

NCHS IronPride Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2007

Lisa Osnowitz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Those present were Lisa Osnowitz, Kate Rodriguez, Felicia Harrison, Beth Nobre, Janie Zalesiak, Jeanette Nuckolls, Judy Jiles, Pam Wylder, Lori Schroeder, Colleen Liesman, Judy Fritzen and Teri Carroll-Miller.

The October minutes were approved.

Principal's Report (Jeanette Nuckolls): Dr. Nuckolls thanked IronPride for the monthly luncheons and for the food provided during the parent-teacher conferences. She also thanked IronPride for their support of the football team. We are very proud of their accomplishment and the team was very gracious after their loss to Joliet Catholic. Judge Drummond presented "7 Reasons to Leave the Party" to the freshmen and sophomores. This presentation was about drinking and driving and included a contract for the teen and parent to sign. Judge Drummond and Judge Lawrence would be happy to come and present this again.

A faculty member received a large cookie containing an obscene message from Cookies By Design. A phony name and phone number were given. No apology was offered from the owner of Cookies By Design. She stated that she needed the business.

Dr. Niehaus has offered to conduct a time-study for all principals in the district. The district is trying to determine if our principals are instructional leaders or building managers. He believes that principals should be more involved in the classrooms. Dr. Nuckolls will participate in this study. A person who cannot speak to her will record her activities in 5-minute intervals over a 5 day period. The district will evaluate this information and determine how to reassign some of the building manager duties to another employee such as a School Administrative Manager. Dr. Nuckolls said that she misses being in the classroom and wants to support her teachers.

Dr. Nuckolls attended John Kosal's presentation on "Savage Inequalities" at ISU. Mr. Kosal is on a hunger strike against the "No Child Left Behind" act.

A question was raised regarding Skyward access. Parents used to be able to click on a class and get the average, minimum and maximum grades for the class but that is no longer available. Dr. Nuckolls will look into it. Skyward is optional for teachers. Feel free to email the teachers if you want specific information.

"Gaggle" is an instructional tool introduced this month. It allows students to email also. This tool will be assessed as they use it. The goal is for it to be helpful to students.

Treasurers (Beth Nobre / Becky Cobert): The available balance of our account is roughly \$9000.00. Beth expressed concerns with the cash flow and with the profit from the concessions and the café. No expenses were turned in for the café, concessions or Coke in November. Losses are adding up for the café and concessions and she is worried that we will run out of money. The Coke contract continues to be a problem as Coke keeps raising the prices of its products. Dr. Nuckolls will check with the district to see if parents groups are bound by the contract. She will try to get a copy of the contract. Beth is concerned that we are not getting all of the concession money turned in. She would like a master list of the concessions so she knows when to look for the money. There was a discussion regarding groups working the café for money but that fulfills part of our mission. Beth reiterated our need to remain solvent.

We have switched to 16 ounce bottles to help the bottom line. Lisa will set up a meeting to discuss the finances further. We need a better way to keep track of expenses.

Committee Reports

Vice Presidents (Terri Heid/Peggy Feldman): No report.

Hospitality (Teri Carroll-Miller): The committee will be serving snacks in December. The only time the teachers get together is for these lunches so it is a neat thing for them.

Spirit Store (Pam Wylder/Colleen Liesman): They will not be open for Christmas shopping. A suggestion was made to put an advertisement and an order form on the web page like they do at Chiddix. Eighth grade orientation is January 10th. Colleen will not be returning next year so we need to find a replacement soon so they can be trained. Pam doesn't feel that we should give merchandise away to the elementary schools. She is willing to sell to them at cost however.

Candy prices have gone up at Sam's so they would like to raise candy prices in the store after the first of the year. Lori Schroeder made a motion to raise the price of candy to 75 cents. It was seconded by Janie Zalesiak and unanimously approved. The price increase will be on the announcements so the students have fair warning.

Café (Julie Stokke/Judy Jiles): The new freezer is working out wonderfully. It would be nice to break down the expenses more so we can budget better.

Web Master (Felicia Harrison): Felicia will put the concessions forms on the website. Let her know if you need anything posted.

Concessions (Janie Zalesiak): The football concession went very well as there was a huge turnout. Janie thanked all who helped. She heard lots of compliments, even from the other team's fans. The store requested that concessions share some of the volunteers with them. Some of the staff helped at the concession stand. We brought in \$6663 with expenses of \$2443. They needed to get more Coke at halftime.

The janitors have worked 3 concessions to make money to purchase a new container. They grilled pork chops and hot dogs for us and were a huge help.

The inside concessions have all been assigned. The forms have been updated and Felicia will get them on the website. Janie announced that she too is retiring next year.

Publicity (Beth Nobre): No report.

Dance (Judy Fritzen): The Homecoming dance was great. There were plenty of chaperones. The next dance will be held on January 12th after the basketball game.

Greeters (Available): This position is still open.

Special Events: Orientation for the 8th graders is January 10th.

Library: No report.

Old Business:

Coke: We do need to purchase Coke products but we don't have to purchase them from Coke directly. Lisa will keep us posted on the progress.

New Business:

Requests:

Dana Starkey requested Spirit Store gift cards or merchandise worth \$200 - \$250 for Business Week raffles. The Business department is conducting a marketing campaign to spotlight the business courses and the department as a whole. Judy Jiles motioned to grant 25 \$5 gift certificates and some t-shirts, hats and gloves to the business department. Janie Zalesiak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jennifer Kelly requested \$186.88 for frames for the art department. The department gathers artwork from seniors and allows faculty and staff to vote for their favorite piece. The chosen piece is professionally framed and displayed in the office. Lori Schroeder motioned to grant \$186.88 for frames. Judy Jiles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chuck Fisher requested \$294.41 for speakers for the new projector in the Driver's Ed classroom. It was suggested that he ask Dr. Nuckolls or the district for this.

Dave Baeten requested \$675.00 for 20 wrestling singlets, which is half of the cost of the singlets. These have not been replaced in over 5 years. Kate Rodriguez motioned to grant \$675.00 for the singlets. Lori Schroeder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Biology department requested \$1200 for rats to dissect. Janie Zalesiak motioned to grant \$1200.00 for the rats. Beth Nobre seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Rodriguez