



NORTH SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

General PTA Meeting Minutes **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

Opening Remarks

Lauren Thorne, President-Elect officially started

the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Fundraising Update

- Bobbi Grady, VP of Fundraising provided membership an update on fundraising. The most recent Restaurant Night at Taco Bamba was not successful due to Spring Break and will consider these for future planning. The next Restaurant Night is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2023 at Jersey Mikes.

2023-2024 Nominating Committee Update

Ms. Thorne provided an overview of the nominating process for the PTA 2023-2024 school year.

- Applications will be accepted through April 14, 2023.
- Ms. Thorne inquired about possible retirement celebrations in a post Covid environment.
- Mr. McRae shared there is a higher than normal number of staff scheduled to retire at the end of the year. Historically, celebration was split between staff and then it opened up to the community. Mr. McRae would like to resume sending out invitations aiming to host a possible celebration at the beginning of June 2023.

Financial Update

Tiffany Han, Treasurer provided a financial update through March 31, 2023.

- Mathathon brought in \$4300.
- Silent auction brought in \$7300 vs a budgeted \$4000.
- Panera Bread came in \$62.
- 4th and 5th grade dance brought in pre-orders in the amount of \$ ____
- \$1000 PTA check for 5th grade field trip.
- \$364 check was issued to Ms. Fawcett from the Fall Grant budget line.
- As of \$17,888.00 balance as of April 11, 2023. \$2300 was previously approved in addition

- to the original \$500 toward the retirement events.
- Membership will need to approve the summer budget and amount for carry over.
- A review of the spring grant requests will be conducted in the near term.

Ms. Han noted that there are many variables in flux and will affect the overall budget. Ms. Thorne expressed an emphasis on finalizing summer spending and will sort that out by the end of the year and is included in the carry forward balance.

Enrichment Update

Caryn Chmielewski, VP of Enrichment provided an update on enrichment activities.

- Art class through Kid Create Studio will be provided the week of April 24, 2023.
- Additional details will be shared through the social media channels and through the school's Thursday folder. Registration will be extended by one additional week to help meet the minimum 8-10 student requirement.
- A coding class will begin the week of April 24, 2023 and will be hosted on Wednesdays. No registrations as of April 11, 2023. Coding is available for grades 3-5. Class will not be offered if registrations are below 10 students.
- Zumba will begin next Thursday during the week of April 18, 2023.
- There was not enough interest for a sports to host another semester session.
- Ms. Chmielewski reminded membership that the **Spring Fair** is set for Friday, May 12th and flyers and social media are forthcoming. A call for volunteers will go out as well.
- True Book Fair's next planning meeting is on April 17, 2023 and more details will come.
- Planning for Teacher Appreciation week is quickly approaching. Administration and the PTA will coordinate catering to avoid overlap.

Approval of Minutes

Katelyn Amraen, Secretary asked for the following meeting Minutes and ratification of the following:

- Minutes of the February 13, 2023 PTA General Membership Meeting
- Minutes of the March 14, 2023 PTA General Membership Meeting

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. McRae and seconded by Mr. Delboy, the above-referenced minutes were unanimously approved.

Membership Update

Dan Delboy, VP of Membership reported that there are 86 active PTA members.

- Membership renewal for the upcoming 2023-24 school year will be available soon.
- Mr. Delboy will verify the go-live date for membership renewals via Memberhub.

Administration Update

Mr. McRae reported 17 light fixtures were replaced through school grounds. Facilities are going to provide three estimates for soccer pitch (approximately \$45K). This will hopefully include enhancements to pavement and the basketball court, and trees and a shading project and adult picnic area near Door 4.

The pathway from Axton plan is also hopefully going to be in progress soon.

- A bid was accepted and work may begin by the end of the 2022-23 school year. It is to include an FDA ramp approved and will be funded by the County.
- SOL testing got moved up by 1 week, the first week in May. Teams were working through calendars and through the end of May because There is a flipflop schedule between primary and

upper during testing days. Primary grade students are required to test around the reading curriculum and teams are working through schedules.

- Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for April 13, 2023. There are 53 incoming K students. The PTA will join the orientation.
- Mr. McRae is meeting with 5th grade next Tuesday team re yield trip and budget. There is no concern with losing any kindergarten teachers – will gain students as we get closer to the start of the coming school year.
- Mr. McRae and Mrs. Dallas submitted a work order to treat the poison ivy on school grounds. The County does not permit sprays or treatment by non-facilities members.

Lastly, Ms. Thorne reminded membership that there are two (2) remaining PTA meetings for the school year and to be sure to attend in May and June to review the slate of nominees and election voting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.