



**Indian Hills Elementary School  
PTO Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00pm**

<b>Attendees:</b>	
Nicole C	Alexa S
Stacia N	Chelsea F
Sidra S	Josh L
Heidi M	Tami C
Stacy P	Mary C
Isaac C	Renee B
Kathleen T	Shay S
Don S	Cara V
Eden E	

- I.) Welcome and Intros: **Meeting started at 19:04**
  - a. Principal's message
    - i. Bear Dens: 26 different groups, each 'family' has a K-6 student
    - ii. SLGG: teacher learning goal that teachers have set for their classrooms based on data based on PLC time. Principal led center?
  
- II.) Standing Items:
  - a. Governance
    - i. Approve Minutes from November meetings: NOTE- AS added Don S to Nov attendee list
      - 1. **Move to approve:** Shay Skramovsky
      - 2. **Second:** Mary Ciula
      - 3. **Unanimous approval**
    - ii. Presentation of amended bylaws

b. Finance

- i. Current Financial Standing
  - 1. Budget updated thru 11/30
  - 2. Book Fair deposit and check cleared
  - 3. Upcoming grant opportunities: Onpoint and Trailblazers
- ii. Sponsorship Opportunities
  - 1. Need to start sourcing sponsors for Fun Run
  - 2. **Hand-out will be available at January PTO meeting**

c. Upcoming Events:

- i. Monthly Calendar
- ii. Committee updates
  - 1. Spirit Gear: request for future spirit gear forms to be due after pay day.
  - 2. Winter Event
  - 3. Teacher Liaison: Holiday Staff Support: coffee and cocoa
  - 4. January 26th Event: skip and move to Mar 15 with a more organized event. Recommendation is to have events more specific to specific ages
  - 5. Reedville Pantry: need to better communicate that it's available and on which dates
  - 6. Bears Recycle: 25 bags collected, \$58.14 bonus (donations received) plus 20% back.
  - 7. Other: add an open Gym Night that is age/grade specific. Will need to confirm with Mr Pitt, since his equipment will be used.
  - 8. Add a BINGO night? 3/15?
  - 9. Game night on 1/26 or 1/27
  - 10. Bowling Night: Heidi McNeill on point
- iii. Volunteer Opportunities
  - 1. Yearbook: Karen Bromley might be volunteering to run this, potentially with husband Craig. Also need a vol to meet w HS student interns on Weds 8:15-9:30. Tami Cole and Heidi McNeil will be the parent leads
  - 2. Winter craft support? 8:45-10:15 craft event for Ms. Thomas for K & 2nd. Heidi McNeil has volunteered

III.) New Business

- a. Test Scores- Mrs. Thomas presented the school improvement plan. See attached slides.

IV.) Open Discussion, Q&A

- a. Communication: parental/guardian feedback is a mixed bag, with some parents/guardians preferring more communication and others preferring less. Parents/guardians have the opportunity to change the flow of Remind notifications.
  - i. **Student Advisory & Clubs:** parents/guardians requested that they have more visibility into clubs/Student advisory council in regards to application forms, time commitment and outreach from the supporting teacher/admin as appropriate.

- ii. **Back to school night:** generally found to not be an effective connection opportunity between teachers and parents/guardians. However, parents/guardians are frustrated with how best to communicate with their teachers. Can teachers be more explicit at the beginning of the school year with their communication preferences? Remind? Email? Phone call?
- iii. **Does Oregon have fewer teaching days than other states?** There are 173 teaching days in Oregon. Other states have up to 180 max. HSD well within federal requirements.
- iv. **24-25 calendar:** the HSD school board has not voted yet, but it appears there will be a shift in the HSD calendar starting in SY24-25, likely starting before Labor Day. This will align our district with neighboring districts that also start before Labor Day.

V.) Adjourn: **Meeting adjourned at 20:12**

**EVENT CALENDAR 2023- 2024**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Back to School	9/4- 9/5
Supply Drop-off	8/31, 4:00p- 5:30p
Book Fair (Spring and Fall)	10/27; 5/31
In School Projects (Art Tables, Recess Activities, etc.)	Nov and Jan
Harvest Dance	Oct 27th
Winter Movie Night	Dec 8th
Movie Night	Sept 22nd and Feb 9th
Game Night	Jan 26th and/or March 15th
Fun Run	April 11th
Spring Carnival	May 31st
Community Service Projects (i.e., Reedville Pantry & Memory Care Cards, etc.)	Ongoing
6th Grade Send-off	(support as requested by 6th grade teachers)