



## **NPE PTO 2.8.2023 General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Tom Fisher, Julie Abrams, Caitlin Shump, Sarah Hall, Erica Zito, Ali Kuzma, Stephanie Schramm, Leah Hillemeier, Hillary Lear, Shannon Ames, Jess Brill, Allyson Nguyn, Vanessa, Erica Renner, Jes Stillman Lloyd, Mrs Bennamy, Mr. Heinle

**Call to order:** 7:06

Rousing conversation about girl scout cookies

Jan Minutes approved

### **Principal Update:**

- Students went out today to spell Go Eagles. Students have been excited. Been a great few months for sports!
- MLK day celebration was great. Came together very quickly. Attendance was very good—close to 500 people. Lots of NPE students participated. NPE station did 200 blessings bags. Thanks to NPE community for coming out.
- Winter concert: band, orchestra, select chorus, 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus. Kids did a great job. 5<sup>th</sup> grade team came out to help at the concert and lots of specials teachers.
- Lockdown drills: District wide. We've been doing more drills. We have a building safety team. Next safety team is Thursday. The lockdown was discussed from the perspective of classrooms and lunch. Recess will also be discussed.
  - A lot of the district communication came from LESSONS LEARNED from high school. Teachers have list. As updates come through district, Mr H will keep updates coming.
- Kindergarten registration is open. A lottery may not be necessary. We will likely have 4 sections.
- No school coming up Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> or Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade is onto persuasive writing
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to middle school for Shrek
- Cultural proficiency has been a focus. Tradition of india was successful.
- Mrs Bennamy: started in virtual school hired full time in the fall as the art teacher!

### **Teacher Update (Mrs. Bennamy):**

- Instrumental and choral concert was fantastic. Covid took away a lot of their ability to sing in groups. It's great to see them together.
- Picking music for spring concerts. 4<sup>th</sup> grade select chorus is open. Contact Mrs. Urban

- Assembly: this year has shown that we are doing our best to make sure our kids are SEEN. Assembly was incredibly impactful for students and staff. Southeast Asian students were really positively impacted
- School spirit days: Making sure that kids have access to the schoolwide fun things. Kids light up with the spirit days. Going to continue to brainstorm inclusive and accessible ideas that celebrate the community
- Eagles: rivalry is fun and the spirit is very joyful. Coming together has been very valuable. HOW CAN WE ACCESS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION?
- Students in 3-4-5. Experimenting with independent led products where children select their own art medium.
- Crochet club has been really great. Sessions are 5 weeks at a time. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade ends in 2 weeks. Kids have persevered and figured it out.
- Will put out a call for art supplies.

### Committee Reports

- **Read across America:** 20 readers are coming to read. Silly Joe is going to come to read. Doing really well with donations. Book sorting next week. Signup genius is out there. Door prizes for kids in costume. They get another prize
  - Room monitor: every child needs to have a parent supervise. Don't volunteer if it means that kid is not supervised. Room monitors count kids coming in and out. Some rooms are more popular than others. Cut it off around 25.
  - Homework passes for kids who come
  - Keep track of time
  - Need someone to sell food
  - Scavenger hunts around the gym
  - 2 readers per night will be able to see
  - Will try to do a virtual option
  - Sensory friendly room—they will be slightly off so they won't be in the hallways, and have time to browse books while people are in the cafe
- **STEAM night:** March 23. Signup genius is forthcoming. Kids work through experiment stations.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** first week in may 8. Erica Renner has volunteered to head that. It's a fun week.
- May 18 we will go to Washington DC. Creekside, graduation, dance. Will be circulating a QR code and donation spot to offset cost for the trip

- Girls on the Run starts feb 27. Opportunities to coach in future years. Registration is never actually closed.
- May Fair: in school event on May 26 with rain date of June 2. We need people to manage this. Bettes Bounces, games, Mamadou kids treat. Volunteers signup genius.(Jess Brill and Shannon Ames volunteered to chair)
- Field day may 12. Run by Mr. B. PTO will support w/ volunteers and snack
- **Camp fair** was on Saturday. Had 25 camps that showed up. 400 people there. Camps are filling up. We should net \$2500. Suggestion: maybe next year it would be good to have an opportunity for a teen job fair

### **Old business**

- Playground committee. If we can get a committee together to look at the playground. PTO supported but not PTO led.
- Sunshade for playground: will come forward.
- Tommy Fischer will Work for Playground

### **New business**

- 4 exec board members are officially rolling off. 2 vice chairs, Secretary, dispersing treasurer Elections will be in April. July 1 role starts.
- Looking into changing meeting dates to allow the meetings to be held on different days (Tues Wed Thu meeting shift)

### **Adjourn**