

NES PTO MEETING MINUTES

Northfield Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Lara Dubin at 6:35pm

In attendance

Lara Dubin, Cheryl George, Tom King, Missy Kalinowski, Kelly Gagnon, Deb Potee

Principal's Report

- Ruth Miller is the new Superintendent
- Teachers changing for next year: Jen Edwards-2nd, Ashley Fogle-K, Nolan Kitfield-5th, Shannon Miner-6th
- Ms. Geidel taking next year off, will need to hire one teacher for the year

Treasurer's Report

- End of Year Fundraising Report: some fundraisers just did better last year
- Will send donation to the Northfield Town Newsletter
- Tom will order new partition for the cafeteria, coordinate payment with PTO (Nolan)
- School Budget next year will have money for field trips
- Two audio systems are needed for the 6th grade classrooms, PTO will pay for those

Teacher Requests

- Recreation Commission request: Amy Hendricks requesting financial help for the summer playground program; asked PTO to help pay for one: Sciencetellers (\$375) or Magicians (\$350); if PTO sponsors, event will be open to the public; should we give \$400 to both? Lara will talk with Amy to decide which one she would prefer we sponsor

Fundraisers

- Box Tops: 13,417 collected for the school year (\$1,341.70 raised)
- Fall Fundraisers: need to have less happening in the fall; would like to have a separate fundraising meeting to choose 2015-2016 fundraisers, possibly in August

Events

- 6th Grade Pool Party at Northfield Inn; \$150 to rent pool, remainder will be used for food (\$311 total); still money left over, possibly purchase map of USA stencil? Or something for Mr. Loubris' classroom? (approx. \$320 left over to purchase, map costs \$200)
- 6th Grade Graduation: Monday, June 15th, 5:30pm, NES Gym; PTO will supply cake & punch and organize reception; Lara will coordinate; traditionally, 5th grade student(s) and parent(s) help; Dylan Fisher and Mom Aly will help, still need one more
- Upcoming Fall Events: Kindergarten/Pre-K Welcome breakfast, 9/10/15; Fall Fun Fest; Pumpkin Carving Night (10/23/15) and Pumpkinfest (10/24/15); Open House (10/1/15)

Playground Report

- Stone wall repair and gate update: Tom King spoke with the town; Brian Noble (town administrator) sent an email to Tom Walker to repair the stone wall, glue the top stones; town will pay for and install a new, retractable playground gate that is 25ft., bright orange
- Built new Pre-K garden beds with \$100 grant from Northfield Garden Club (they will give another \$100 toward plantings); Kids Garden Club, 9 children total, very excited
- Lara and Cheryl met with the Recreation Commission and they agreed if the PTO has the area behind the fitness track, to the right of fairy garden and around corner to the shed, brush hogged, they will mow it to maintain and control the area; need to find someone to brush hog the area, or rent one
- Map of USA painted on playground by the fall (16ft. x 27ft.)
- Would like to create a Playground Sub-committee and make a new playground plan combining elements of the Natural Playground Plan with more traditional items and new ideas

Old Business

- School Supplies: Teacher lists have been given to Kelly Gagnon (coordinating); will work with Bridget to get whole list together; WB Mason has good prices; all teachers have responded with their requests; additional classroom supply lists should be sent home to parents in report card
- Labels for education: can expire, Missy will email Sue Fuller asking to order gift cards; Coke rewards, will let points accumulate

New Business

- Dixie Balzer sent a letter requesting the PTO help with a program called Nurturing Northfield that serves approx. 15-20 families; asking for \$100; decided not to honor this request as the funds that the PTO raises are intended to benefit the students and the school
- Will look into pricing for more tables to replace old ones and message board for front of school

Next Meeting

Sometime in August (exact date, time and location TBA, will post online and email info)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Cheryl George, Secretary