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NPE PTO 3.8.2023 General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Al Heinle, Mike Stefanski, Julie Abrams, Stephanie Schramm, Kaitlin Shump, Ali Kuzma, Michelle Slavin, Hilary Lear, Leah Hillemeyer, Allyson Nguyen, Tommy Fisher, Sarah Hall, Shannon Ames

Call to Order: 7:05

Note: No Quorum. Can't vote on minutes.

Next meeting (April) will be elections so we really really need everyone. April 13th (Thursday)

Principal Report (Mr. Heinle):

- Safety Update: About a week ago, the district had at least one handle removed from exterior doors to prevent anyone from barring/locking the doors from the outside.
- Read Across America: Thanks to Hilary Year! Largest number of staff came out and read. Thanks to staff, retired teachers, and everyone who came out.
- Thanks to PTO for coming out to Kindergarten Orientation. No lottery: 2 am, 2 pm classes.
- Strategic Planning: This Saturday from 9 to 11 at the middle school.
- Next Friday March 17: no school
- 2nd assembly is tomorrow: Magician. PM Kindergarten will be able to see it filmed so they can see it too.
- School Board presentation: talked about equity work. Assembly for grades 3-5 for equity coming up. Looking at how powerful student words are to each other. Partnering with 8th graders: will have scripts of scenarios that will be performed for the kids. Students will be able to see each other and empathize with their worlds. Read alouds: time for discussion in grades 3-5. March 27
- Parent-Teacher Conferences. Signup link will go out on March 13 and will be open during the week. [CONFERENCE SCHEDULE]
- Congratulations to 5th grade students (Chorus Fest, Art of Math Challenge)

Teacher Report (Mr. Heinle):

- Kindergarten: 100th day of School. Kids were adorable as 100 year olds!
- 1st Grade: Animal Research packets. Went online, pulled info, and complete packets. Research, habitat, diet
- 2nd grade rotation life cycle butterflies.
- 3rd grade: rocks and minerals. Lots of hands on activities.

- 4th grade students: Historical fiction units. Math students are learning concepts in geometry. Students are excited to work with protractors. 5th grade working on persuasive writing in science. Microscopes, magnifying glasses: piloting an engineering unit! Everyone looking forward to spring break, pssas
- Kindergarten Registration: Anyone registered before Feb. 24 got what they wanted. Call Heinle with any issues.

Committee updates:

- Read Across America was a big success. Close to 550 people came! Made a couple hundred on food sales.
- STEAM Night: March 23. Tables are set up through the hallway. Lots of fun, hands on activities.
- Teacher Appreciation: Erica Renner is heading it up. Couple parent volunteers who jumped on to help. Information forthcoming. Week of May 8th
- May fair: 5/26. Rain 6/2 (Shannon Ames and Jess Brill). More info coming. They have "end of year" budget for ice cream/snacks. \$5k total. Volunteers from parents, and parent volunteers.
- 5th grade committee: We are not going to do any fundraising: we have enough \$ allocated to 5th grade and subsidize children in need and have events. We are hopefully going to have a guided tour of the capitol building. Thanks to Rep. Kruger and Mary Gay Scanlon.
- Conference Dinners: Jess Brill. Need to reach out to her. (Alicia C. Handled)

2023-2024 Executive Committee Nominations:

- Needed: 3 positions, for a total of 4 people. Vice Chairs (2): assist chairpersons. Low key position. Secretary keeps minutes, official correspondence, maintain a file. Dispersing treasurer. Some financial background: need to be able to balance a checkbook. There are slow times, and busy times. Budget is collaborative.
- Allyson Nguyen nominated for Secretary by Jessica Stillman Lloyd. Allyson accepts nomination.
- Leah Hillemeyer nominated for Vice Co-Chair by Jessica Stillman Lloyd. Leah accepts nomination.
- Needed: Nominees for co vice directors of turkey trot. They will serve as the directors of Turkey Trot for 2024. This is an elected position that is not in the bylaws. CHAIRS (not vice chairs) are paid for their service.
- May Meeting is a transition meeting. New exec board takes responsibilities July 1

New Business:

- Sunshade: exploring feasibility to install sunshade. Will come back to vote. We have a lot in reserve for big project.
- Playground. To do it right you are supposed to lay it properly so it doesn't become a mud pit. This summer they are going to re-grade the entire playground. Different surface possibility.

- Calendar meeting: what is on our calendar for the next few years. Movie has to be on oct. 14
- Possibility for next year: student rep at pto meeting

Meeting **adjorned** 8:06 pm