

North Royalton Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023
North Royalton Library and via Zoom

Call to Order/Pledge at 9:32 am.

Welcome (Kim Ponting, President)

Secretary Report (Shannon Zingales). December and January meeting minutes are posted.

Staff Representative Report (Kim Ponting for Mrs. Kesselum – school counselor).

- Our Kindness Council did a great job planning our Great Kindness Challenge.
- The Kindness Council will be collecting gently used kids' clothes, shoes, coats, etc. to build a Caring Closet at NRES for students that may need a clothing item. The collection will be during the month of February. Collection boxes will be on the cafeteria stairs.
- There are 442 people attending the first Monster's Family Night this Saturday, February 11th, including 38 4th grade students singing the Star-Spangled Banner and O'Canada at the start of the game.
- Student Council designed and created Valentine's Day cards for an Army troop stationed in the Middle East. The Army troop happens to be a female troop. The cards were mailed out and should arrive in time for Valentine's Day.
- Girls on the Run registration for the spring season begins February 7 and runs through February 12. There will be 2 teams. Practices start March 6 and will be after school until 5:00pm on Mondays and Thursdays.
- The teachers are very appreciative of all the help and organization of the indoor recess carts.

Treasurer Report (Kim Ponting for Megan Culbertson)

- \$72,109.17 on hand now. This past month included checks paid out for the Monster's game, Memberhub, and Amazon. Deposits included Memberhub membership fees.

Principal Report (Mr. Pavelich)

- The One Book One School program launched last week. Thank you to the PTA for funding the books. It was an awesome kick off assembly with a principal dressed as Humphrey! We are personally asking families to set aside time to enjoy the book at home. The kids are excited for the books. Thank you to the PTA for your involvement!
- The Monster's Game is this weekend (February 11th). Fourth graders will sing the U.S. and Canada's national anthems.
- The second Monster's Game is scheduled for April 16 at 3:00pm. Details were in the Constant Contact email. Money is due this Friday, February 10th.
- Ice cream sales will start this week at NRES on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dippin Dots will be sold for \$2.50. Please load money onto lunch accounts.
- We have kicked off the Kids Heart Challenge. The PE teachers organized the event, with an assembly this past Thursday. Information is coming home soon.
- Breakfast with a Buddy will start up next week with the 4th graders. Please turn in the form so that we have an accurate count. The event runs from 7:45-8:15am. The kids will stay until the

school day starts but guests will need to leave before the bus traffic arrives. Guests can park in the back parking lot, which is why the event will end at 8:15am so the cars can clear out before the busses arrive. Volunteers will help watch the kids during the in between time. If you have more than 1 student, pick the day that works best for you.

- Yearbook orders are due March 17. Katie has done a fantastic job.
- Group photo day will be next Friday, February 17th.
- The Book Fair is coming up. Anita has done a great job planning. It will be awesome event for the kids.
- If you are looking to donate, tissue boxes would be a good thing. Tissues can be sent into teachers or the office.

School Board Representative (Heidi Dolezal)

- Up and coming events. Middle School jazz band concert February 15th. High School band Rhythm and Raffle on February 18th. Sports Recognition February 21st. Leadership conference for Middle School February 23rd. Middle School spirit week accepting donations for Mrs. Balicki. Spring Girls on the Run starting soon.
- There are 2 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) student visionaries at the high school organizing events and fundraising for LLS. More information can be found at <https://events.ils.org/noh/svoynoh23/abottomley> and <https://events.ils.org/noh/svoynoh23/fparker> and on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/unite.tofight/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D>
- At the high school, February 10 is club photo day and February 11 is the Winter Formal.

President Report (Kim Ponting)

- Resending volunteer sign up link for Breakfast with a Buddy and the Book Fair.
- Also, opening up volunteer sign ups for Kindergarten lunch helpers and Birthday Book Club.
- Currently looking for a date to host a movie night at the stadium for NRES. The logistics are still being finalized.
- The end of the year activities are coming up. Stay tuned for details.
- Evaluating the suggestion of a Spanish enrichment afterschool activity for next year. Working with school personnel to discuss further.

1st Vice President (Membership – Kim Ponting for Maren Crucitt)

- There are currently 301 members.
- Please remember to log your volunteer hours and encourage others to join our PTA.

