

Neff Elementary PTO -- Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 6:30pm in person

“I want to call the meeting to order, time is 6:30”

1. Welcome & Introduction:

- a. PTO Board: Rachel Levine, Whitney Tsakonas, Katie Warner, Lori DeTemple, Kelsey Danz**
- b. Attendees: Steph Gerber, Kisha Johnson, Sarah Bowers, Olivia Cordero, Ruth Wagner**

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting—October 10, 2023

- a. Motion to Approve: APPROVED!

3. Principal Report: Travis Bash

- a. New Club at HS-New Teachers of America: Melissa Diehm, Club Liaison, students will be available to volunteer at the school and PTO events.
- b. Time Capsule: Neff’s turn to present at the school board. Neff’s contribution will contain a booklet with a page from each class to list their favorite things. The last page will be a picture of the whole school.
- c. Teacher of the Month: Mrs. Rose will be honored at the school board meeting along with her 4th graders who will be presenting what they are doing with their kindergarten buddies
- d. Next week, early dismissal - annual bring a book to life assembly. Teachers are acting out a book and then will end the assembly with a school wide sing-a-long. Hoping to have someone record it for future viewing.

4. School Board Report: JoAnn Hentz

- a. Not Present-will remain the representative for Neff**

5. Treasurer Report: Lori DeTemple

- a. Last year at this time, had approx. \$2k more
- b. Raised \$13,338 from Lion’s Quest
- c. Restaurant Nights have cleared over \$100 each.
- d. Bowling- made approx \$200
- e. Springfest shopping completed on Black Friday for prizes to provide at Give and Get event.
- f. Looking into Money Market account to possibly earn interest on savings.

6. SLAC (Superintendent’s Lay Advisory Council) Report: Kisha Johnson, Rachel Levine, Lori DeTemple

- a. Kisha Reports: Short meeting, talked about demographics and state assessment data. SLAC minutes will be posted to PTO website.
- b. PSSAs and Keystone exams: Goals and benchmarks
- c. Reorganization with School Board Representatives due to new members being voted in.

- d. Talked about how to address the increase in student enrollment.
- e. Discussed recess time and an increase in outdoor/fresh air time, particularly the Landis Run/Middle School age groups.

7. PTO Update: Rachel Levine

- a. Passive Fundraising
 - i. Yearbook- Hannah (not present) - 95 sold at this time; Post was made about sharing photos to be added
 - ii. Restaurant Nights: Sara
 - 1. Mod Pizza - \$165.20 (20% in sales)
 - 2. BJ's Brewhouse - \$103.50
 - 3. Upcoming at Chipotle - \$100 (33%0
 - 4. January 8th - Sandwich Factory, All Day
 - 5. Feb 5- Mick's (possibly looking to combine with a Movie Incentive or PTO movie event). Rachel will reach out to contact at Penn Cinema
 - 6. March - Mod Pizza
 - 7. April - Primanti Brothers

Looking for more connections for additional restaurant nights- Nothing for May to date. Possibly try Knight and Day Diner by reaching out to Neptune Diner
- b. Fundraisers
 - i. LION'S QUEST- recap
- c. Upcoming Events
 - i. Family Fun Night 1/23/24 at Urban Air
 - 1. RACHEL: Blanket \$5 off if bring a flier which will be \$22-\$5 per kid. Starts at 4:00; Only at the door-need to say from Neff. They will give 20% of the funds. Volunteering will involve marketing. Kisha making Flier, Olivia will follow up with Urban Air contact for marketing info
 - 2. Ask about having a PTO Table
 - ii. Talent Show!
 - 1. Whitney, Erin, and Lori are chairing:
 - 2. Flier will
 - 3. Jan 16 auditions
 - 4. Rehearsals Jan 30
 - 5. Feb. 1 is show night
 - 6. Need a Teacher liaison-Ms. Bash will handle this
 - 7. Need Parent volunteers for both shows (night & day), and rehearsals (6 for each performance).
 - 8. Stage Crew is 4th Grade only, need to sign up ahead of time
 - iii. Spring Fest Update
 - 1. Lori-Shopping completed,
 - 2. email out for Bounce Houses
 - 3. New year is when donation requests will go out
 - 4. Keep it to one dessert truck so that can sell more with concessions stand.

- 5. May 10
- d. Volunteer Update
 - i. Event Chairs - what do we still need to cover
 - 1. Still needed for BINGO
 - a. Steph Volunteered
 - 2. Roller Skating- March 23 - Melissa is chair
 - ii. Food Drive
 - 1. Olivia-looking for feedback
 - iii. Pottery Night
 - 1. In the future, considering possibly doing it a week or two earlier before Thanksgiving so that parents can pick up pottery at Parent Teacher Conferences instead of being sent home.
 - 2. Possibly choose additional items that could be targeted towards older siblings and grownups

Next Meeting: February 13, 2024

Adjournment—I move that we adjourn the meeting at 7:16