

Linwood Howe PTA MEETING

November 7, 2024

Present: Emma Smizik, Kim Sadler, Emily Sacchetti, Cody Ryder, Rachel Martin, Wesley Flowers, Fei Krelle, Christine Zembel, Mayra Marentes, Ms. Natoli

Excused absences:

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. VP of Communications Emily Sacchetti presiding.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from October 10, 2024 were approved.

3. Principal's Report (Ms. Natoli on behalf Mr. Chabola)

- Thank you to Emily and volunteers that made for a successful Raise Craze fundraiser! The Kona Ice truck will be on Friday, November 15th.
- PRIDE recognition assemblies will be taking place. We will also be recognizing students for their work with iReady math and reading.
- The Facility Needs Committee is meeting with an architect that is assigned to our school.
- Break is coming up November 25-29th.
- Report card conferences are coming up in December for all families.
- Information about the winter concert will be coming soon.
- We are working on making iReady Family Reports available to families. We have a link on our website with some initial information.
- Special shout out to all the Veterans with Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11th.

4. Teacher's Report (Ms. Natoli) - Thank you for Raise Craze and the Book Fair!

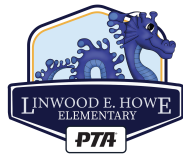
5. President's Report (Emily on behalf of Josh) - Thank you to Emily and team for Raise Craze!

6. Financial Report (Kim)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was run from 10/10/2024 to 11/06/2024, the opening balance of account ending #6970 was **\$120,254.74**. There was a variance due to timing from the ending balance from the last meeting to the beginning balance of today's meeting. This was due to 5 deposits from 10/01/2024 to 10/08/2024 that were just recently input in MyPTEZ after completing the bank deposit for \$6,822.70.

There were deposits for the 5th Grade Committee and Raise Craze for **\$16,878**. There were disbursements for **\$5,597.84** consisting primarily of spirit wear and Raise Craze expenses with the rest going to either teacher reimbursements and family fun night. With total deposits and disbursements,



the closing balance as of 11/06/2024 is **\$131,533.89**. The October 2024 bank reconciliation for account ending #6970 has been reconciled.

The opening balance of account ending #1494 was **\$38,045.32**. Comparable to above, there was a variance due to timing from the ending balance from the last meeting to the beginning balance of today's meeting. This was due to 5 deposits from 10/08/2024 to 10/09/2024 that were just recently input in MyPTEZ after completing the bank deposit for \$6,683.19. There were deposits for **\$85,611.60** consisting primarily from Raise Craze Stripe Deposits and one Totem Deposit. The ending balance as of 11/06/2024 is **\$123,656.92** and the October 2024 bank reconciliation for account ending #1494 has been reconciled.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL

The Budget to Actuals report was run from 07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025 yesterday. Year to date, there was \$155,609.09 for income (66% of that came from Raise Craze) and \$54,134.16 of expenses (60% were expenses for classroom enrichment, assemblies and field trips and 12% for teacher reimbursements) for this year. Big shoutout to thank Emily and the Raise Craze Team for yet another very successful fundraiser this year!

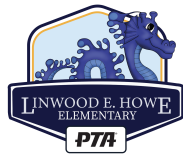
MOTION

Kim moved to approve checks #2503 through #2515 for a total of \$5,597.84. The motion was approved.

Kim moved to allow myself to write checks until the next PTA meeting. The motion was approved.

7. Committee Reports

- Fundraising (Emily) - Raise Craze was a success again this year. Our students completed 2,481 Acts of Kindness, and we raised \$112,369. The net to Lin Howe when all corporate matches and outstanding checks are received will be ~\$108,000 which is a 96% keep rate. If you're newer to Lin Howe, for reference, under past fundraisers we would only keep about 60%, so this is huge. We had 88% of students registered and participating which is a terrific engagement rate. Sliming Mr. Chabola last week was a big hit, and the Kona Ice Truck will be on campus next Friday (11/15) as a final celebration for exceeding our goal. Let me know if you're interested in getting involved next year or taking it over at some point!
- Equity Committee (Fei/Mayra) - Thank you for the beautiful Ofrenda. Working with Ms. Schnauss and the 5th graders student volunteers to share a writeup of this year's assemblies for the Dragon Diary. The next meeting will be on zoom on November 13th from 6:30-7:30pm.
- Special Education Committee (Gabby) - Thank you to everyone for volunteering to read during disability awareness month.
- Book Fair (Sara & Katie) - Buy your books this week! Final day is on Friday. Will provide an update in January on the book fair.
- Green Team (Jen) -



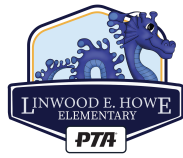
- Green Ambassadors met this week for their second lesson! We learned about vermicomposting and set up our own school worm bin. Kids got to examine the worms and learn how these natural composters improve soil health. Hopefully we will use the worm castings to nourish our garden soil.
- Our garden is up and running! We have lettuces, kale, collards, and more all growing in the garden beds. I'm working on coordinating with teachers to get classes into the garden for some salad tasting & more seed planting.
- If anyone is interested in helping out with the garden or green ambassadors, please reach out to me. Email: linhowegreenteam@gmail.com
- Reflections (Parrish) - Thanks to everyone who participated and helped. The submissions are displayed in the large case outside the office. Judges are viewing this week and the winner will be shared at an assembly.
- 5th Grade Committee (Mariena/Jen)
 - Spooky Dance was a success! Thank you so much to Nurse Tim for donating his time, DJ skills, his partner's lighting expertise, and all of the inflatables!! Almost \$6k was raised!!
 - We've funded all activities except our trip to Sacramento (\$43k raised, \$19k remaining)
 - Mr. Chabola is planning to work on approvals for Sacramento this month with the district after which we'll work on finalizing headcount and costs, so we can finalize any remaining events for January/February.
 - Remaining activities this year
 - Wild Child + Akasha play date and parents night out - Please sign up your kids and go out for a couple hours!
 - Silent Disco
- Winter Wonderland (Christine) - Will be on Saturday, December 7th from 4-6pm. Christine will be sending out more information next week and will request volunteers. The event will be similar to last year with the potential addition of face paint. Christine is looking to see if any families have photo booth services that they would be willing to donate. Emma will find out what Culver Closet needs currently for donations and will let Christine know. Christine will reach out to Windsor Hills Pizza about the event and will work with Emily on sponsorships. Spirit wear will also be sold at the event. There will be a craft in the cafeteria. Christine will also reach out to the 5th grade committee about selling snacks and will order additional snow.

8. Announcements/New Business - Please see upcoming events and PTA Meeting dates below.

9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Emma Smizik
Secretary

_____date adopted as printed _____date adopted as corrected



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Book Fair November 4th-8th
- No School Monday, November 11th
- Coffee at the Steps Thursday, November 21st
- Thanksgiving break November 25th- 29th
- Winter Wonderland FFN Saturday, December 7th
- Silent Disco December 14th *5th grade fundraising event not sponsored by PTA
- Coffee at the Steps Thursday, December 19th
- Winter break December 23rd- January 3rd

PTA MEETINGS 2024-2025 School Year

- NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
- Thursday, January 9th - PTA Meeting 6pm - in person at Lin Howe
- Thursday, February 6th - PTA Meeting 6pm - in person at Lin Howe
- Thursday, March 13th - PTA Meeting 6pm - in person at Lin Howe
- Thursday, April 10th - PTA Meeting 6pm - in person at Lin Howe
- Thursday, May 1st - PTA Meeting 6pm - in person at Lin Howe
- Thursday, June 5th- PTA Meeting 6pm - in person at Lin Howe