2nd Vice President (Book Fair – Anita Podlogar)

- Thank you to the volunteers! There is a sign up for volunteers on Facebook.
- Set up day is February 23rd.
- Preview day will be February 24 for staff to create wish lists.
- The Book Fair will be February 27-March 3. The theme is Reading is Wild with jungle safari decorations. There will also be a Humphrey hide and seek activity.
- Kids for each grade level will have the potential to win a prize.

- Friday, March 3rd will be a family night. Please consider volunteering. The family night will be held in the gym and cafeteria.
- **Scholastic is now a retailer. Sales tax will be charged.**
- We are looking to host 2 author visits this spring. Details are being worked out still.

3rd Vice President (Fundraising – Tanya Henderson)

- No update. We do not plan on doing a spring fundraiser at this point.

4th Vice President (Yearbook – Katie Garvas)

- Group picture day is February 17th. This will also include individual students who missed the first 2 picture days.
- Yearbook sales are going on now – order yours.
- Please upload photos from the Valentine’s Day parties by February 17th so Katie can keep working on the yearbook. The yearbook needs to be finalized next month.

Council Delegate (Rebekah Kelly)

- Unite to Fight LLS Student Visionaries are organizing a lot of fundraising activities for a great cause. They want to unite the community while working to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- Mr. Laub is working with the Culture and Communication committee. The plan is to rebuild the school website and create an all-inclusive school app to be rolled out in August.
- At the Middle School, they are looking to engage the students during lunch. They have started a language club and are looking to add a community involvement component next year. They are also evaluating purchasing equipment for the playground area. Yearbook sales are ongoing.
- At the High School, the winter formal is coming up as well as show choir competitions. Mid-terms are not going away but there is discussion to move the mid-terms to before winter break instead of after winter break. The High School PTA had a successful craft fair in the fall, raising over \$18,000.

Committee Reports

Bears Bookshelf (Anita Podlogar)

- We are looking for chapter books for 4th graders who may be at a higher reading level. Please consider donating.
- We are looking to extend the Bears Bookshelf to the Middle School, where it would be more of a student led responsibility to maintain.

Breakfast with a Buddy (Kim Ponting for Brenda Bucci)

- Information was sent home with dates for Breakfast with a Buddy. Please remember to sign up. Younger siblings are welcome to come too.

4th Grade Social (Lisa Nosal)

- Date selected is Wednesday, May 31st. The rest of the details are being worked out still.

Math Enrichment (Paula Nather)

- Mathnasium Night at NRES will be Thursday, March 16th from 5:30-7:30pm. This will be a free event. There will be 10 stations in the gym with activities for younger kids (preschool – second grade) and the older kids (third and fourth graders). Still looking at food options. Stay tuned for more details.

Room Parent Coordinator (Kim Ponting for Lindsey Melitschka)

- Reminder to send in a list of volunteers for the Valentine's Day party.
- Reminder to please take and upload photos from the party within 1 week.

New Business

Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2023-2024 School Year (Paula Nather)

- Nominating Committee was comprised of Paula Nather, Robin Parsons, and Shannon Zingales.
- Next year's slate of officers include:
 - President – Shannon Zingales
 - 1st VP Membership – Maren Crucitt
 - 2nd VP Fundraising – John Higgins
 - 3rd VP Book Fair – Paula Nather
 - 4th VP Yearbook – Robin Parsons
 - Secretary – Rebekah Kelly
 - Treasurer – Carmina Murgu
 - Assistant Treasurer – Jillian Dura
 - Council Delegate (Founder's Night) – Dan Langshaw
 - Council Delegate (Nominating Committee) – Courtney Scheff
 - Alternate Council Delegate – Anita Podlogar
- A vote will take place at the March meeting.

Teacher Requests/Goals

- Request from half day kindergarten teachers for sight word activities for \$184.
- Request from Mrs. Strazzo and other kindergarten teachers for learning games, paint trays, and a puppet theater for \$290.
- Request from Mr. Pavelich for snacks for the teacher snack cart for \$129.89.
- Request from the music teachers for adaptative instruments for \$303.37.
- Anita Podlogar made a motion to approve the above 4 requests. A second to the motion was made by Paula Nather. There was no further discussion, a vote was made, and the motion passed.

A request was brought up about hosting a future mother/son let's go crazy night or father/daughter dance at NRES. Those are great ideas, but we need someone to be in charge to chair the event. We can help with the details, like finding a date and changing the budget.

Adjournment. The meeting was called to a close at 10:27am. Next meeting is March 7th.