

## **Nether Providence Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization**

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# **NPE PTO General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

## 4/9/2024

**Attendees:** Al Heinle, Caitlin Shump, Sarah Hall, Hilary Lear, Leah Hillemeyer, Shannon Ames, Alison Kuzma, Mallory Peretti, Christina Mulholland, Katie Roeder, Stacey Pecky with HAS, Shannon Ames, Jenny Monohue with SHMS HSA, Lauren DiProsperos, Don Buscaglia, Margaret Coghlan, Rose Schultzfiss, Michelle Slaven, Traci Dubbs, Jessica Stillman-Lloyd, Vanessa Kassab, , and Allyson Nguyen

#### **March Minutes**

Minutes from March 2024 approved

#### Mr. Heinle's report

- · Great to see everyone, April is the toughest month and thank you all for coming out and for all our special guests
- · Hopes everyone had a great spring break
- · A lot of events and great things coming up in the next couple of months
- · Teacher Report: Thank you for the conference dinners
- · Good news-Book vending machine has arrived! Still wrapped up but it arrived earlier than anticipated and hoping to plan a PBIS unveiling for the students.
- · Mr. Heinle did a presentation at each lunch reminding the kids of the expectations, putting trash away, kind words, etc. Now they have a competition for all 4 grades and classes of kids who are working to clean up and their kindness. They are being incentivized with golden dolphin dollars
- · Thank your for Mrs. Benemy Mr. Dave and the staff and kids for NPE's got talent

- · STEAM night is next Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>! Still looking for volunteers and this is a great event to see the parents and community to
- · In service on Tuesday 4/23
- · Upcoming PSSA testing-Grades 3-5 will take state assessments over the course of the coming weeks, but this year has been a challenge as it falls in time during the week of 4/22 which is the same as In Service for Primary Elections on 4/23 and Thursday is Take your child to work day. It has been sent out in the e-blast from him, there will be more additional information coming out.
  - O Does want to bring up how certain technology can allow communication such as smart watches, that they cannot allow in PSSA testing as no electronics are allowed for testing. These will not be allowed due to the state regulations.

## **Teacher Report-Mr.** Buscaglia and Mrs. DiProsperos

- · Mr. B is an incredible force in the building, his impact is so far reaching, students come home and talk about all the great activities that excites the kids
- · Mrs. DiProsperos-She is retiring this year, but she has such as impact, her classroom is one of the most loving and caring environments school or otherwise that you could ever visit
  - o The kids absolutely love her and she loves and cares about all her students
  - o 4 years ago when the pandemic hit and we had to pivot to online teaching, she was one of the first people to jump in and figure out how to get this set up and working for the staff and kids.
- They are here representing the Student Council
  - o Maxwell Tucker (Treasurer, source of income is to mainly through school store and s
  - o Ben Garfel-Officer communicate student announcements.
  - o Sophia Coghlan-Student Council President-raised over 3,000 canned food items serve as the voice between the students and teachers. Brings concerns to the teachers Spirit Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> they will hold their award and election ceremony. and

## **Special Guest Middle School-HSA**

· Jenny and Stacey

- · Officers-Avi, Hyeri, Jenny, Stacey, Karen
  - o Has an executive from WES, SRS, and NPE
- · Mission is to support the education of the students in anyway possible, wants to encourage In Middle school they want to promote communication with the teachers and people in the community
- · In the Middle School there are over 900 students in the middle school, so they have the Newsletter, Website (mainly used for volunteers and purchasing tickets), Facebook (5 pages, one for each grade, public, and private page), Instagram, Twitter
- · Supply kits for rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, Grade Celebrations, Active and Passive Fundraising, Teacher and Staff Appreciation, Staff Coffees, Career Day (great way to start getting the kids learn more and the kids pick 3 of the top professions they want to learn about), Spring Book Fair
- · School Services: Spirit Wear, Snack Bar, Yearbooks, Artwork Framing, Musical Refreshments, Panther Pride Rewards, Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Shirts
- · Activities Volunteer Options-Field trips, 5k, Bowling and Volleyball, and Basketball
- · Each year they pick a big project-last year they fundraised and bought 3 benches for the kids to sit on
  - This year, the kids still get recess, but they don't have a spot to have recess and started fundraising efforts to create it.
  - o Had 4 square courts and basketball courts redone
  - Volleyball/Soccer court
  - o Gaga Ball Pit
  - o Chess and Checker Boards on the stone tables
  - AP Art class in High School is drawing a large Mandala to have painted onto the ground and students can
- $\cdot$  HSA meetings are the  $3^{rd}$  Thursday of every month in the Library at the middle school
- · Getting involved in the HAS will help you be involved. Looking for rising  $6^{th}$  grade reps, Co-Chair, and Coordinator

#### **Committee Reports**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee Update-Bowling is this Saturday There are 78 kids attending
  - They still need about 6 more volunteers and consider helping out
  - There will be a check in process-but assistance is needed to get kids
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance June 11<sup>th</sup> at PAC
  - There will be a pre-payment option for the \$10
  - Needs 5<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt sizes
  - Pool Party and Graduation Committee will meet end of April
  - STEAM Night is Thursday, April 18th, 6pm-Coming together nicely, have a lot of different guests coming, Eastern PA robotics and High School Robotics team, High School Women in STEM club will be joining as well, very exciting events for STEAM night
    - Stations are in good shape, but need help with:
      - crowd station support (direct traffic)
      - Set up
      - Clean up
      - Craft tables are pretty much staffed
      - Any ideas for STEAM crafts that are not messy, or require special materials, let her know!
      - Spread the word it's a cool event and turn out is usually a little lower than other events!
- School Supply Kits
  - $_{\circ}$  We got good feedback but need the finalized list by May 6th to get the supply list to the
- Looking to purchase a PTO table cloth and looking for higher-resolution or EPS file on Canva-Will look into getting that to Jes Brill-May need to reach out to Jes Stillman Lloyd
- Field Day is May 10th, May 17th rain date
- May Fair 5/23 rain date 5/31
  - o Will have bouncy houses, hoping to get a DJ
  - $_{\circ}\,$  Schedule should be a 10am start time to 3pm ending.
  - Will need volunteers
- Mrs. DeProsperis wanted the Penny Pickpocket Apron

- Teacher Appreciation is coming up first week of May
  - Just got voluneers and coming up with game plan, but working on breaking it down on the daily
  - Will create Sign Up Genius

Budget for Summer months and early Fall for PTO

- · August Welcome Back to School Pool Party at Creekside looking to approve budget of \$2,500 for this-Motion to approve -Approved.
- Turkey Trot-Spend up to \$500 for artwork to approve for t-shirts-Approved.
- 3 to Be t-shirts for incoming students and staff for 2024 \$1,000- Approved.

#### **Election Nominees**

- 2 Vice Co-chairs (2 year position- you would be co-chair 1st year and chair the second year)
- Need 2 Delco Turkey Trot Co-Directors that would shadow Traci and Leah next year and then assume responsibility for this role the following year (this is paid a small stipend for the amount of work that that goes into it)

Elections will be held on May 9th meeting

We have been trying to find other ways to get to the most people, we tried rotating days and that did not seem to work, so we plan on reverting to Wednesday meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at the month. We will try it at 6:00 pm, earlier. Looking into child care

Next month director of STEM and Vertical team will be here and they will be presenting new Math program and will communicate at the next meeting. Andy Benzig will come to next PTO to present

### **Motion to Adjourn**

• Last General Assembly Meeting Thursday May 9th at 6:00pm