

**PTO Board Meeting  
Indian Hills Elementary  
September 11, 2007**

**Call to Order:**

Lori Hutchinson called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the July minutes was approved.

**Members Present:**

Karen Anderson, Mary Carlson, Julie Estanol, Tricia Florea, Miranda Forgey, Jana Gunnell, Susan Hess, Erica Hill, Lori Hutchinson, Leslie Kaufman, Shelly Keller, Diana Mans, Ann Miller, Jenny Merrick, Laurie Moore, Jennifer Pokorny, Lisa Ramirez, Jaime Rosen, Kathy Schaefer, Amy Sharpe, Terri Steinman, Anita Stindt, Shannah Sumner, Barb Wheeler

**Principal's Report:**

Mr. Huckabee thanked everyone for attending, would like to see everyone back next time because parents' opinions are important. He thanked the Hospitality committee for their work at Back to School Night. Also thanked the PTO for providing funds for him to take students out to lunch.

Grandparents' Day was a success – 440 meals were served. Any suggestions for logistics improvements are welcome.

Mr. Huckabee discussed upcoming bond issue levy. Current enrollment at Indian Hills is 572 students. The largest class has 22; smallest has 16. Teacher/student ratios are good; however, we are at a loss for space. The bond issue addresses this problem. Drawings in lobby show how two classrooms would be added to Indian Hills. The levy will also provide an additional storage shed and carpeting for remaining (uncarpeted) classrooms. USD 437 website provides more information.

Parent Connect has been eliminated. A new Parent Portal program for grades K-12 will replace it starting next week. A letter of explanation will go home with students next week.

August enrollment went well, with the exception of long lines between 1-2:30pm. Next year's process should run more smoothly with more laptops available to expedite.

An approximate budget for planned field trips was presented. Any additional field trips not currently planned will require PTO approval (because of costs).

Attendance at last year's Back to School Night was down. This year new parents were encouraged to attend Mr. Huckabee's address, with experienced parents attending only the teacher sessions.

**Teacher Representative:**

Mrs. Hartpence explained the entire district has new software, including the IH Library. Parents can now access the library catalog from home via the IH website. Grades 3-6 are learning how to use this program. Parents and students can create a resource list at home and then bring with them when they visit the library.

Mrs. Hartpence had the following Teacher Requests:

Mrs. Slack- Literary Elements book set, \$85.00

Mrs. Conrow – Chocolate Fever novel set to replace her very worn one, \$99.75

Mrs. Stout – County Spelling Bee enrollment fee, \$99.00

Music Teachers – Early Morning Singers, Disney Spectacular music program, \$210.00; Holiday Music program for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades, \$120.69

First Grade Teachers – Digital Clocks, \$42.80

Members approved all teacher requests.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Laurie Moore presented budget. A motion was made and approved to lower the budgeted amount for Teacher Requests to \$5,000.00 with the option of raising it after the Pancake Breakfast. Members decided to delay approval of budget until after the Pancake Breakfast.

**Old Business:**

**Bulletin Boards:** Thanks to Angie Benortham and Jenner Bagshaw for doing a great job on the bulletin boards.

**Campbell's Soup Labels:** Only bar codes are needed now, not the entire label.

**Corresponding Secretary:** We will send Mrs. Bazil a gift for birth of her baby daughter.

**Logo Apparel:** IH apparel will be sold at the Pancake Breakfast.

**Room Parent Coordinator:** Karen and Anita said the new process is working smoothly, but would like to suggest collecting room party money from parents at enrollment next year.

**Staff Appreciation:** The Teacher Breakfast held the morning before school started was a success.

**New Business:****Pancake Breakfast:**

Miranda Forgey reported that auction calls are still being made, asking for donations. They have not received many Family Donations Forms, but there is still time. She has received a KU basketball for the auction, as well as several Washburn University balls and tickets.

Dianna Mans reported that they could use additional help counting ticket sales each morning. Shift sign-up sheets are in good shape. The Schaefer Family and Johnsonville Sausage are donating the sausage for the breakfast. We are still working on incentives for student ticket sales, since renting the Trolley is not possible. Dianna is considering pizza, ice cream and an inflatable as an option. This is the twentieth anniversary of the Pancake Breakfast and so this year there will be carnival games in the library. We are considering

a multi-purpose ticket to be sold ahead of time which could be used for the cake walk, brown bag raffle, tattoos and carnival games.

**Future PTO Meeting Times:**

Lori Hutchinson opened a discussion on the best time for the PTO to meet – mornings vs. evenings. There was unanimous approval to continue to meet in the mornings. Any parent may call Lori with questions or concerns about this decision.

The next PTO meeting will be October 9, 2007 at 9:15am in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Wheeler  
PTO Recording Secretary