

North Royalton Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes March 7, 2023
North Royalton Library and via Zoom

Call to Order/Pledge at 9:32 am.

Welcome (Kim Ponting, President)

Secretary Report (Shannon Zingales). February meeting minutes are posted.

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

- Thank you for the clothing donations for the Caring Closet. We are in the process of washing and sorting.
- Girls on the Run Spring session started yesterday with 43 girls.
- A huge thank you for the bus duty jackets.
- The Literacy Committee extends a thank you for the raffle basket donations.
- Student Council sent Valentine's Day cards to an overseas Troop. They will also be selling paper shamrocks for \$1 with the funds going towards the NRES Rosemary Dwyer Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is given out to a North Royalton High School senior who is majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Treasurer Report (Megan Culbertson)

- Beginning balance of \$72,109.17. This past month included deposits from Memberhub, the fundraiser, and book fair. Checks paid included school parties, teacher requests, book fair, reflections, treasurer supplies, and the PTA's portion back to Boosterthon. Ending balance for the month was \$56,817.27.
- We received 2 thank you cards from the teacher requests.

Principal Report (Mr. Pavelich)

- We are wrapping up the Humphrey One Book One School program. It was awesome!
- Big shout out to Anita Podlogar for her time and effort with the Book Fair. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you for a fantastic job!
- Family Literacy Night was March 3. The Literacy Team at school organized teacher read alouds, fun activities, raffle baskets, and hamster races. Plus a human sized Humphrey was dressed at the front of the building to take pictures. It was a busy night and a great night!
- Right to Read week was combined with the Book Fair and included spirit days.
- Thank you to Katie Garvas for a smooth group picture day. Yearbook orders are due March 17.
- Girls on the Run kicked off yesterday with the largest group ever. Excited for the girls to run their 5K in May.
- Thank you for the bus duty jackets. They were put to good use and are definitely waterproof!
- Math Night is coming up on March 16. Shout out to Paula Nather for organizing. It will be from 5:30-7:30pm.
- On Friday, NRHS High School Musical cast will perform at NRES and hang out during lunch. Tickets for the production at NRHS are on sale now.
- There have been supply chain issues with the Dippin Dots. The next delivery will be the last one.

School Board Representative (Heidi Dolezal)

- Up and coming events. Middle School track season started. 8th grade field trip to CVCC is coming up. NRMS Power of the Pen competition this weekend.
- High School band and choir contests are this weekend. March 14 is Winter Sports Recognition. The NRHS Glo Ro dance and the NRHS High School Musical performance are coming up.

President Report (Kim Ponting)

- Current Field Day coordinator looking for help. Let Kim know if you can help.
- Changing the budget line description from Indoor Recess Items to Recess Items. This gives us flexibility to also purchase items for outdoor recess.
- Field Day is going to be May 25 and May 26.
 - Thursday will be 2, 3, and 4th grades.
 - Friday will be Pre-K, K and 1st grades.

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

- There are currently 305 members.

2nd Vice President (Book Fair – Anita Podlogar)

- Thank you to all the Book Fair volunteers!
- About \$36,000 was brought in from the Book Fair. Still need to decide if the PTA wants to receive Scholastic Dollars back or cash (they are different percentages).
- E-wallet went pretty well.
- All for Books raised \$236.66. Scholastic matches that amount. This allows us to purchase books for kids.
- The posters will be gifted to students.
- In the process of booking the Scholastic author visits. Trying to schedule today. Stay tuned for details. Also trying to determine if each student will get the book being discussed during the author's visit, but there is a cost associated with that.

3rd Vice President (Fundraising – Tanya Henderson)

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

4th Vice President (Yearbook – Katie Garvas)

- Yearbook sales are going on now – order yours by March 17.
- All pictures for the yearbook were already due. Please know Katie cannot guarantee that pictures sent now will be in the yearbook.

Council Delegate (John Higgins)

- No update.

New Business

Teacher Requests/Goals

- Request from PE teachers for ½ the limo ride for the winners of the Kids Heart Challenge for \$350.
- Request from Mr. Pavelich for Family Literacy Night candy for \$37.
- Megan Culbertson made a motion to approve the above 2 requests. A second to the motion was made by Paula Nather. There was no further discussion, a vote was made, and the motion passed.

Review and Voting of the Slate of Officers for 2023-2024 School Year (Kim Ponting)

- The Slate of Officers was initially presented at the February meeting. Today, each position was read aloud along with the officer slated for next year and any nominations from the floor were requested. A nomination from the floor for the Council Delegate (Founder's Night) position was presented. Courtney Scheff nominated Megan Culbertson for the position of Council Delegate (Founder's Night). Megan accepted the nomination. Each candidate (Dan Langshaw and Megan Culbertson) said a few words indicating that they would like to be involved in the PTA. An anonymous vote occurred in person and online (using an anonymous poll via Zoom). Megan Culbertson received the majority of the votes. The slate of officers for the 2023-2024 School Year was revised to include Megan Culbertson. The slate of officers was then voted on and approved. The update list is below.
 - President – Shannon Zingales
 - 1st VP Membership – Maren Crucitt
 - 2nd VP Fundraising – John Higgins
 - 3rd VP Book Fair – Paula Nather
 - 4th VP Yearbook – Robin Parsons
 - Secretary – Rebekah Kelly
 - Treasurer – Carmina Murgu
 - Assistant Treasurer – Jillian Dura
 - Council Delegate (Founder's Night) – Megan Culbertson
 - Council Delegate (Nominating Committee) – Courtney Scheff
 - Alternate Council Delegate – Anita Podlogar

The minutes for the February meeting were approved by Paula Nather and Heidi Dolezal.

Adjournment. The meeting was called to a close at 10:37am. Next meeting is April 4th.