



NPE PTO General Assembly Meeting Minutes

5/9/2024

Attendees: Al Heinle, Hilary Lear, Leah Hillemeyer, , Shannon Ames, Alison Kuzma, Mallory Peretti, Kelly Convery, Melissa Slaven, Julie Abrams, Christina Mulholand, Mike Stefanski, Kate Pehlivanov, Jessica Brill, Francis, Stephanie S., Kate Beard, Meliso Colon, Andy Benzig (Director of STEM for K-12) and Allyson Nguyen

Minutes from April approved

Welcome Back to School Budget for Teachers and Students

- **Asking for \$2400 for Welcome Back to School gifts for teachers and the items for the balloons/decorations for Back to School-Approved**

Elections

- **Vice Co-Chairs-Mallory Peretti and Kate Pehlivanov-elected and will come to next executive board meeting to get dates. Welcome aboard!**

Mr. Heinle's report

- **Book Vending Machine-installed and unveiled-Did a video that was shown to the classroom, working on the system (certain amount of coins per classroom) looking for students who have accrued Dolphin Dollars to cash in and systems in place to get those out. It's been a couple years in the work and glad to get in in and up and running.**

- **Teacher Appreciation Week-Thank you to PTO and all the parents to all the different things and items this week. Really appreciated and loved by the teachers.**
- **Mr. Heinle-Thank you for the principal appreciation post, meant a lot to him and his family. Overall, a week like this with the FB posts, it's not hollow words that it does not go under noticed the community and appreciation for the teachers and staff. It's a tight knit community. In the 12 years he has been here, there has been overall a massive trust between the parents and teachers, all trying to do what's best for the children in this school. We have a good thing going here.**
- **Field Day is rescheduled for 5/17 due to the weather**
- **Community Dinner is tomorrow 5/10-will move inside in the lobby area all are welcome**
- **Concert beginning instrumental 3rd graders 5/16**
- **Orchestra and choir on 5/23**
- **May Fair will be 5/23-Looking to get**

Mr. Benzing (K-12 STEM Director-new math program)

- **MVT (Math Vertical Team) met with teachers, specialists, administrators to gather and collaborate on best practices in math education from moving from Math in Focus to REVEAL Math**
- **Teachers from all schools met to review and figure out problems that everyone can access, process and use analytical thinking. Asks the kids to reflect on the reasoning and how they got to the answers**
- **Working to get the kids engaged and curious**
- **Reveal Math is to teach alternate ways to get to the answer that may be available for all learners**

Committee Reports

- **May Fair-Will need volunteers-will send out Sign-Up Genius-Clearances Needed**
 - **Will have 15 foot slide, Kona Ice, Soft Pretzels, Gaga Pit, DJ, and Photographers, (Rain date is the following Friday**
- **Fifth Grade Committee-**
 - **Things are in full swing for 5th grade committee**
 - **1) Pool Party-June 7th**
 - **2) Class Trip- May 15 5th Grade Committee is purchasing bags of pretzels and cases of water to have on each bus for the students**

- 3) Dance-this year each PTO is going to a prepaid option. Shannon created a QR code. Pre-Payment is due by June 7th if not \$10 cash at the door for the dance on June 11th
- 4) Graduation-ordering balloons and decoration. Will have bottle water and cake after the ceremony
- 5) NEW 5th Grade NPE parent happy hour at ShipBottom working out details but it is June 7 6-9pm
- SRS HAS got a large grant from a Swarthmore business-Looking for a committee to be formed and asking that the librarian, one k-2, and one 3-5 teachers be on a board to make quorum
- The Sunshade-No purchase was made, it was just voted on to approve. There's some operational items that have to be addressed first, the playground and roof needs to be fixed first before this can be installed, hopeful that in the fall this should be able to be installed at outdoor classroom and the playground-It's still happening!
- Supply kits are coming back to NPE-Working with a vendor who will supply order starting 6/1-Prices will vary by grade depending on what kit needs what supplies, not mandatory but it is out there as an option. Will be delivered to the school (if they miss the window, the kits are free).
- Is there a way to work to fundraising to put toward field trips
- Is there any teacher who might want to work with the kids around a theater club at NPE? We will need to look at the Bylaws to see if there's anything PTO can help with here
- One retirement and one LTS going through the interview phases.

Motion to Adjourn

- See you at the Back to School Party in August!