

Northeast Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022

Total in Attendance: 6

Parents - Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, Rebecca Platt, Rachel Hampton, Mallory Macdonald

Staff –Brenda Greene, Amy Violette

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by PTO President, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian

President's Welcome: Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, PTO President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She shared that the next two months are busy and she is looking for help with planning upcoming PTO events.

Vice President's Welcome: Rebecca Platt, PTO Vice President, had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: Mallory Macdonald, NES PTO Recording Secretary, presented the March 2, 2022 minutes. All in attendance voted to approve the minutes as written.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Tina Glidden, NES PTO Corresponding Secretary, was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Rachel Hampton, NES PTO Treasurer, presented the treasurers report. Income included \$150 from the Wolfpack, \$45 from the Benevity Impact Fund and \$2606.09 from the Munson's fundraiser. Expenses included office supplies/instant ink, Peoples Bank fee and Zoom totaling \$33.69 leaving cash on hand balance of \$5232.30. Expenses for the Munson's fundraiser have not yet been debited but total \$1596.71. All in attendance voted to approve the treasurer's report. Rachel also shared information about her time commitment as treasurer as she will be required to vacate her post the end of this year, having served the maximum two years in her position.

Principal's Tidbits: Dr. Brenda Greene, NES Principal, reminded everyone that next week is school vacation. She also shared that Amy Violette had sorted the Munson's orders for pick-up. April 19th, the first Tuesday after vacation, will be the next spirit day, "hat day." State testing for grades 3-5 begins in May. Field trips are planned for first and second grades as well as the 5th grade trips to High Meadow and Boston.

Old Business

Yard Goats: Fifty-five tickets have been sold so far for the April 24th game. There is room for up to 75 seats in one section.

March Family Event: Game night was held on 3/25/2022 with a small turnout. There was a miscommunication with the Zoom link that went out in the school update but information was correct on the PTO website and flyer that was sent home.

Artsonia: Ninety-two families are presently sign-up for Artsonia. A flyer will be sent home after vacation reminding families about ordering gifts for Mother's Day.

New Business

Staff Appreciation Week: May 2nd through 6th is staff appreciation week. Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian spoke with Amanda Pompa who has coordinated staff appreciation week the previous few years. Amanda Pompa can help with the staff appreciation lunch. Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian is looking for help with planning for the

other days. She tossed out the idea of a French theme with morning coffee and croissants, lunch, lavender gifts sets and charcuterie boards. She will also send home information to all families for “stocking the staffroom.”

Carnival and Color Run: The end of the year carnival and color run will take place on June 3rd (rain date June 10th). Kona Ice will have a cart (full truck is not available). Plan is for raffle items (currently the PTO has an American Girl Doll and additional items will be solicited), games and a bounce house. Amanda will also reach out to the police and fire departments to see if they can bring cars/trucks to the event. The color run will take place just prior to the carnival. Registered students will get a t-shirt and can get doused in various colors along the run. At the end of the run all entrants will have a color packet to throw together.

Upcoming Community Events: With the upcoming nice weather, and need for students to have a chance to socialize outside of school, the PTO will be coordinating drop-in style playground “playdates” with ice pops.

Upcoming Fundraisers: Given limited fundraiser opportunities due to COVID Amanda tossed out ideas for additional fundraisers to boost the budget for the upcoming school year. Discussion was held on offering a second butter braids fundraiser, though timing for the order was felt to be an issue. Another option was to do Boon Supply (could start Friday April 22nd). Shopping would run for two weeks online with home delivery. Finally, Penny Wars was suggested as an additional idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm

The next ZOOM PTO Meeting is scheduled for

WEDNESDAY, May 4 th, 2022 @7pm

Meeting ID: 502 094 7119 Passcode: NESPTO