

NETTINGHAM PTA MINUTES

October 22, 2024

Approved

7:33 p.m. | ZOOM *Meeting called to order by* Denise Salamanca, PTA President

In Attendance

Exec Board Members: Denise Salamanca, Nicole Juarez, Monica Sandler, Lauren Reed, Cindy Weuve, Sara Durand

Approx. 17 PTA members attended the meeting: Mandy Chetirko, Caren Dankin, Leilani Fevrier, Andrea Glazer, Frank Glazer, Laurissa Hampton, Audra Koplowitz, Windy Lopez, Kerry Ann MacIsaac, Madjaba, Nicole Mendoza-Patel, Parthiv, Nicole Robinson, Rob Robinson, Megan Rozycki, Tejaswini, Tracy Wright

Approval of Minutes/Business

Pledge Of Allegiance

MOTION made by Denise Salamanca to approve but abstain from reading the PTA meeting minutes from September 24th, 2024. Seconded by Kerry Ann MacIssac. No objections. Motion filed and approved.

MOTION made by Denise Salamanca to approve the Treasurer's Reports from September 24th, 2024. These are available on the Money Matters section of the PTA page. Seconded by Caren Dankin. No objections. Motion filed and approved.

The Standing Rules are an extension of the By-Laws that get modified and adopted each year. Five years ago, the NJ PTA created standard by-laws for all NJ PTAs. These were last adopted in 2019. The Standing Rules are modified each year by the Executive Board and outline our meeting schedule, both general and executive board, our duties, and much more. They have been modified for this school year and need to be approved.

MOTION made by Denise Salamanca to approve but abstain from reading the Standing

Rules for 2024/25. Seconded by Monica Sandler. No objections were made. No Discussion. The motion to approve the above mentioned Standing Rules was filed and approved.

MOTION made by Denise Salamanca to approve the 2024/25 Proposed Budget. This is available on the Money Matters section of the PTA page. Seconded by Monica Sandler. No objections. Motion filed and approved.

President's Report Denise Salamanca nettinghamPTAapres@gmail.com

- Thank you to Andrea Kelly, Christine Meehan, and Tracy Wright for waking up extra early on Walk to School Day to meet me at the school prior to 7:30 am to set up and be ready for students as they arrived. We handed out apples, bananas and clementines to the students in honor of Walk to School Day. We distributed over 150 pounds of fruit and it all went!
- Thank you to Wendy Vignali and Nicole Juarez who just finished our Fall Book Fair this past week and a big thanks to all of the volunteers that came out to help with the shifts throughout the week!
- Thank you to Stephanie Keat-Oelschlager for chairing our Fall Clothing Drive. She also recruited her Girl Scout Troop of Nettingham 7th graders to help load the truck when it arrived at 12 noon! Thank you to the many middle school, high school, and parent volunteers that helped throughout the day and helped to load the truck when it arrived.
- Thank you to the group of 8th Grade Moms - Lowie Diaz, Diann Kohler, Kerry Ann MacIsaac, Arianny Washington-Slade, Angela Yas that ran our first 8th Grade Pretzel Sale this past Friday. We sold out in record time! Sold out in about 5 minutes

Newsletter Update

- Newsletter subscribers by grade are: 5th grade-64, 6th Grade-174, 7th Grade-194, 8th Grade-187. We have an average of 220-240 students per grade, and in some cases the newsletter subscriber numbers represent both parents signed up for one student.
- The newsletter has a lot of good information
- 5th Grade number is very low! Please spread the word to other parents to make sure that they get the info and sign up

Membership Update

- As of today, we have 220 PTA members, which is an increase of 54 from last month! That is amazing growth! Our goal for the year is to have more than 350 members. As a reminder, if you volunteer to help with an event, you must be a PTA member for insurance purposes.
- We are looking for a PTA Membership Chair. A membership chair would help to ensure all volunteers involved in events are PTA members and help to promote membership. If someone likes to check to see who still needs to sign up for membership and for the newsletter that would be the role for them.

Committee Update

- Thank you to everyone that has re-committed to fulfilling their committee chair duties for this year and to all of the NEW committee chairs that have recently reached out to me and signed up. We have had even more people step up since our last meeting, so we only have two positions open:
 - Cultural Assemblies Chair
 - Membership Chair
- If you can help out or have questions about what the position entails, please reach out.

We have filled the open roles from the last meeting. Thank you for signing up.

VP of Parent Relations Monica Sandler nettinghamPTAparentrelations@gmail.com

- We had a great zoom meeting with the room parents, all parents should have reached out to teachers and have reached out to the parents for donations
- For the 5th Grade we have the Halloween party and the 6th Grade social but the social chairs are the call so I will let them speak to that.

VP of Finance/Treasurer Cindy Weuve nettinghamPTAtreas@gmail.com

- Cindy reviewed the Treasurer's Report for September 2024.
- We have been earmarking \$1500 per year for an electric sign so \$9000 is for that purpose if it is able to get off the ground.

- Book Fair Updates
- We are still trying to get someone who will come out and do a paint and sip night at Shady Rest, if you have any leads, please let us know. We are looking at Thursday December 5th.
- Denise explained that the person we used to use is no longer doing paint and sips so we would appreciate any ideas for other options.
- Bang Cookies Fundraiser-looking to run this in early December confirming dates.

