mrs. Healy will ask the Arcadia teachers to set up the Remind app as a source of contact for parents and guardians
- Email reminders about the meetings will be sent for the November meeting
- The Board will look into Shutterfly as a communication method

Current and Upcoming Fundraisers

- Spirit Wear – Due date extended to 10/19
- Book Fair – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – set up on 11/13, actual sale 11/19 & 11/20
- Box Tops – Send any to the school prior to 10/26th; Submission for H1 2018-2019 due 10/30
- Mama G's Popcorn – Flyers will be provided for a kick-off of 11/2. Orders to be received by 11/28 and delivery of the pre-ordered popcorn will be 12/18

Thank you all for your suggestions and feedback. All remaining topics and fundraiser suggestions are being researched with more information coming soon!

- Movie night at the school w/concessions
- Change the dates of the dinner fundraiser nights – will they do a weekend?
- Parent date night/Christmas shopping for the kids (early December)
- Parking spot fundraiser (children donate to support their teacher winning the principal's parking spot)
- Theme basket – students bring in one item related to the theme and the teachers put them together to be raffled around parent teacher conferences.
- Dads to speak on career days in the classrooms
- Dads' Cook-off (maybe Chili cook-off)
- Dad Thursday night Bears or Bulls viewing game w/concessions
- Yoga Wellness Fundraiser Night
- 5k Walk/Run (\$1 per lap), bounce houses, raffle off board services, etc.
- Taffy Apple fundraiser (for Fall 2019)

Next Meeting: November 13, 2018 - 6:00 pm @ Indiana School

If you have any suggestions or questions, please email us at arcadiaindianapto2@gmail.com