

# Northeast Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

October 2<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Total in Attendance: 11**

Parents - Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, Jake Kalnenieks, Amanda Pompa, Tina Glidden, Rebecca Platt, Rachel & Joe Hampton, Crystal Jackson, Megan Liebe, Tina Blanchette

Staff – Brenda Greene

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

**President's Welcome:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, President thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and mentioned that she will be discussing the possibility of a Family Yoga Night in October. And informed us that a Hartford Wolf-Pack hockey game was being set up for 2/14/20.

**Vice President's Welcome:** Jake Kalnenieks, Vice President welcomed everyone to the meeting but had nothing to report.

**Secretary's Report:** Amanda Pompa, Secretary went over the minutes from the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Crystal Jackson motioned to approve & Jake Kalnenieks seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Tina Glidden, Corresponding Secretary reported that she and Amanda RH attended the PTO expo. They collected some good info – One of the items was a School Store fundraiser where you get credits for the school when you shop at stores like Target, Kohls, Best Buy. Chuck E Cheese fundraiser, Yankee Candle, Fund to Orgs – shoe collection. Assembly suggestions also collected to be forwarded to Mrs. Meyers who handles planning them. She also discussed scheduling another Yard Goats game as there are perks for signing up early so it is being scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Megan Liebe, Treasurer went through the Treasurers Reports and Budgets for September. Amanda Pompa motioned to approve & Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Principal Tidbits:** Dr. Brenda Greene, NES Principal went over the upcoming events for the next fews weeks. On 10/9 a Fire Truck will come to visit the Kindergarteners. On 10/10 Kindergarten will be going to a Farm to pick pumpkins & on 10/31 1<sup>st</sup> grade will go do the same. There will be a Spirit Assembly on 10/15 and the following day, 10/16 will be a Crazy Hair Spirit Day. On 10/18 there will be an Assembly on Drones & another with the CT Science Center called "Suds" will be on 11/26. Monday 10/14 is Columbus Day and there will be no school. Picture Day will be on 11/6 and retakes will be done on 12/13. Also, she reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be going to Boston again this year.

## Old Business

**School Directory:** Melissa Corentin, parent of a NES 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader, is working on putting together a school directory. So far, about 115 families have responded with contact information to be included in the directory which will be available online and in print. Although they were due back by 9/27 there is still time if you'd like to be included. Blank forms are available so please have your student ask their teacher to send another home if need-be.

**Ice Cream Social:** Megan Liebe spoke about what a great success the ICS was again this year. We had 156 people attend the event and we wound up with around \$150 profit. Everyone was quite pleased with their ice cream flavors which included a new dairy-free option this year. It was also announced that Tyson Palmer won the box-tops-basket.

**Book Fair:** Amanda Pompa went over the figures from the NES book fair which was held on 9/26 & 9/27 and coincided with the conferences & Ice Cream Social. The book fair brought in a total of \$3,531.59 which left us with \$882.90 profit to split with Mrs. Rock for the NES Library. She now has a total of \$451.10 in Scholastic Dollars to spend on books through their website also. Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian also announced that NES will have it's 1<sup>st</sup> Buy-1-Get-1-Free Book Fair Event that will run around the end of the years color-run & family fun fair!

### **New Business**

**Box Tops for Education:** This fundraiser is now being done on a digital app that needs to be downloaded by users. There are now ways to accumulate numerous bonuses by shopping at a variety of stores & by buying eligible products. The NES PTO will be raffling off a basket of items at the ICS for anyone who signs up for the Box Tops for Education App. For now, Paper Box Tops can still be handed in as well.

**Harvest Dance:** Megan Liebe & Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian proposed changing the format of the dance a bit – The idea of an escape room, a maze & a costume contest were brought up. Attendees approved the escape room idea and Megan Liebe agreed to head a committee to plan for it. More volunteers will be needed to help organize & donate snacks so an online sign-up sheet will be put on the NES PTO website. Dance will be held on 11/1.

**PTO T-Shirts:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian announced that she was going to be holding an ironing night coming up to help complete the NES T-Shirts especially for the upcoming grades going on field trips. She will need some volunteers with irons to help.

**Butterbraid & Cake Roll Fundraiser:** This popular fundraiser is set to go home in the students folders on 10/3 and run for two weeks. Deliver is scheduled for 11/21.

**Meeting was motioned to adjourn** at 710pm by Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian and seconded by Jake Kalnenieks. Motion was approved.

**Next Meeting set for Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6pm in the NES Library**