

MINUTES

IRONIA PTO

OCTOBER 3, 2017

Welcome Back and Introduction

Introduction of 2017/2018 PTO Board members

Co-Presidents: Tara Novak, Francesca Tighe

Family Services VP: Kristin Sullivan

Programs VP: Evelina Pentz

Admin VP: Karen Galluzzo

Treasurer: Cindy Boice

Secretary: Jennifer Freeman

Update from Principle/Vice Principle

Mr. Rathjen:

A new initiative this year will be Ironia Rocks. Children will have the opportunity to paint rocks to exhibit their personalities.

In the second grade hallway there will be a kindness board where people can leave notes of encouragement

There has been lots of excitement and energy so far this school year. We're off to a great start!

There has been lots of positive feedback about the gym.

The lobby guard and shelving system for drop offs is working well

Thank you Liz Clogher for all of the enhancements you have made through box tops

BOE Update

Ron Conti via Fran Tighe:

There were some bus issues on the first day of school

They are looking into ways to improve the policies surrounding the recent substance abuse issue at the HS football game.

The next BOE meeting will be October 17th @ 5:30

Randolph will be implementing a transition house for special needs students to learn life skills

Nov 7th is election day – remember to go out and vote for the BOE

Staff Liaison Update

Mrs Murphy:

The staff was overwhelmed by the welcome back baskets that the teachers received. They are so thankful for the PTO's generosity

Thank you to everyone for providing an amazing teachers luncheon

They will be reminding teachers about applying for grants. We will possibly be allowing a rolling deadline for submission of applications.

PTO Budget Update

Cindy Boice:

For the Ironia growing garden Ms. Tyroler wants to incorporate art, it was recommended that she apply for a grant.

In the future might be necessary to increase the budget for the Ironia growing garden

Potentially double the recess equipment budget

Please reach out to Cindy Boice for a copy of the budget

PTO Committee Updates

There are many open positions for committee chairs

We will be moving to an online directory this year, there will no longer be a hard copy

Winterfest Update (Karen Galluzzo) – many chair people are staying on from last year. Some positions would like a shadow so they can take over for them next year, especially volunteers and entertainment. We are going with a straight forward winter theme this year. Look for information shortly regarding getting involved in Winterfest.

Next Meetings

January 9th

April 10th