

# **NES PTO MEETING MINUTES**

## **Northfield Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday August 23rd 2017, NES Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl George at 6:32pm.

**In attendance:** Missy Kalinowski, Cheryl George, Holly Stacy, Joe Stacy, Sara Ray, Beth Messer, Megan Desmarais, Breinn Robert, and Stacy Bond.

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the June 7th 2017, meeting were distributed and approved.

### **2. Co-Chair's Report**

- a. July "meeting" at Cameron's Winery was a nice get-together to celebrate end of the school year.
- b. Discussed the fundraising agenda for the year from August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Dickinson Library.
- c. Need volunteer for the Hillside Pizza Fundraiser (January/February)
- d. Need a new Coordinator for the Fun Run in May, this is Robin McKeon's last year
- e. Cheryl will look into coordinating the Holiday Fair with Special Day.
- f. School supplies to be organized and distributed this Saturday at 10am before ice cream social. The PTO spent approx. \$1,900 in supplies (including extra items) that would otherwise have been needed to purchase by parents. Next year we may need to set limits on some requested items.
- g. Everyone is preparing for the opening of school.

### **3. Principal's Report**

- a. See attached report from Megan Desmarais.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- a. See attached Budget Report submitted by Holly Stacy
- b. Budget will be reviewed and approved at the September meeting

### **5. Teacher Requests**

- a. None at this time.
- b. Will improve the Teacher/Staff Requests form to make it more streamlined for teachers.

### **6. Old Business**

- a. Cross walk sign(s) - Both the one in front of the school and by Dickinson Library are now broken and gone. Cheryl has reached out to Representative Paul Mark and will follow up with Chief Leighton on other possibilities. PTO maintains it is not our responsibility to pay for new ones.

### **7. New Business**

- a. Pumpkin Fair? – PTO will not be attending the Pumpkinfest (now called the Great Falls Festival) in Turners Falls this year; considering having our own "Pumpkinfest", possibly on October 28<sup>th</sup>; Need a separate meeting to discuss options.
- b. Joe mentioned the Energy Committee is looking at energy use at NES

### **8. Fundraisers**

- a. Fit & Fresh – online only, ends 9/8
- b. Mabel's Labels – online only, ongoing
- c. Mums - \$6.50 each; orders due 9/8; delivery 9/13; pick-up 9/13, 3-6pm
- d. Bulbs – order online through 9/30; catalogs to be sent home soon for paper orders
- e. Labels for Education – Coordinator Kelly Gagnon; can submit until January 2018; redeem points by May 31, 2018
- f. Box Tops – Coordinator Missy Kalinowski; winning grade will now be given a trophy as a monthly reward; Looking for prize ideas: Possibly Pajama Day? Extra recess? Homework passes? Movie? Dance party? Missy will send more info to Megan for the Teachers

### **9. Events**

- a. Ice Cream Social - Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm on the playground.
- b. Welcome Breakfast - Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the cafeteria. Holly Stacy volunteers to clean up afterwards.

### **10. Enrichment Programs**

- a. Ideas to be discussed more in depth at next meeting; voted on at October meeting; LCC grants due October 16<sup>th</sup>

### **11. Playground Report**

- a. Garden - Beautiful overhaul done to the school's garden for lower maintenance and also easier for grounds maintenance to mow. (Thank you Cheryl and family for their hard work on this).
- b. New swings – working with the Town to secure the funding that was approved at Town Meeting in December

**Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm in NES cafeteria.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm

Submitted by Stacy Bond, Secretary