

## 2/12/2025 NPE PTO General Board Meeting

Attendees: Al Heinle, Hilary Lear, Leah Hillemeier, Mallory Perroti, Kate Penheliho, Shannon Ames, Alison Kuzma, Meghan Deaver, Michelle Slaven, Nicole Raup, Rebecca Dunkin, John Applegate, Caitling Shump, Kate Baird, Kristina Mulholland, Doris Tung, Jason Patuch (teacher presenter)

### Principal Report:

- It's been a busy week with the Eagles win and snow delay
- The MLK assembly and service projects were a big success and still have some items at the school, organizing with the various service project organizers/agencies to get items delivered. Really great to see the kids working on this
- In Service day on Friday and holiday on Monday
- On Monday 2/24, he will be presenting to the school board and focusing on aspect of Nurtured Heart program, will be talking about "recognizing each other's greatness" Mrs. Clark does "Swag Tags" and will be discussing and reviewing this. Working on Greatness Board
- E-blasts will be transitioning to Smores program and will have a link that will, would like to see how it works on phones and will be looking for feedback
- Kindergarten registration has been open for a while and has been lower than anticipated and not sure if there will be a lottery needed or not. Orientation is Monday, March 3rd.
- Update on the sunshade. Knows it's been a long time coming, the roof repair really put a dent on this. The original quote was \$13k and the installation was just under \$12k, which was significantly larger than what was approved, worked on getting the installation lower. Spoke with Operations, the installation is the same with the original vendor. Would like to vote on the other \$10k to start this process. The good news is that the school board does not have to go through a contract for this if PTO is funding the sunshade. Tried to get the cost down, but the difference is marginal. The other issue is the garden plans are being put in the works and need to compliment each other.

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### Mr. Jason

- Been with NPE for about 4 years, always there to pitch in and helps where he can
- The garden was started about 4 years ago and wants to make sure this is successful and sustainable for long time to come
- Really excited to be able to work with the PTO to work on improving the garden
- The beds have started to fail, managed to take apart the existing beds and wants to make it sustainable for a good 20 years so the school and community can use it
- Found a community that Miss Lisa uses, Viggo Garden beds, which are designed to last for a long time
- Was able to come up with repurposing the wood from previous beds to the new garden beds.
- Where old beds used to be will open, where the sunshade and the chair and benches are, is where the garden beds will be. Raised and at different height levels for different grades and looking for 10. Got a quote for 11" tall beds, then 17" for 2nd and 3rd, 4th

and 5th would be 24" tall. Looking to have 1 sensory bed for those with sensory issues, pollinator bed, and herb bed. Everything will be close to the garden shed. Water source is close by and easy for the kids to utilize and use. Once the kids plant and learn about it, they will be able to use and utilize it for the community.

- For the garden beds asking for about: \$2,500
- Would likely need 15-20 volunteers top to help with building these beds, takes about an hour to build each one and would need at least 2 people per bed
- Could possibly have it ordered and ready to plant by Mother's Day
- 4th grade sprout projects, and 3rd grad working on seedlings with hydroponic gardens
- For Earth Day, looking to do a lady bug release and thinks the kids will get enjoyment out of this and they are beneficial for the garden and community
- Arbor Day, got seedlings to send home to plant, was approved for dogwood seedlings to send home around April.

Requesting \$12,500 for the sunshade and garden project-Approved

Past Events:

Pizza Bingo Recap

- Was a big success! John and Kate joined us
- Got good feedback from the community
- Going forward, feels it could be another big event and
- Budgeted \$2k for the event, thinking it could make \$4k. They spent \$1K and brought in \$600

Camp Fair Recap

- Ali did a great job and got a good turnout
- Probably about 200-250 people came
- 25 camps signed up but 18 camps showed
- We made about \$2,000

Upcoming Events:

Read Across America Night, Thursday, March 6th

Collecting Books-getting more in

- 17 readers confirmed so far hoping to get 18
- Will be getting volunteer sign up out soon, but on track
- If anyone wants to volunteer, please reach out
- Will have a few different activities and will need volunteers

STEAM Night-Thursday, April 3rd

- Kristie Newton and Jes Stillman-Lloyd are co-chairing this event
- If anyone is skilled in spreadsheets and google forms, looking to get volunteers and looking to get it in a form of some type

Conference Dinners will be 4/10 and more information and sign ups will be out soon

#### Teacher Appreciation

- Erica Roeder and Katie will be doing this again and will be

#### Fifth Grade Committee

- Bowling Party date is being finalized and looking for March date, will get sign up and price soon, confirming with Sproul Lanes
- Friday June 6th, Rain Date Monday, June 9th for the pool party
- Request for baby pictures has been posted for collage wall and due by May 2nd, will be in the eblast
- Working on the parent social TBD
- Fifth Grade will purchase year books and gym t-shirts for graduation gift
- Move up dance, met with the other representatives from WES and SRS at the PAC, confirmed the date on 6/11-6:30pm-8:30, \$10 per child to attend, but not sure if they will presell or collect cash at the door
  - NPE is responsible for booking the photo booth for the party-got the same vendor and rate last year for \$150 per school

#### Open Positions for Next Year

- Looking to accept nominations in February and March and vote in April
- Two Co-Vice Chair positions-would be co-vice chairs first year and then move in to Co-Chair position the following year
- Secretary
- Dispersing Treasurer

Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30pm