

Northside PTO Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2019, 7 p.m.

- I. Attendance – Rachel Edwards, Suzann Margel, Kate Querry, Lynnaya Eline, Jenn Walker, Lori McKenney, Ashlyn Ecker, Mallory.....
- II. Welcome and Introductions – Suzann Margel
- III. Approval of Minutes – Rachel Edwards
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Suzann Margel
 - a. Discrepancy with Book Fair income/expenses
 - b. Discrepancy with sub sale income – Lynnaya Eline following up with R&K. We had an amazing sale this year! Thank you parents and students!
- V. Principal’s Report – Ashlyn Ecker
 - a. Early dismissal Thursday, Feb. 7, at 10:45 a.m.
 - b. No school on Friday, February 15 for staff professional development – many sessions being offered for professionally developing teachers in areas of interest. They will be going into curriculum and assessment work during professional development on 3/8.
 - c. PTO Flexible Thinking Challenge – Chicka Chicka Challenge – build a tree and get as many letters in/on your tree as possible. What skills are students developing via tasks like this? Listening, teamwork, flexible thinking, problem-solving, tenacity, physics, geometry, etc.
- VI. President’s Report – Suzann Margel
 - a. PTO Advisory Board Meeting
 - i. MASH Religious Materials policy statement shared
 - ii. Elmwood Front Entrance done by late Spring
 - iii. KA done at beginning of next school year
 1. Planning for Open House for Community
 - iv. Wildcat Center complete in 2019/2020 school year
 - v. Elmwood phase 3 extra classrooms and creative space completion unknown
 - vi. Shep & UA construction March to next school year
 - b. Mechanicsburg Area Parent Teacher Organization is being created (MAPTO) – 501c3 with its own banking account for all elementary schools and Operation Wildcat
 - c. Elementary Advisory Board
 - i. Shared Google docs
 - ii. Will share budgets, fundraising calendar, building reports
 - iii. Will include board bylaws
 - d. Walk-a-thon – PTO presidents got together to discuss. Letter will send home Feb. 18 week (tentatively). Goal to receive labels from students by 3/7. Goal to stuff and mail letters by 3/18. Letters have not been created yet. Walk may happen during PSSAs.
 - i. Volunteers will be needed to stuff envelopes
 - ii. Possibly creating a class letter so students don’t have to personalize so many letters.

- iii. Volunteers needed to head up sending letters out, etc.
- VII. Committee Report
- a. Sub Sale – Lynnaya Eline
 - i. Madison Walker won the sub sale competition by selling 116 subs, Benton Myers sold 58 and Lysia Shannon sold 48. Get lunch with Ashlyn Ecker at Dad’s Grille.
 - ii. Discrepancies in what we were invoiced and what we earned from R&K, so Lynnaya is working with R&K to deal with it.
 - iii. 1,494 subs sold and only 12 sandwiches not picked up by 5:30 p.m.
 - iv. All grades met their goals, so they all get to have preferential seating at lunch on Friday.
 - b. Homeroom Parents – Lynnaya Eline
 - i. List created and distributed
 - c. Directory – Lori McKenney
 - i. Formatted and created, but it needs to be proofed before it is distributed.
 - ii. If any PTO committee members need it, Lori can provide it.
 - d. Hospitality – Lori McKenney
 - i. Feb. 7 Conference Meal – all filled up.
 - e. Movie Night – Lori
 - i. Feb. 22 – Set up with facilities. Needs laptop finalized. Tech support can’t be there that night. Streaming from Amazon Prime – Paddington 2.
 - ii. Need a tech support guy/gal to be present
 - iii. Renew movie license? Yes!
 - f. Field Day Question – We had a great experience with a bounce house/obstacle course for field day and we’d love to offer that again. Yes!
 - g. Yearbook – Mallory
 - i. Order forms have been sent out. Google Drive will be set up by class for photos to be added. Consider doing labels for agendas. Posting on Facebook too!
 - h. Talent Show – Kate Query
 - i. March 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. Tomorrow night parents and students are coming to show their acts. 7 acts so far. Invite students who aren’t sure about acts to come out as well.
 - iii. Finale dance practice will begin tomorrow night.
 - iv. Teachers have an act they’re working on too!
 - v. There will be a rehearsal during the day so all students can see the show.
 - vi. Only concern is with the sound/music.
 - i. Book Fair – Kate Query
 - i. 3/12 – 14/19
 - ii. Sending email out next week. Kate will send Lori times and Lori will create a Time To Sign Up sheet.
 - iii. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday are book sale days. Move all books into gym during Open House on 3/14. Box it up Thursday night.

- iv. Create online ordering option
 - v. Need to create a flyer to dispel some confusion. Attaching to book fair flyers.
 - j. Box Tops – Suzann Margel
 - i. Box Tops begin next week
 - k. Skating Party – February 16 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 - l. New Business
 - i. Spring Fair planning needs to begin.
 - ii. Meredith Askey will take on Silent Auction.
 - iii. Lori McKenney and Kate Querry will handle games and food.
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