

Northeast Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2022

Total in Attendance: 6

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

Staff –Brenda Greene,

Meeting called to order at 7:22 pm by PTO President, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian

President's Welcome: Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, PTO President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She shared that InstantInk was at the highest tier cost level this month due to the volume of printing the PTO needed.

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

Secretary's Report: Mallory Macdonald, NES PTO Recording Secretary, presented the May 4, 2022 minutes. All in attendance voted to approve the minutes as written.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Tina Glidden, NES PTO Corresponding Secretary, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Rachel Hampton, NES PTO Treasurer, presented the treasurers report. Income included \$1402 from Penny Wars, \$165.57 from Boone Supply, \$25 from Shop Rite due to an error from Staff Appreciation week and \$2096.57 from yearbook sales. Expenses included staff appreciation supplies, office supplies/instant ink, Great Harvest, Kona Ice, yearbooks and color for the color run totaling \$2048.67 leaving cash on hand balance of \$3777.34. All in attendance voted to approve the treasurer's report.

Principal's Tidbits: Dr. Brenda Greene, NES Principal, shared upcoming events. Third grade will be taking a trip to Town Hall. Fifth grade has their country expo tomorrow, a trip to High Meadow on June 14th and ceremony June 15th. She also shared that the ducks have hatched. NES finished state testing and results are slowly coming in. There will be two pre-K classes at NES next year. Fourth grade was the winner of Penny Wars. Field Day will not involve any parent volunteers this year. Dr Greene also reassured parents about the school's safety noting the school is always locked and many staff has been the same for years.

Old Business

Boone Supply: This year only \$165.57 was raised. This fundraiser will probably not be run again. The PTO may look at replacing with a magazine drive next year. Also, we may go back to Square 1 Art next year as Artsonia was a lot of work for Ms. Edlin.

Color Run: Seventy runners are signed up. Jake and Amanda are planning a course with obstacles (like pool noodles, etc) and there are still some funds to use for items like misters to spray color. There is also a sign up for help with the run. Six people are signed up but we could use twelve.

Carnival: Planning is underway but the raffle has been difficult to get supplies for so we may hold off on this event for the Carnival and do at the end of summer event instead. There are several items (ie Yard Goats tickets and Butterbraids cookie dough) that we can't wait on so these may be done as door prizes to the carnival. Bounce house rentals are not available for the new carnival date. Amanda reviewed our liability insurance and it should cover us if we purchase a bounce house (one at Loew's is only \$450). The popcorn

machine will be used and we are looking into purchasing a cotton candy machine. Amanda is also purchasing some games (corn hole, ladder rope, basketball shoot out). There will possibly be a dunk tank and henna tattoos. Vernon Vipers football was looking to have an information table. There will also be a fire truck, and possibly police. Food will be for sale including ice cream, pizza and bake sale donations. A sign up form will be sent out to families and staff for set-up, clean-up and assistance with running activities.

New Business

Fundraising: Next year the PTO will look into streaming fundraisers to support particular events so families feel like they know what their donations are going towards. Boone supply will not be held next year due to low participation. The teacher grant program will also be removed due to funding as Dr. Greene can support classroom supply requests. There was discussion about removing teacher classroom checks and the scholarship. Dr. Greene agreed the focus should prioritize current students. The PTO agreed to consider removing the scholarship if fundraising next year if fundraising does not generate enough revenue.

Summer Event: The plan is to host an end of summer event following the first PTO meeting of the school year. Discussion was had regarding the best options for date/time with the decision to hold the meeting Monday, August 29th at 6 pm. A welcome back event will follow with cotton candy, popcorn and games.

Executive Board 2022-2023: Elections were held for the executive board. Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian was re-elected as President, Rebecca Platt as Vice President, and Tina Glidden as Corresponding Secretary. Rachel Hampton was newly elected as Secretary and Mallory Macdonald as Treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm

The next PTO Meeting is scheduled for

Monday August 29th, 2022 @6 pm