

Northview PTO Minutes

January 12, 2015 - Northview Media Center

In Attendance

Northview Staff Members: Becky Hanson, Mary Pat Kurt, Grant Gilbertson, Kristin Moore, Sue Hannasch

NVPTO Board Members: Heather Lorentz (President), Sara Moran (Vice President), Heather Bronwell (Treasurer), Heather Thaller (Co-Secretary) and Colleen Frank (Co-Secretary)

NVPTO Members: Laurie Johnsey, Traci Schmitt, Heather Nelson, Lynn Stein, Chris Krogh, Jessica Wesley

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Heather Lorentz at 5:30 pm.

Introductions

Heather Lorentz welcomed everyone and began introductions. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

Meeting Minutes

Heather Lorentz made a motion to approve the October Minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

PTO Officer's Report

Heather Lorentz (President): Heather reported the financial results for the Barnes and Noble Fundraiser; the in-store profits were \$3,476.51, and on-line profits were \$249.80. NV earned 10% of profits for on-line and 15% for in-store, so a total of \$544.99 was raised. Heather stated that more planning will go into the Barnes and Noble fundraiser next year. Heather reported that Square 1 Art has kicked off and orders will be due at the end of March. She also stated that a volunteer is needed for the February Scholastic Book Fair at NV, during conferences. The fall book fair raised about \$100.00 for each teacher to put towards books for their classroom. A volunteer(s) is needed to organize the Box Tops, each spring and fall. Heather reported that PTO is trying to find the best way to communicate with parents, so a survey has been created, and it will most likely be out at conferences, in order to gather parent input.

Sara Moran (Vice President): Sara stated that the idea is to have the carnival, on May 29th from 5:00-8:00pm, mostly outside. There will be food trucks (Rita's and Mediterranean Food). Sara stated that silent auction ideas are needed.

Heather Bronwell (Treasurer): Heather stated that she filed an extension for taxes. The Board met at 5pm prior to the general meeting and went over the budget, discussed items yet to be spent and Becky Hanson came away with a list of items to check with Kerri on in regard to money allocated but not yet spent. NVPTO budget is on track so far, but will continue to be monitored. Chip Shoppe may not happen in fall, 2015. Discussions are leading towards finding another type of fundraiser to replace Chip Shoppe, but decisions have not been made at this time. Heather reported that she needs all teachers to get the vouchers in to her by the end of the month.

Colleen Frank and Heather Thaller (Co-Secretaries): Heather and Colleen stated that they would be in charge of organizing Teacher Appreciation Week! It is during May and funds from PTO will be utilized to show NV teachers appreciation by bringing treats, as

well as ideas of getting local donations or parent donations were discussed as well. Jessica Wesley, NV parent, stated that she would assist Colleen and Heather with this.

School Report

Becky Hanson, gave the Principal's update on Principal Town's behalf (Mrs. Town could not be in attendance): PTO was made aware of a need for money for guided reading books for classrooms. Heather Lorentz made a motion to approve up to \$2,000 in spending for guided reading books. Kerri/Becky and staff will continue to work on a list of what is needed and report back to us with their needs and submit a funding request/receipts for these items at which time NV will be reimbursed. Becky reported that Gaby Bunker, one of the NV's secretaries is retiring on Feb. 6th. The school is having a Sledding and Snow Shoeing night to bring the NV Community together, to honor Gaby Bunker. PTO will give Gaby a gift; Mary Pat Kurt, NV Staff Member, reported that PTO could go in on staff ideas of gift card for a new bike, or to donate to a foundation that Gaby supports. Becky also stated that a new program called Dining Stars is starting; this will involve a criteria being set for student manners in the lunchroom, behaving when coming in from PE, etc. A class will be selected to eat at tables with linens, and etc. to celebrate their display of manners.

Traci Schmitt (parent volunteer) reported that \$25 donation will get each child a shirt. It was discussed, to try to provide everyone with a t-shirt and Traci will investigate further if/how that could be provided.

Art Adventure: This will take place within the classrooms from Feb-March; teachers should be ready for it. The theme is "Dress for the Occasion." Volunteers are needed for Art Adventure next year.

Skateville was attended by all the 5th grade patrols recently, and the kids loved it; the district paid for this field trip to thank the 5th graders for assisting with safety.

Deep Portage Bus: The cost of the trip will increase each year. The estimated cost of the BUS (not trip in general) is \$2400 but will fluctuate yearly depending on the cost of gas. 5th grade teachers approaches PTO to help pay for the bus costs. PTO agreed to assist, but will require further discussion with NV as to how much funding PTO will provide. The amount will be consistent from year to year. It was discussed to have 4th graders and parents host some sort of fundraiser to help offset the cost of the trip. A waffle breakfast was suggested. 5th grade teachers will discuss this more with parents at the info night in March.

Sue Hannasch, NV Nurse: Sue gave a reminder to come to Valley Natural Foods, the second Tuesday of the month. They give NV a check once a month for \$312.50 from Sept - May. There is a box by the cash register, and the receipt should be placed in there to represent NV. She gave a reminder to the PTO that a Yoga class would be there the next night and that students should bring a friend and attend! Sue stated that if parents could attend with their child at least once or twice a year that would be great. She also mentioned that Valley Natural Foods hosts a contest amongst schools and it is based on the quantity of receipts they obtain, from each school-not amount spent, so a \$5.00 purchase helps just as much!

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm. The next PTO general meeting will be in March.