

North Royalton Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes April 4, 2023
North Royalton Library and via Zoom

Call to Order/Pledge at 9:30 am.

Welcome (Kim Ponting, President)

Secretary Report (Shannon Zingales). March meeting minutes are posted. Rebekah Kelly and John Higgins approved as posted.

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

- Student Council raised \$507 by selling paper shamrocks, with donations going towards the NRES Rosemary Dwyer Scholarship Fund. Thank you to Kim Ponting for cutting out the shamrocks.
- The 1st grade Purple Den made 100 bunny bags to donate to the North Royalton Food Pantry.
- The Kindness Council put together positive post-it notes for the 3rd and 4th graders as they prepare for their upcoming state testing.
- The Caring Closet is stocked and organized. Thank you to Mrs. Ollie for helping! We are still in need of a few additional items in excellent condition:
 - Gloves and mittens (toddler-youth)
 - Shoes (sizes 9 toddler and larger)
 - Coats and jackets (size 3T-18 youth)
 - Girls pajamas (size 4T-adult small)
 - Girls winter hats
 - Boys clothes (size 3T)
 - Girls clothes (size 5 and 6)
 - Boys clothes (size 10/12)
 - Girls clothes (size 10/12 and 14/16)

Treasurer Report (Megan Culbertson)

- Beginning balance for March was \$56,817.27. This past month included the final deposit from the book fair. Checks paid included school parties, literacy night, Kids Heart Challenge limo, teacher requests, Monster's game, book fair money back to Scholastic, and catering for Math Night. Ending balance for the month was \$45,831.62.

Principal Report (Mr. Pavelich)

- March 16 was Family Math Night. Huge shout out to Paula Nather and Kate West. Estimated over 500 people attended. PTA was a huge help. It was a great event, and we are happy to do these family events.
- The PE department held their annual obstacle course finals recently. The kids loved it, and the PE department did a fantastic job. Pictures of the top 5 finishers are hanging up.
- On March 10th, NRHS's High School Musical performers did a preview performance of their upcoming show at NRES. They performed a few songs and then stayed for lunch. NRES turned

out in huge numbers at the actual performances. That was awesome to see and a great community event for 4 days.

- This past week, we recognized the teacher of the year, Mrs. Cindy Richards! She is a 4th grade teacher at NRES. Congratulations, it was a well-deserved honor!
- Ms. Calabresse had planned on attending today's meeting, but had to cover a class. However, she looks forward to meeting incoming 5th grade parents at the meeting on May 1 at 6:30pm in the Purple Gym.
- Congratulations to Katie Garvas on another outstanding yearbook! It looks awesome! We recognize all the hours that Katie puts into creating a great yearbook, thank you!

School Board Representative (Heidi Dolezal)

- The Spring Musical was enjoyed by all. Great job by the High School kids.
- Spring sports is in full swing.
- Founder's Night is April 20th.
- Springtime includes academic and sports awards and band banquets.

President Report (Kim Ponting)

- Started discussion about purchasing a book vending machine for NRES. Kids would earn tokens to pick out a new book from the vending machine. Books would be for all ages at NRES.
- PTA cost is approximately \$6,000.
- The school would then be responsible for stocking and maintaining the book vending machine. PTA could also help if funds available.
- The book vending machine would take about 6 weeks to get once ordered.
- The book vending machine would not replace the Bear's Bookshelf. Those are used books that are donated, and any student can take them home to keep.
- Logistics still need to be worked out to ensure the tokens for books are fairly distributed.

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

- There are currently 305 members.
- Scholarship Committee update: The applications have been reviewed and ranked. NRES PTA will award scholarships to 3 high school seniors. Winners have not yet been announced.

2nd Vice President (Book Fair – Anita Podlogar)

- Wrapping up the book fair.
- PTA may want to consider a pop-up shop in the fall. It would offer a buy 1 get 1 free and then we would earn an additional 10% from the spring book fair. The fall pop-up shop would not be a fundraiser, just an opportunity for families to purchase items.

3rd Vice President (Fundraising – Kim for Tanya Henderson)

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

4th Vice President (Yearbook – Katie Garvas)

- Yearbook is done. They will be distributed next month. Volunteers will be needed.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on spring picture day.

- We have sold almost 1000 yearbooks this year.

Council Delegate (John Higgins and Rebekah Kelly)

- Founder's Night is in the works. It will be held on April 20th. All are welcome. There will be light snacks, water, awards, and next year's officers for the PTA Boards will be sworn in. The dress for the event is business casual.

Committee Reports

After School Social (Kim Ponting)

- There is not going to be an after school social this year. There were some difficulties with the pickup last year and not being timely.
- We are looking at hosting a movie night at the school for the younger kids so the movie can start earlier. We are then looking at a movie night at the stadium that would be geared towards the older elementary kids. There would be concessions at both events.

Bears Bookshelf (Anita Podlogar)

- We are always in need of chapter books.

Breakfast with a Buddy (Kim for Brenda Bucci)

- First Grade is this week.

Field Day (Kim Ponting)

- The committee met to work on logistics.
- May need to order an additional inflatable to keep the lines as short as possible. Requesting additional money in the Field Day budget.
- Working on a save the date flyer to allow parents to take off to volunteer.

Fourth Grade Social (Lisa Nosal)

- The date is Wednesday, May 31.
- The kids will get shirts and cinch sacks. Interstate Studio will have a photo booth and the DJ is booked. There will also be snacks and snow cones. The kids will also sign yearbooks that day too.

Math Enrichment Night (Paula Nather)

- It went well with a good turnout.
- Worked with Kate West and High School Key Club.

Reflections (Paula Nather)

- State reflection results came back. Submissions should come back soon. No one from NRES placed at states, but one entry from NRMS did.

Room Parent Coordinator (Kim for Lindsey)

- Last Day of School parties will be June 7.
- Head room parents should talk to teachers. There is no set way to host this party.

- Get reimbursement requests to Megan as soon as possible. The books close June 30. All checks need to be issued and cashed by then.

Staff Appreciation (Kim for Katie)

- Staff Appreciation will be held the first week of May. Stay tuned for more details.

Next month's NRES PTA meeting falls on May 2, election day. There is no school that day. Considering moving the PTA meeting to May 3rd or keeping May 2nd and hold via Zoom. A decision will be made shortly.

New Business

Teacher Requests/Goals

- Request from the Music Department for box of pencils and pencil sharpener for all students to use for \$58.46.
- John Higgins made a motion to approve the above request. A second to the motion was made by Megan Culbertson. There was no further discussion, a vote was made, and the motion passed.

Field trips dates are still being finalized. Those that are listed on the school calendar are set. As soon as more details are known, we will let everyone know.

The Daddy/Daughter dance was last month. The High School Drama Club is working to host a Mother/Son dance on May 7th. More information will be out soon.

Adjournment. The meeting was called to a close at 10:46am. The May meeting is scheduled for May 2nd, however there is no school that day. Information will be sent out about any date or location changes.