

NPE PTO Meeting Notes

9/7/11

Parents in Attendance

- Julie Carman, Meghan Whalen, Molly Scott, Jess Mudrick, Candance Lawson, Christine McAndrews, Lisa Valente, Htis and Ranita Chakrabarti, Emily Jauregui, Carolyn Noce, Amber Rought, Paul Adams, Jill Carter, Susan Pollard, Jill Cortazzo, Colleen Casey Voshell, Beth Moore, Paul and Robym Stavrand, Michelle Mohr, Patti Robak, Sharon Dunlap, Deb Sherman, Christie Morris, Heather Sullivan, Jayne Hunter, Pat Bender

School Faculty/Personnel in Attendance

- Jennifer Gaudio

Agenda/Discussion Recording

- Introduction of PTO Board
 - Christie Morris and Molly Scott, Co-Chairs
 - Jessica Mudrick and Michelle Mohr, Vice Co-Chairs
 - Patti Robak, Recording Secretary
 - Patti Herman, Treasurer
 - Ann Blackburn, Receiving Treasurer
- Move to Nominate new Vice Co-Chair
 - Meghan Whalen nominated
 - Meghan Whalen approved
- Principal's Report
 - Year is off to a good start
 - Explanation of Keystone Program
 - 6 traits of a keystone student
 - NPE is making a connection to the district's wellness initiatives by incorporating this into keystone program
 - Nutrition and healthy choices as a trait of a keystone student
 - "Moving to Make a Difference" a piece of this connection
 - Thank you to parents for helping with start of the year
 - First day
 - Teacher's first day
 - New parent tea
 - The Foundation
 - Reminder of what The Foundation seeks to achieve: support and find alternative resources to supplement and provide for extra programs and student opportunities throughout the district
 - Back to School Night is next week, Tuesday, 9/13/11
 - NPE next in line for renovation project
 - Set dates to begin Summer 2012 and be completed Fall 2015
 - Plans
 - 1 architectural firm already submitted plans
 - 3 will present plans at the October School Board Meetings
 - Decision made in October is important to keeping on the time line set forth

- Board will collaborate with NPE parents/faculty moving forward
 - All must consider the needs of the community, green initiatives, and fiscal responsibility
 - Second Grade
 - Large # of enrollment in late summer
 - 65 students in June, and 76 in August
 - Keeping with the desired cap of 23 students in a classroom, the district committed to a 4th section of second graders
 - Average 2nd grade class size now 19
 - Email Addresses/Communication
 - Because email provides an effective means of communication to parents from the administration, a current and accurate listing of all emails by grade level is desired
 - Parents will be asked to update information at Back To School Night
- Wish List
 - 4 Smartboards were purchases last school year
 - 2 by PTO
 - 2 by district
 - NPE needs 11 more Smartboards to have one in every classroom
 - All students do come into contact with Smartboards regardless of location
 - Ms. Gaudioso presented a faculty interest in document cameras (\$70.00 per camera) which have an immediate positive effect on instruction
- Faculty Report
 - No faculty member present
- Budget (Patty Herman)
 - Fall Mums and Script program now go directly to the Williamsburg Trip fundraising
 - Hoping to Raise \$17,400.00
 - New expenses
 - Earth day
 - Faculty/staff vs. parent basketball game
 - Faculty/staff Birthday
 - All asked to review current budget and approve it
 - Approved
- Committee Reports
 - Moving to Make a Difference
 - Serves dual purpose: achieves the district wellness initiatives as well as raises a great deal of money for NPE
 - Cost PTO \$100.00 and made \$6,000.00 in Sept of 2010
 - Date this year is Sept. 23
 - Forms on web site
 - Mum Sale (Christine McAndrews)
 - Sept 21 pick up after school
 - Forms distributed already
 - First come, first served
 - Profits Williamsburg Trip
 - Directory (Michelle Mohr)
 - All forms due Fri, Sept 9
 - New idea—"shout outs"
 - Goal is to distribute by end of September 2011
 - Gift Wrap (no report)
 - Fall Ball (Santisi, not present)
 - Teachers design pumpkins by classroom
 - May raffle them off this year
 - Dimensions in Living (Beth Moore)
 - Budget is \$2,500.00

- Please offer suggestions for ideas
 - September Assembly on Internet Safety will be for 1st and 2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grades
 - Past ideas: jump rope, anti-bullying, music, theatre
- Boxtops (Candace Lawson)
 - 2010 earnings = \$2,500.00
 - 2011 goal = \$2,600.00
 - School earns 10 cents per boxtop
 - Place child's name and teacher on the envelope/bag when sending them in so that they will be credited for end of the year party
 - NPE PTO is accepting Campbell's labels as well: last year playground equipment was purchased
- Coke Rewards
 - Plan is to use the earnings via this program to earn raffle items for events throughout the school year
 - 5,000.00 pts earned to date
- Scripts Program (Heather Sullivan in attendance)
 - Now profits are allocated to Williamsburg trip
 - \$3,000 asked for "up front" to purchase scripts so parents can come and buy them at school and immediately be able to use them, \$4,000.00 was put to vote and approved
 - 2010: \$20,600 sold, and \$675.00 earned
 - Scripts will be sold at Back to School Night
- After School Programs
 - Eve Walters offering "Artworks" (and is providing scholarships)
 - Mad Science to begin in January
 - 6-8 week course will cost \$85.00
 - 1 hr after school
 - No cap on student number
- Williamsburg
 - Committee is not a "function" of the PTO directly
 - Trip cost is approximately \$375.00 per student
 - PTO scholarship/money to offset trip is \$1,500.00
 - Teachers are in support of keeping the trip
 - 3 days, 2 nights
 - All fundraisers are meant to lower the cost of the trip
 - All children go
 - Sets NPE apart from other grade schools in district
 - Has been a tradition at NPE for 23 years
- Babysitting services at PTO meetings will be offered
 - Jessica Hadley will oversee Girl Scouts who are ages 11-13 seeking to earn their child care badges
 - 2-4 girls
 - Structured activities
 - Will begin at the October meeting
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - Creation of "5th grade experience" committees to raise money per grade level for the Williamsburg Trip (or another 5th grade activity as will be determined each year)
 - PSSA Report by Jennifer Gaudioso from last year