

# Northeast School PTO Meeting Minutes

Feb. 2, 2023

## Total in Attendance: 8

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

Staff: Dr. Greene, Amy Ostien

Meeting Called to order at 6:09pm by PTO President, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian

**President's Welcome:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, PTO President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared it had been a quiet month but it would be picking up again soon.

**Vice President's Welcome-** Rebecca Platt, PTO Vice President welcomed everyone but had nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Tina Glidden, NES PTO Corresponding secretary spoke about the board of ed's proposal to cut the school librarian positions. She shared that we had received word from the MSS librarian and Tina went to work immediately reaching out for support in the matter. She went and spoke at the BOE meeting which she said had a good number of patrons attending.

**Secretary's Report:** Rachel Hampton, NES Recording secretary, presented the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes. All in attendance voted to approve the minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mallory Macdonald, NES PTO Treasurer, presented the treasurers report.

## Income Included:

- \$130.75 in deposits for Movie Night
- \$45.00 misc. donation from Benevity funds

Total Income was \$175.75

## Expenses Included:

- \$320.00 for parent booster
- \$386.00 for PTO Special Event Insurance
- \$26.58 in office supplies for Instant Ink
- \$70.19 check for a holiday store purchase reimbursement
- \$2.00 Bank fee
- \$100.28 in purchases for movie night

Total Expenses was \$905.05

The cash on hand balance was \$1918.06

All in attendance voted to approve the treasurer's report.

**Principal's Tidbits:** Dr. Brenda Greene shared that:

- The school store was up and running
- The Winter band and Chorus Concert would be Feb. 8th
- February 10<sup>th</sup> would be number day
- February 13<sup>th</sup> would be the Kids jump rope for heart challenge as well as a visit from the dentist for pre-k students
- The new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher replacing Ms. Doyle would start the week of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Doyle's last day would be Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> there would be no school for Presidents' Day weekend
- The CAS awards ceremony was coming up and Amiyah Cain and Molly Cook would be receiving awards.
- On March 1<sup>st</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes would be visiting the Dr. Suess and Springfield Science museums together.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Movie Night** we watched Encanto and we had about 40 people. There was a suspected wiring issue affecting the sound but otherwise it went well.
- **Wolf Pack update-** Amanda had Sent out one flyer already and would be sending out another the following week
- **Fundraising update-** Rachel shared about the magazine fundraiser. We decided to get an agreement form on file and talk about a date at the next meeting. Amazon smiles would be ending at the end of February.
- **Multicultural night update-** People seemed to want the event to happen but there wasn't much interest in volunteering to help plan the event.

#### **New Business:**

- **Raise Craze-** Flyer went out the day of the meeting and the item collection was starting the following Monday. Students, staff, and teachers would receive a ballot to vote for Caring cupid for each item/pair of items donated. The staff member with the most votes would wear the cupid costume on Valentines Day. Amanda shared ideas for the costume as well as cute bracelets she had found for prizes.
- **February mini Teacher appreciation** would be a hot chocolate bar on Feb 14th
- **March Paint night** would be out next in person event, we were still unsure what we would be painting.
- **Shutterfly shutdown alternatives-** We have been hosting calendars and our photos from events on Shutterfly. We have photos dating back to 2016 up until current date. Tina shared that she created a google docs calendar for our current events and she created links to our photos which are currently housed in her Shutterfly account.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm by President, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian**

**The Next PTO Meeting was Scheduled for Thursday, March 2 @ 6pm**

