

Meeting Minutes October 4, 2021

Durham Nockamixon Elementary School PTA

Location: Durham Nockamixon Elementary School, 41 Thomas Free Dr. Kintnersville, PA 18930

Attendance: Amy Stump, Stacey Finney, Lorrie Campbell, Jami DeLuca, Marie Collie, Melissa Chill, Jennifer Clark, Becky Curry, Becky Landis, Jennifer McCandless

Meeting Called to Order By: Amy Stump, President at 6:35

Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** We have about \$18,000 in checking and there's some money to move over from annual membership.
- **Principal's Report:** Thank you to PTA for a fabulous 40th birthday celebration, for the sign out front, for having Spike join us and for the first assembly of the year. The magician got all the kids involved and he did something a little different for K-2 and 3-5. Thank you to DJ Irvine and Ms OMara and Mrs Gerhardt for their energy. They will still be placing a picture of the time capsule in the foyer so future generations know where it is buried. This week is fire prevention week and the fire department is coming Oct 15th depending on weather. They were not able to come last year.

Old Business:

- **Membership Update-** about 40 members signed up this year.
- **Committee Chairs Update-** We have people that volunteered to help out this year. We still need someone for Holiday Shop, Parent Teacher Conference Dinner and Blood Drive.
- **Book Fair Update-** We had a successful book fair and the kids had a great time. We sold \$5,452.28 in books. In the past we received scholastic dollars to give to teachers but we still have \$1900 left so we decided to take the cash of \$1,285 to help towards the playground. Mrs Curry thanked us for the \$25 gift card for books.
- **Spirit Wear Update-** The store is still open till tonight, 79 items sold, the tie dye shirts were the most popular and sizes are already sold out.
- **Room Parents Update\Halloween-** Halloween party is on Friday, October 29th. PTA is going to give gift bags again (220 students- 6 are cyber) with a snack and a treat. Due to limited space and keeping the kids safe there are only 2 parents/guardians allowed per classroom to help. Each teacher will send out a DOJO message to see who is interested in helping and coordinate the different parent volunteers for each party. The parent/guardian is responsible for coming up with the craft and activities. Mrs. Collie will send out information to the teachers. Guests are invited to the parade and since it is outside there is no limit. In case of bad weather parents can not attend an inside parade. Holiday party is Dec 23rd and will be similar to Halloween.
- **Corporate Fundraising for Playground Update-** We received our first donation from the dry cleaners, tell them thank you. Melissa Chill and Jennifer McCandless are interested in helping on a committee to raise money. Parents recommended posting a flyer in the Patch explaining the donation drive, maybe having the kids make a video, promoting a project specific flyer so donors can picture helping children get a new playground, call Alumni or go door to door to ask for donations.
- **Amazon Smile-** Reminded parents to sign up to give back through Amazon. Jennifer Clark said she did it right from the link in the newsletter and it was easy.

New Business:

- **Teacher Conference Dinner-** Conferences are Nov 9th, 18th and 23rd. Teachers will be in the building and parents have an option of attending in person or virtual. PTA will provide dinner on Thursday, Nov 18th with a set up time at 4:00. Clean up at 7:45. We can go back to our potluck dinner donated by parents through a sign up genius.
- **Soft Pretzels-**PTA will provide pretzels on Nov 5th. We will look into Salt Box and if not provide Philly Pretzel again. People brought up having more pretzel days and using it as a fundraiser during snack. Mrs Collie said she will revisit that with Gerry.
- **Holiday Shop-** Looking at Dec 14th, 15th and 16th. It's a tough week to use the music room because the holiday concert is Dec 17th for the 4th and 5th graders. Mrs. Collie is looking into using the cafeteria and having the kids eat in their classrooms.
- **Facilities Update-** Mrs Collie announced that she is working with the facilities director to work on adding markings on the playground like basketball lines and hopscotch. All 3 elementary schools also bought a stencil of a map to paint on the playground. Mrs Collie is checking on the timeline for paving at DN to find out when the painting will happen.
- **Field Trips-** Everyone is excited that the Kindergarteners and First graders are going to Traugers. Dr Donnelly is compiling a list of field trip options with all 3 buildings and is looking into having \$10 paid per student. Parents asked why PTA pays for field trips and said they wouldn't mind paying. Mrs. Collie wants us to reevaluate PTA paying for field trips and putting what we saved towards the playground.
- **School Store-** Mrs Curry and some parents asked about the school store. We would look into it if we had volunteers to help.
- **Spring Play-** A director position has been posted internally. If no one is interested then it will be posted externally. They have an assistant interested, Mrs Moyer.
- **Extra Thank yous-** Mrs Curry said thank you for the breakfast and \$100 for each teacher for supplies.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:40PM

Minutes Respectfully Compiled and Submitted by: Stacey Finney, Vice President

Next Meeting: Monday, November 1st at 6:30PM in the DN Library