

# Innovation Academy PTO Minutes

May 3, 2017

1. Welcome- President Vince Pike called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. School Updates- Mr. McConnell spoke about the school being 100 days out of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for the 2017-2018 schoolyear. Woodchips will be used at the school for safety under all of the playground equipment. The school is working on the lighting situation for the parking lot lights because they are illuminating too much light into the surrounding neighbor homes. There are currently 343 students signed up for the school with the following grade levels: 3-Kinder, 2-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, 1-4<sup>th</sup>, and 1-5<sup>th</sup>. The students will all have the same math time during the day so it can be one big block for the school. This will allow children of all math levels to work at the level they need individually. The school will do MAP assessments and Developmental Reading Assessments. There will be special needs services at Innovation Academy. Speech, OT, Reach, and special education will have teachers on campus to help with needs. Security on campus is state of the art. All doors on campus may be locked at the same time using a button. There is interior and exterior fencing surrounding the perimeter. All the teachers and staff on campus have attended special training for emergencies and there will be an SRO (School Resource Officer) on campus.
3. Approval of Minutes- Kathryn had the minutes passed out to the parents before the meeting and the minutes were approved as presented.
4. Accomplishments-
  - a. Corporation Commission status was discussed by Vince. We now are a recognized corporation.
  - b. The group unanimously elected Emily Erickson as our new treasurer.
  - c. Social Media and the website were addressed by Tania. All can communicate with the PTO Board by sending email to [InnovationAcademyPTO@gmail.com](mailto:InnovationAcademyPTO@gmail.com) and stay informed with the website [innovationacademypto.org](http://innovationacademypto.org). There is also a tab under the [amphi.com](http://amphi.com) page for Innovation Academy. There is a link to the PTO through there also. If you are not getting emails or notices please let a member of the board know so that every parent/guardian of all the children are informed. Please be sure to “like” us on FB too.
  - d. Movie night was a wonderful success. \$888 was our net profit at the point of the meeting. CDO was very generous to us in waving the cost of the building rental and also providing us with many wonderful student volunteers that helped us run the event. Thank you CDO! And a big thank you to the parents from IA that volunteered and attended!

5. Committees- Committees are being formed at IA for the upcoming year. People that were present were able to sign up for the following committees: Fall Event, Book Fair, Yearbook, Promotional Items, and Teacher Appreciation Committee. If you would like to sign up please notify the PTO at the above mentioned email address.

6. Open Forum- Amazon Smile fundraiser and after school clubs were talked about. Now that we are an official 501c3 it will be much easier for us to get funds and backers. The after school clubs will be formed by teacher sponsors, parents and the principal.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 by president , Vince Pike. Next meeting August 16, at Innovation Academy. 6pm