



Indian Hills Elementary School  
PTO Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Attendees:	
Stacy P.	Isaac C.
Eden E.	Heidi M.
Mary C.	Stacia N.
Alexa S.	Don S.
Renee B.	Kelsey J.
Chelsea F	Nicole C.
Cara V.	Sidra S.
Josh L.	Emily W.
Shay S.	Jessica R.
Xuan	Sadie W.
"Anna" C.	Leah M.
Katie T.	Joe R.
Jennifer S.	

- I.) Welcome and Intros
- a. Principal's message:
    - i. School Year (SY) 24-25 off to a great start
      - 1. School has a great new kinder teacher, Ms. Strand
    - ii. Note to students that breakfast begins at 7:50 and ends at 8:05
    - iii. 30 (Yes, THIRTY) different languages spoken at IHES
    - iv. Bear Dens, mix of students of all grades in each 'den' begin week of Sept 30
    - v. Student Advisory Council: information forthcoming, but students will be expected to participate in one meeting/month or more
  - b. Overview of the PTO's role in the school, meeting norms, and Robert's Rules of Order
    - i. Introduction of 2024-2025 Board
      - 1. Stacy Pollard, President
      - 2. Eden Enright, Vice President

3. Mary Ciula, Finance
4. Alexa Stuart (internal) & Renee Bisnett (external), Secretary Co-Chairs

c. Monthly Calendar

- i. 6th Graders: Outdoor School scheduled for Oct 15-18
- ii. No School Sept 30, Oct 11

II.) Standing Items:

a. Governance

- i. PTO Membership / Voting
  1. General overview of the board and requisite meeting attendance for voting (three meetings)
- ii. Present Draft Calendar of Events: <https://www.bearspto.org/events>

b. Finance

- i. Recap of Financial Review
- ii. Current Financial Standing
- iii. Review and Approve 2024-2025 PTO Budget
  1. Motion to Approve: Eden Enright
  2. Second: Joe Ross
  3. **Unanimous Approval**
- iv. Sponsorship Opportunities: The PTO is always looking for sponsors, particularly for the larger events, such as the Fun Run. Please reach out to the PTO if you have an idea.

c. Upcoming Events:

- i. Committee updates
- ii. Volunteer Opportunities
  1. Bears Recycle- Support Needed
    - a. Would appreciate a parent volunteer for each month
  2. Dineout- Support Needed
    - a. Chipotle Dine-Out scheduled for 10/24
  3. Garden Club
    - a. Mr. Webber is leading, potential contact at Parr Lumber for supplies.
  - 4.

III.) New Business

a. New Spirit Gear Design

- i. PTO prepared to order new Spirit Gear, but waiting for design files.
- ii. Ms. Thomas will provide design files as soon as she receives them.
- iii. Mural in the cafeteria was a joint effort and kids are loving it!

b. Communications:

- i. Website: Renee B. has done a fantastic job updating social media and the PTO website. However, the PTO would like to know if there's an opportunity to drop the brown color from the website, as it's not in our approved color palette and is uninviting.
  1. Meeting information
  2. Bylaws

3. Contact

- ii. Social Media: please communicate with the PTO and/or Renee Bisnett for any social media questions or concerns.
- c. Got Sneakers: due to significant changes to the Got Sneakers program and potential cost to the PTO, decision made to not continue with program.
- d. Murals: PTO and staff considering murals in the school and playground area.

IV.) Open Discussion, Q&A

- a. Communication to parents about Band opportunities discussed. Overall, there was confusion as to who was invited to participate and how information was shared. Recommendation is:
  - i. Since Band is specifically for 6th graders, but potentially for 5th graders, depending on participation, the recommendation is to share info with both 6th & 5th grade parents, but clearly specifying that Band is for 6th graders and, if space, 5th graders will get the opportunity to participate.
  - ii. PARENTS should be included in communication, not students exclusively.

V.) Adjourn

**EVENT CALENDAR 2024- 2025**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Back to School	8/29/24
Supply Drop-off	8/29/24
Book Fair (Spring and Fall)	October 25th and May 29th/30th
In School Projects (Art Tables, Recess Activities, etc.)	Nov, Dec, Feb
Harvest Dance	October 25th
Winter Craft and Brunch	December 7th
Movie Night (1-2)	Sept 20th/Jan 24th/March 14th
BINGO Night	In school Feb 14th
Fun Run	April 10th
Spring Carnival	May 30th