**Northeast Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes**

**May 5th, 2021**

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

Parents - Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, Tina Glidden, Rebecca Platt, Rachel Hampton, Amanda Pompa, Rachael Cowperthwaite, Mallory McDonald

Staff – Brenda Greene, Jennifer Buckler (BOE)

**Meeting called to order at:** Approximately 7:03pmby PTO President, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian

**President’s Welcome:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian, PTO President welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that a couple checks had been received. One was for the Square 1 Art Fundraiser for $386.43 and the other was for Box Tops for $78.40. She said that Stop & Shop normally ends their program in April so she assumed she’d have info on what we raised through them for the year soon. She also let everyone know that this would be the last year that Stop and Shop would run the program

**Vice President’s Welcome:** Kirsteen Alicia, NES PTO VP was not in attendance.

**Corresponding Secretary’s report:** Tina Glidden, NES PTO Corresponding secretary had nothing to report but Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian thanked her for keeping up with the NES PTO website pointing out what a great resource it has been based on what’s being provided on it.

**Secretary’s Report:** Amanda Pompa, NES PTO Secretary went over the minutes for the April 7th, 2021 PTO meeting minutes. All in attendance reviewed and voted to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rachel Hampton, NES PTO Treasurer went over the Treasurer’s Report as well as the Budget. The beginning balance was $6,896.01 and the ending balance was $4,094.90. Although no deposits had been made to show on this report, she and Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian discussed that deposits had been made the day before that would show on the next monthly report.

**Principle Tidbits:** Dr. Greene, NES Principal gave a big thank you to the NES PTO for the staff appreciation week, she said it was a lot of fun. She said that each grade level would be doing a field day. They’d be on different days to keep each cohort together. She said rain dates were in place and that the teachers would let the parents know when they will be. She said that the Board of Ed said no field trips so they were planning a 5th grade day of fun for 6/7 with a slip & slide with a carnival theme since they couldn’t take their Boston Trip. She said that the 5th grade Ceremony would be held on 6/9 with rain dates of 6/10 and 6/11. She confirmed that would be an outside event with limited seating and suggested people bring chairs if they plan to attend. She and Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian discussed how there were still Yearbooks available for sale through 5/10 and that the Square 1 Art order that went in late for one family had been received and sent home with the student. Dr. Greene then let everyone know that there would be a new administrative assistant that would begin 5/17. She also let everyone know that they were going to be painting games on the back parking lot since they would be getting new blacktop. Lastly, she reported that Northeast and Lake Street schools would begin hosting the ESL (English as a Second Language) Program starting next year. She said it would add approximately 25 new students to the school and she was looking forward to having them.

**Old Business**

**Paint Night:** Amanda Ruttenberg**-**Hakian said that the event was really good and that the PTO profited about $40-$50 since the PTO had a lot of the supplies for it already to give people. There were 31 people in attendance and she was able to help out one-to-one with people that were in need of a little more instruction.

**Staff Appreciation Weessk:** Amanda Pompa went over what had been done so far during the week and showed some of the signs and treats that were given. She let people know what else was going to be done/given over the rest of the week. She also reported that the event was kept well under budget.

**Boon Supply Fundraiser:** Amanda Pompa reported that the fundraiser was up to $892.92 in total which would bring $357.17 as profit to the NES PTO. She said that the fundraiser would run through 7/31 and another check would be sent after that. She then let everyone know that she would be sending in the prizes for the students that have earned them but that certain levels would be getting sent directly from Boon after they were earned. She also said that she planned to make a flyer to send home before the end of the year to let people know that they can continue to shop over the summer.

**New Business**

**Mrs. Rock Retirement:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian discussed some of the ideas that were being looked in to for Mrs. Rock and said she and Tina would continue looking and trying to figure out what would be best for her. She said they were throwing around the idea of having the students fill out bookmarks that could be laminated and put in a binder for her to use as she sees fit. Something were there kids could write something memorable about her/for her to see later down the road.

**Mini Grant Program:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian said that one request was sent in from Mrs. Corsino who asked for some nicer, bigger planter pots and soil for her urban vegetable garden. They have some plants that are outgrowing their smaller pots that could really use replanting. They’re growing lots of herbs and some veggies. The request was for the full $75 and all in attendance approved the request via a poll that had been created.

**NES PTO Scholarship:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian said that the winner for the scholarship had been selected and that the information would be passed along to us as soon as it’s shareable.

**2021-2022 PTO Board Nominations:** Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian reported that there would be a vote at the next meeting for the 2021-2022 NES PTO board positions. The nominations were as follows: President: Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian VP: no one was nominated or volunteered (pointing out the the VP is not a necessary position so if it wasn’t filled it was ok although the PTO would continue to seek nominations for it) Corresponding Secretary: Tina Glidden Recording Secretary: Mallory McDonald and Treasurer: Rachel Hampton (pointing out that she can only hold the position for 2 years)

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned at approximately 7:57pm by PTO President, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakian.

All in attendance were in favor.

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 5th, 2021 @7pm**

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