

Northeast Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

December 4th, 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, Amy Violette

Board of Ed- Debby Rodriguez

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.

Vice President's Welcome: Jake Kalnenieks, Vice President said hello to everyone in attendance but had nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Tina Glidden, Corresponding Secretary provided some updates on totals for some of the NES PTO's ongoing fundraisers through Amazon Smile (\$236.68), Stop & Shop (\$246.62), Shutterfly (\$3.58), School Store (\$131.32 and over \$3,000 for teachers).

Principal Tidbits: Dr. Brenda Greene, NES Principal reminded us that picture retakes were coming up on 12/11, that the school was having a spirit day on 12/12 and that 12/13 would be pajama day as well as the day of the holiday store. Dr. Greene also let us know that the State Dept of Ed would be coming to check out NES on 12/10.

Old Business

Pies & Believe Fundraiser: It was reported that the Pie fundraiser brought in a total of \$1430 of which \$361 would remain with the NES PTO and the Believe fundraiser raised a total of \$1333 of which \$580 will remain with the NES PTO.

Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian mentioned that she would like to try a Penny Wars the last week of Jan to help bring up the fundraiser totals towards the \$1450 that was projected for this years budget.

Paint Nite: Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian and Jake Kalneniks informed us that there were 97 attendees and that the event went well. They also shared with us that the next paint night would be 3/20.

Top Turkey: \$176.50 was raised by selling turkey feathers and Ms. Amy Violette was named the "Top Turkey" and wore the costume all day visiting classes and staff.

Secretary's Report: Amanda Pompa, Secretary went over the minutes from the Nov 6th Crystal Jackson motioned to approve & Tina Glidden seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

New Business

Movie Night: due to another even held by the Town of Vernon the movie night was moved to 12/20. The movie choices will remain Secret Life of Pets II and Toy Story 4

Holiday Store: will be held 12/13 and the NES PTO is looking for volunteers to help setup @6pm on 12/12

MixedBag Design by Boon: Amanda Pompa reported that there were some changes made to the fundraising program since Boon took over ownership but everyone agreed that the fundraiser should still be held. The dates were confirmed for the Catalog to go out and begin on 2/13 and asked to be returned by 2/28 with a close-out date of 3/2. The online fundraiser will also being 2/13 but will run through the end of summer. Amanda Pompa informed everyone that she will get everything in to Boon by 12/31 to receive an early sign-up bonus (a small assortment of Boon fundraiser sales items).

Mini Grants: Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian read that there was one Mini Grant request for _\$__ from Mrs. Warner & Mrs Doyle in 3rd grade for _____ which would benefit _____. A vote took place and their request was approved in full.

Behavior Guidelines for Events: The NES PTO held a discussion on the how to approach and communicate with NES families about expected behavior at NES PTO events. Students will be expected to behave the same as they would during normal school hours and the parents/guardians will need to be responsible for all of the kids/students that they bring to any event. If there is a need to ask someone to leave an event for any reason it was discussed that they may not be allowed to come back to any other future events held by the NES PTO. There may be a written consent form sent out to each family every year that would need to be read & signed before coming to an NES PTO sponsored event.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn at 659pm by Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian and seconded by Jake Kalnenieks.
Motion was approved.

Next Meeting set for Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at 6pm in the NES Library