- 1. I was planning a simultaneous community service project (as a backup) called the Clothes Thrift Swap. This is a seasonal event hosted by the Solution-Based Environmental Advocacy that collects old, gently used clothes from the student body and then sells them all back to students for \$1 each. It gives a great opportunity for students to get rid of the old things in their closet and repurpose other people's clothes. This combats the fast fashion that plagues the clothing industry, our landfill, and this Earth as a whole. We have also frequently gotten donations of very high quality, name brand clothing. Therefore, this event is the opportunity for people to obtain these clothes at a reasonable price. This is a step towards helping our socioeconomically disadvantaged community at Ripon High that is historically underserved.
- 2. We put out blue bins around the school with an attached flier stating that we were looking for "gently used clothes". The same message was pushed out via our club Instagram page. Announcement forms were also submitted to be read in the morning every day that week. Announcements were also prepped for the week of the actual thrift swap.
- 3. We did not collect many clothes during the week prior to the thrift swap so we continued to collect while also running the sales. Throughout the week, we made a steadily increasing profit and also collected many more donations. Overall, this season's clothes swap proved to be a success as nearly 50 clothing items were able to find a new home through our event. We received lots of positive feedback from students and staff. This is an event that I hope will continue throughout next year and more years to come. Multiple students have commented that they enjoy thrift swapping so to have that opportunity within our community is meaningful.