- Just want to get the word out about the Facebook pages. Both the main info page and the individual class pages. Please get the word out to people you know who may not be members.
- Main Nettingham info page has 683 members
- 2028 5th Grade FB Group has 127 members
- 2027 6th Grade has 181
- 2026 7th grade has 148
- 2025. 8th grade has 199
- Make sure that you are getting the Bright Arrow emails from the school for school related announcements.

Committee Reports

- **Sixth Grade Social - Audra Koplowitz and Megan Rozycki, Co-Chairs**

It is on Friday, October 25th. The social is held after school from 3pm - 4:30 pm inside the school building. We typically have a DJ, sports area with basketballs, and snack/drink area for the students. With this social, we will also have pizza available, with less snacks. Cost is \$5.00 and registration is open on Givebacks. As of today, we have 67 6th graders registered!

Megan and I are more excited than the children are who were noticing that some of the boys who don't want to sign up. We currently don't have chaperones or hall monitors from 2:30-4:00

The quiet room is covered but the gym and hallway still need volunteer staffing. If we get 4-5 more people to sign up we should be good, we can rearrange coverage

Monday or Tuesday there were flyers that went home with the kids for signup.
Denise predicts we will get to 120 for this event.

The chairs may put out that they will have to cancel if no one volunteers to help.
Logistics-go from dismissal to the old gym and check in, drop belongings and go to the cafeteria and new gym. Basket ball and sports on one side and DJ on the other side.

Pizza and snacks and games. Kids can go back and forth to the rooms which is why we need hall monitors.

Parent MUST come inside to pick up their child at 4:30

Mrs. Durand added it to the morning announcements for tomorrow.

- **Scholastic Book Fair** - Wendy Vignali and Nicole Juarez-Updated above
- **Reflections**
 - This year's theme is *ACCEPTING IMPERFECTION*.
 - The National PTA is calling all students to submit original works of art. Entries featuring this year's theme of "*ACCEPTING IMPERFECTION*" are accepted in the following art categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, visual arts and special artist division. Deadline to submit entries is November 15, 2024. Find out more about this annual arts competition on the [Nettingham Reflections website](#). Check out the newsletter for more details. Last year we actually had a 5th Grader receive an Award of Merit for Literature. The 5th grader was asked to read at the BOE meeting and went on to a competition in NJ. we usually get 0-5 submissions
- **Eighth Grade Committee - Lauren Lockwood and committee**
 - Next Pretzel Sale is tentatively set for Friday, November 15th.
 - Starting to work on comms with the school for 8th grade vs. staff basketball game.
 - We run 8th grade vs. staff b-ball in the fall and in Feb we do 8th grade vs. staff volley ball
 - Last year we had over 120 spectators.

Honorary VP/Principal's Remarks	Ms. Durand
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Ms. Durand report

- Spirit week coming up Halloween week, themes will be on the morning announcements. Student council organizes this
 - Monday is pajama day
 - Tuesday is swap day (teachers
 - Pink out Wednesday
 - Thursday is Halloween
 - Friday school closed
- Thank you to everyone for the book fair, fun time for the students and looking forward to the spring one.
- 5th grade conferences with teachers are 11/12-14. This is done at the 5th grade level only. 5th graders will be dismissed at 11:50 AM Dismissal (different from normal single session days).
- Barn Hill Preserve came to the school today and brought 4 different types of animals: Armadillo, Owl, lizard, hedgehog. Ambassadors of their breed
- Students are very quiet so they don't scare the animals and they were very dialed into the presentation.
- BrightArrow reminder.
- This week is picture week. If your child is absent on their scheduled day they can go any time this week on a different day or you can contact reflections on your own time to do a makeup session. All orders are done online.
- 8th grade basketball game is in december
- 1st week of December 8th grade will visit high school on 3rd and 4th. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.
- Nicole Robinson asked if class pictures were taken this week. We book a 2nd date for class pictures in February for 5th grade class pictures as well as clubs
- Clubs are rolling: Lego, Choose Your Own Adventure, Garden Club, STEAM, Student Council. If your child at any time during the year wants to join they are welcome to, just email the teacher advisor and they will be able to join.
- Food Drive 10/31 along with Halloween Zombie Walk / Fun Run
- Denise announced that said Spirit Week info will be in this Sunday's newsletter
- Zombie walk/run fun run-. The PE department is organizing a food drive and will decorate the event.
- Halloween-kids can wear costumes but no masks or toy weapons.
- If a student doesn't celebrate halloween can the student be excused from school? Ms. Durand said to please email the guidance office to ask specifically.

Other Business

- Parent Social-We have been talking unofficially about trying to get a parent social off the ground and we have reached out to a casino company and are at the very beginning stages of planning. If anyone would like to help with this please let us know.
- We are always looking for ideas for cultural assemblies. If anyone has any ideas. Dr. D wants to make sure it's a group who can capture their attention and keep it. Please let us know if you have seen any kind of cultural assembly ideas that will be engaging. Last year we brought in author Alex London.

Next Meeting

The next PTA Meeting is on November 19th at 7:30pm via Zoom.

MOTION to adjourn was made at 8:21 p.m. by Denise Salamanca. Seconded by Megan Rozickyi.