

NPE PTO General Assembly Meeting Minutes

11/14/2022 (starts at 12:30)

Meeting Attendees

Al Heinle, Julie Abrams, Caitlin Schump, Elisa Goldman, Stephanie Schramm, Mike Stefanski, Ali Kuzma, Sarah Hall, Roberta Thomas, Kelly Convery, Michelle Slaven, Hillary Lear, Christina Costanzo

Introductions

Principal Report (Al Heinle)

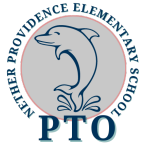
- Thank you to everyone for coming out for the Halloween parade! First time on the back fields since 2018
- Phillies Fever came to NPE. Staff all wore red on picture day, so there was a great pic that was shared on the news
- Conference signups are live
- NPE Spirit Wear site is live. Ends 11/17/ Benefits student council
- Cultural Proficiency Month Theme: Teamwork. Teachers have lots of handouts to do. Mrs. Benamy put together an enormous paper mache tree, and kids are writing leaves with 1-3 things they are grateful for!

Teacher Report (Elisa Goldman Media Specialist)

- Will run a STEM club in the spring (physics, engineering). Signups will go out in February
- Scholastic Book Fair theme is Lego. Looking for volunteers
- Wrote a grant for a Library Vending Machine as an alternative for teachers having to supply rewards for PBIS. Kids will be able to choose their own book as a reward. <https://www.donorschoose.org/project/reading-is-fun-demental/6693296/>

Committee Updates

- **Turkey Trot**
 - We have already exceeded last year's totals. We need volunteers (race marshals)
 - Other logistical discussions re: tables
 - A great fundraiser for the PTO and major reason we can do what we do
- **Assemblies**
 - We will have 3 this year: Science Explorers, Magician, Traditions of India (Dance group celebrating culture of India)



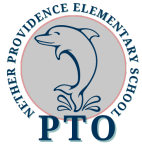
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- Working out dates and logistics to try to make sure Kindergarteners have a chance to see them (or at least that they won't ALL be in the morning)
- **Election Day Bake Sale**
 - Raised \$1,378.64. Thanks to the volunteers for working the tables and bringing in food
- **Movie Night**
 - 250-300 attendees. Next year we will plan for 300
 - Nice community event
 - We got a 1-year unlimited license that the school will be able to use. We will aim to use the license a year ahead of time
 - 5th Grade Committee can do something with it as well if they'd like to use it to fundraise
 - Expenses were a little over, but it worked out within overall budget since we sold candy.
- **Conference Dinners**
 - Chaired by Jess Brill
- **Directory**
 - Update your class info!
<https://netherprovidencepto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>
- **Other**
 - (NOT PTO EVENT) Girls on the Run is happening! Open to girls in 3rd-5th grade
- **Spring Events**
 - Camp Fair (Tentative 2/11). Will need day-of volunteers
 - STEAM Night will be in March
 - Read Across America
 - Will be chaired by Hilary Lear (Tentative 3/2). Will need a TON of volunteers. (Roberta Thomas said she'd volunteer!)
- **New Business**
 - Playground (Michelle Slaven)
 - Part of the playground was broken. It has been repaired and parts are ordered.
 - Some of the playground pieces are over 25 years old.
 - We need to figure out how much we can afford (~\$100k).
 - Grants are a possibility. There is no district money allocated.
 - Will have to be a long-term collaboration between NPE, PTO, and operations



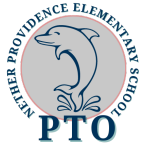
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- Christina Constanzo suggests talking with Leanne Kruger and Frannie Reilly about the Foundation
- We need to establish a committee to begin researching grants, coordinate fundraising, serve as a liaison with the district/operations
- It is our playground, but it is our neighborhood space
- We can also pick CADES brain
- We love this kind of feedback at these meetings! Don't be afraid to bring forth your ideas; if it is something that there is energy for, we will work together



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Announcements

- Adult social: due to scheduling of the different classes, we wouldn't be able to have it going not until 8:30. Parent social.
- WES mum sale
- Class of 2023 food truck a a thon
- 9/26 hope for Hallie golf outing (share)
- Home game: haven flag football will be there. Cheerleaders. Playing springfield.

Adjourn

Next PTO meeting is the 12th of October