

NES PTO MEETING MINUTES

Northfield Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2015, NES Teacher's Room

The meeting was called to order by Lara Dubin at 6:30 pm

1. In attendance

Lara Dubin, Cheryl George, Deb Potee, Tom King, Nolan Kitfield, and Carolyn Baskowski

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 17th, 2015, meeting were distributed and approved.

3. Co-Chair's Report

a. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have come out to help with the PTO events and fundraisers so far this year. We have been successful because of all the help and support.

4. Principal's Report

a. We had a very successful food drive this year organized by the fourth grade classrooms. Great to see the article and pictures in the paper!

b. Next week, December 16th is the Winter Band Concert at 6:30pm

c. PARCC assessments have been sent out to families. This year, Spring of 2016, we are doing PARCC again. In the Spring of 2017, MCAS 2.0 will be implemented.

d. The tech budget for the district has run out of money. They need money to help keep the IXL programs in the schools. They are asking the NES PTO for \$600 to help fund this program for the rest of this school year. The PTO unanimously voted to pay the \$600 to help fund the IXL program for the rest of the year. It was also decided to take this money out of the Teacher's Request line in the budget.

5. Treasurer's Report

See attached budget reports

6. Teacher Requests

No teacher requests this time.

7. Fundraisers

a. Original Works – earned around \$1,000; no specifics yet.

b. Farmer's Market - earned \$800 (this was the one right before Thanksgiving).

c. Box Tops- 4th Grade won the fall contest with 1,015 followed closely by 2nd Grade at 977

d. Holiday Fair – Raffle Baskets earned \$1,835 = \$131 per teacher; Food/Produce earned \$1,006.51; Wreaths profit \$91.39. There are 28 wreaths left and these will be sold Saturday, December 12th during the Special Day in Northfield festivities for \$15.

e. Garden Cinema Movie - Monday, December 28th, 9:30am. Movie is Alvin & The Chipmunks, The Road Chip, \$5 admission price

f. Read-A-Thon in March? Cheryl suggested doing one on our own (not an online program) so that the PTO can keep all the profits. Details of how the fundraising will work still need to be determined. The Read-A-Thon would occur during the month of March. March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday.

8. Events

- a. Family Movie Night – it was decided that the PTO will purchase a premium one day movie license. Lara will put out a Survey Monkey to families regarding movie choice. Prepaid pizza and drinks will be offered along with a suggested donation of \$1.00 to help defray the costs of the movie. Thinking Saturday, January 23rd, final date TBD
- b. Carnival – Possible date of May 21st IF this works out for Robin McKeon and the Fun Run.

9. Enrichment Programs

- a. Tommy James, Dr. Seuss Magic Show – still needs to be scheduled but will be sometime in February or March.
- b. Crime Scene Science – TBD; anything except for the month of May.

10. Playground Report

There will be a meeting in January, date TBD

11. Old Business

- a. Labels for Education – Coordinator needed, program needs some attention.

12. New Business

None at this time.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 14th, 6:30pm, NES Library

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Submitted by Carolyn Baskowski, Secretary