

Northeast Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2022

Total in Attendance: 7

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

Staff –Brenda Greene, Agata Cavar

Meeting called to order at 7:19 pm by PTO President, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian

President's Welcome: Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, PTO President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She shared that next month's Instant Ink total will be higher because the plan needed to be upgraded as we printed 887 pages this month which cost an extra \$12. As there is a lot of printing needing to be done in the next month the plan was temporarily increased and will cost \$25.

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

Secretary's Report: Mallory Macdonald, NES PTO Recording Secretary, presented the April 6, 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 \$261.68 from Munson's (from a lost order), \$2 from Stop and Shop and Yard Goats/Wolf Pack fundraiser deposits totaling \$1125. Expenses included office supplies/instant ink, staff appreciation week items, Yard Goats tickets, Peoples Bank fee, Zoom and a reimbursed \$30 check to a parent totaling \$2896.42 leaving cash on hand balance of \$3729.44. Kona Ice and Great Harvest payments for staff appreciation week have not yet cleared. All in attendance voted to approve the treasurer's report.

Principal's Tidbits: Dr. Brenda Greene, NES Principal, shared a lot of upcoming events. There is a third grade field trip (occurring tomorrow) to Belding Wildlife preserve. May 23rd is an awards ceremony at VCMS. Other field trips are as follows: May 25th is the 5th grade field trip to Boston, June 2nd the first graders will go to a farm, June 9th the third grade goes to Town Hall and Tuesday June 14th 5th graders go to High Meadow. The Fifth grade graduation ceremony will be held June 15th with a rain date of June 16th. Dr. Greene also thanked the PTO for the staff appreciation week celebration. She also shared that high school students have been supervising an after school basketball program at Northeast on Wednesdays and Thursdays which has been very popular. A potential family oriented playground playdate was discussed for Friday May 13th from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Old Business

Yard Goats: A total of 75 tickets were sold this year. One family could not find the group and reportedly did not receive tickets and asked for a refund. The PTO discussed and agreed to refund the money for this family.

Staff Appreciation Week: The PTO budgeted \$1200 for staff appreciation week events. We ended up spending approximately \$970.

Boon Supply: This was extended one more week in hopes of additional sales. Another flyer will be going home tomorrow highlighting prizes/incentives to help boost participation.

New Business

Scholarship Recipient: The recipient of the NES PTO scholarship has been chosen but his/her name cannot be revealed until the award is presented. The recipient will attend the 5th grade graduation and receive a \$1000 check from the NES PTO.

Carnival/Color Run/Family Picnic: Vernon Police have been contacted to see if officers can attend with a car and Joe Hampton has arranged a fire truck. Jake Kalnenieks will help set up the course for the color run. Volunteers will be needed for the color run and picnic. There is a conflict for teachers with June 3rd (they have a retirement party to attend). Due to this conflict alternative dates could be June 9th or 10th. Amanda will send a survey to staff and families to see which date may work best.

Upcoming Fundraisers: Remaining costs estimated for the rest of the year include \$1000 for the High Meadow trip, ~\$500 for 5th grade t-shirts, \$1000 for the PTO scholarship recipient, Yearbooks, ~\$1000 for operating funds and cash on hand for the color run. Funds for the picnic are limited. Bounce house rentals are around \$500. The decision was made to have a "Penny Wars" fundraiser to raise funds for the picnic. A flyer will be sent home the end of next week with "Penny Wars" running May 16th-20th.

Executive Board 2022-2023: The PTO is seeking nominations for next year's executive board. Rachel Hampton will need to vacate her position as treasurer. All other board members are willing to continue in their current rolls. A flyer seeking additional nominations will go home shortly.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm

The next ZOOM PTO Meeting is scheduled for

WEDNESDAY, June 1st, 2022 @7pm

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