**Northeast Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes**

**February 3, 2022**

**Tota****l in Attendance: 9**

Parents - Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, Rebecca Platt, Rachel Hampton, Tina Glidden, Hari Pakala, Rajini

Staff –Brenda Greene, Agata Cavar, Amy Violette

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by PTO President, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian

**President’s Welcome:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, PTO President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked everyone who could attend the rescheduled date.

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

**Secretary’s Report:** Mallory Macdonald, NES PTO Recording Secretary, was not in attendance. Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian presented the January 5, 2022 minutes. All in attendance voted to approve the minutes as written.

**Corresponding Secretary’s Report:** Tina Glidden, NES PTO Corresponding Secretary, shared that game night was a lot of fun. She is keeping up with the web page and weekly updates to all families.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rachel Hampton, NES PTO Treasurer, presented the treasurers report. There was income from miscellaneous donations to the benevity human impact fund for $95 and Box Tops for $43.50. Expenses included instant ink, PTO parent booster and insurance, the final classroom teacher check, Peoples account fees and Zoom totaling $721.69 leaving cash on hand balance of $2646.14. All in attendance voted to approve the treasurer’s report.

**Principal’s Tidbits:** Dr. Brenda Greene, NES Principal, shared that the Mrs. Whitaker, the school social worker, had a baby girl. The next spirit day is February 14th “Wear Red Day.” Weather depending, Monday, February 7th will be the 100th day (and 1000th day for 5th Graders). Special activities are planned. For Valentine’s Day students will be able to once again exchange cards. Winter vacation is coming up February 18th thru 21st.

**Old Business**

**January Community Event:** Based off of family survey results a virtual game night was held. Twelve families joined to participate in Scattegories, Bingo and Pictionary.

**Hartford Wolfpack Hockey:** The NES PTO game is February 12th. One more flyer will be sent home next week and tickets may be purchased until midnight the day prior to the game. NES PTO will receive $5 from each ticket sale.

**New Business**

**February Teacher Appreciation:** This month will be onValentine’s Day. Amanda suggested a “Bee Well” theme. Instead of candies and treats teachers would receive items such as tea, honey, healthy snacks, Emergen-C packets, and elderberry samples.

**Artsonia:** Mrs. Edlin emailed about the new Artsonia platform replacing Square 1 Art. Only approximately 1/3 of families are signed up. The NES PTO would like to utilize Artsonia in March for a Mother’s Day fundraiser. All families need an account before Mrs. Edlin can upload student art so the PTO will help encourage everyone to create an account to place orders. Amy Violette suggested also reminding parents at March conferences (March 24th and 25th) if that is not too late. Tina shared that the art she ordered from Artsonia came quickly and was good quality. She will post some examples of artwork items on the NES PTO website.

**Talent Show:** The next community event will be a virtual talent show. Students will sign up with their talent and, once approved, submit a video to be shared at a group Zoom showing March 4th. If teachers would like to perform in the show they are invited as well. A flyer will go home next week with information on sign up and submissions. Last day to send videos will be February 25th to allow time for editing and arranging the show. Amanda is looking for help with this.

**Munson’s Fundraiser:** Dr. Greene shared that orders will need to be submitted mid-March so the fundraiser will need to run early next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

**The next ZOOM PTO Meeting is scheduled for**

**WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022 @7pm**

**Meeting ID: 502 094 7119 Passcode: NESPTO**