

NES PTO MEETING MINUTES

Northfield Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Lara Dubin at 6:41pm

In attendance

Lara Dubin, Cheryl George, Nolan Kitfield, Missy Kalinowski, Kelly Gagnon, Jennifer Chabbot, Stacy Quinn, Robin McKeon

Treasurer's Report

- All magnet sales will now be making a profit for the PTO
- Butterbraids: profit ~\$1,400 (large drop from last year's profit of ~\$3,200)

Teacher Requests

- 3rd grade requesting \$500 for a class trip to Plymouth; approx. \$50 per child; discussion and questions about if this cost is for transportation; Lara will email Tom King for more info

Events

- Community Tag Sale: Saturday, May 30th, 8-Noon, \$5 a spot, in front of school

Playground Report

- Stone Wall: is the work that was done a temporary fix? Should we get an estimate from a professional? Go to a Selectboard meeting? We need to talk to Tom Walker about the wall, we need more communication about what is going on
- Playground Gate: Broken, again. We need to contact the Town, Selectboard and possibly School Committee
- Garden Area: \$100 donation from Northfield Garden Club will go toward building new garden beds for Pre-K
- Playground Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 19th (rain date April 25th) from 10-2?; Should we provide food? National Honor Society Kids or Junior Firefighters to help?; need to get track in shape for kids running for Fun Run (get gravel from Lane); playground meeting to be held soon

Old Business

- Holiday Fair Raffle Basket Funds: Ms. Pierce (1st grade) bought classroom/art supplies and electric pencil sharpener; Mrs. Wheeler bought art/craft/classroom supplies
- Rewards catalogs: Labels for Education has 19,981 points to use and mycokerewards has 4,276 points to use; Labels points can be redeemed for Visa gift card, pedometers; Lara will email Sue Fuller about how to redeem and then email Missy on how to go about redeeming the points
- School Cookbook: Bridget Hammond will contact Jen Glazier from Friends of BES about coordinating a cookbook

New Business

- Five Acre Farm offers a hanging baskets fundraiser for the spring; option for next year
- June meeting date needs to be changed (June 9th is the band concert); possibly Wed. the 10th; last day of school Thursday, June 18th (noon dismissal)
- Unitarian Church will have a Disney songs concert end of May; Terry McKeon contacted the PTO to inquire about sharing profits 50/50 and would like feedback about best date and time; PTO would advertise the concert; it was decided that the PTO would suggest Saturday, May 30th at 6:00pm as the best time
- 6th Grade T-Shirts are in and ready to be distributed

Carnival/Fun Run

- Theme for Fun Run? Ideas-mustaches, sunglasses, Disney, Peanuts, colors, sports team, athlete; decided on Funky Color Run (wear your favorite color/crazy colors); approx. 65 kids, everyone will be timed; April 15th will be Pep Rally for Fun Run
- DJ: Theresa getting info on DJ Chase Barton; \$250, we have booked him for that day, will play 9:30am-2:00pm
- Tent: Stacy will contact Snow's Landscaping about borrowing their tent
- Pop-ups/EZ-ups needed for each booth
- Do we want Kristen Whittle's farm animals? Will inquire
- Should we have Hula Hoop lady there? Will inquire about price
- Should we get sponsors to help with the costs?
- Budget?? We need to create one for the carnival expenses
- Will have bounce house and dunk tank

- Piccadilly Farm plant sale? Robin will contact
- Should we have a guess how many jar? Family games (3-legged race, egg on a spoon)? Juggler?
- Ellenjo Gries 5th grade will do balloon animals
- Linda Jacques face painting?
- Senior Center to do booth? Will contact Ashley Fogle
- Padula Brothers John Deere Dealership in Greenfield; Cheryl will contact to inquire about bringing tractor
- Jennifer Chabbot will be the coordinator for the 1st grade booth(s)
- National Honor Society kids; Lara will contact about volunteering
- Will have NES t-shirts for sale at carnival
- Food; two years ago 200 hot dogs, 150 hamburgers, 300 bags of chips we purchased
- Volunteers to get a coupon for a free lunch
- Cotton Candy; make the night before?
- Centennial House Bed & Breakfast; Cheryl will call Steve Stoia to let them know of date and loud noise (be a good neighbor!)
- Will send home separate letter looking for just booth coordinators for each grade
- Next possible meeting date for Carnival, Monday April 20th 6:30pm

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30pm, NES Library

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Submitted by Cheryl George, Secretary