

NWR PTO Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2017

In Attendance:

Allyson Sineath, Cyndi Gentry, Kendall Fay, Brandi Herron, Kate Aquilino, Jen Johnson, Mr. Wise, Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Tarantino, Natalie Knauer

**There were several other people there but I did not collect the sign in sheet and can't remember everyone. If someone else picked it up, will you please revise this list?

Secretary Report

- Welcome and motion to approve August's minutes, Jen Johnson, seconded by Kate Aquilino – approved.

Title 1 Report

- Reviewed the Parent Policy Draft.
- Date Correction: Math Curriculum Night is October 26th
- Need to add the following to the Parent Policy:
 - Student Led Conferences
 - 6th Grade Band Night...1/23 at 7:00
 - Barnes and Noble Night...12/07
 - Spring Band Concert...5/22 at 6:30
 - Possibly a fall ELL?

No Staff Report

Principal Report

- Federal Government visited for Title 1 on Thursday (1 of 4 in Bunco Co.)
- NWR had the highest growth in Bunco. Co. (6.63% above expected growth curve)
- Jackie Pond was the parent representative that went to the school board meeting with Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Wise. She was very active in learning about Title 1
- Special thanks for hard work during Boosterthon and for the Playground
- No school on Monday
- Hurricane Make Up Day TBD later. NC requires 1025 hours/year and the make up date will depend on the number of snow days we get this year.
- Need to make sure kids are aware of voc-tech opportunities available and that they are good & honorable jobs with an increasing demand.
- We need to change student viewpoint about what to expect in the workforce

Treasurer's Report

- Boosterthon sponsorships are our biggest input so far. Working on collecting pledges.
- Main expense was playground...\$28190.09
- September Dinner Night made \$595. We budgeted \$625 for the entire year, so this should help cover some of our budget
- Please keep a comprehensive list of volunteers who donate time/money/products/services so that they can be recognized.
- Please make Jen aware of any discounts we should be getting. Allyson noticed that the 15% playground discount was missing but she caught it.

President's Report

- Teacher Grants Due 11/08
- Reviewed the Mini Grant Application
- Teachers get \$200/yr for supplies, etc. Teacher Allotment over \$8000
- Amount of grants may decrease depending on incoming revenue
- May need to cut the budget in some areas
- Sales Tax Rebate (\$1200 last year) is designated by the PTO Board specifically for Teacher Grants
- We will vote on grants at the December Meeting
- Need someone to work with Jen this year so that we will have a trained treasurer next year.
- Thanks to Kendall & Natalie for Boosterthon. Cindy Jones was also a rockstar.

Fundraising Report

- Boosterthon goal was \$20,000 profit
- We have pledges up to \$24,000 so we should net \$12,500-\$13,000.
- Bosterthon keeps 50% or more, depending on the amount raised.
- Last year we had \$30,000 in pledges. If we collect all of our pledges, we will be within \$1000 of last year
- This year 37% of the school pledged. Last year it was 47%
- Teachers didn't seem too excited about it.
- Boosterthon offered 9/11/18 as the date for the next run. We decided that it would be too soon in the school year. Kendall will talk to her about other dates and mention that we are thinking about other options that don't eat into our profit as much.
- Need teacher input on what has worked and didn't work.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Request for All Call to mention PTO Meetings, FB Page, Volunteer Opportunities, etc
- Need to schedule a meeting about communication/volunteer gap
- Still need volunteers for Picture Day and Boosterthon Collection Days

Hospitality

- Sept gift was pens
- Oct gift in the works

Community Events

- Math Curriculum Night...Where's Waldo theme.
 - 10/26 5:00-7:00pm.
 - Dinner night with Main Street Burrito 5-5:30pm
 - Title 1 donating books. Malaprops and Spellbound donating buttons
- Barnes and Noble Night 12/07 6-8pm
- Need to narrow down list for spring...Talent Show, Middle School Staff Volleyball Game, Trail, 6th Grade Dance, Kickball Tournament

Box Tops

- Contest now through 10/20. Bins by the office
- Check expiration date

Communication

- Mrs. Brillisour has offered and encouraged the use of the website as a way to spread info. Please keep it in mind as you are planning events.
- Possibly add sponsors to webpage

Spirit Wear

- Currently have magnets, car decals, and a few shirts/sweatshirts, but limited sizes
- New shirt design will be pre-order only. Ask the company for a samples to have on hand.
- Set up a table with pre-order at Math Curriculum Night

Meeting was concluded at 9:30 am

Upcoming Dates

Month of October—Parent Conferences

10/09 No School

10/11 6th Grade Field Trip to Asheville Community Theater

10/18 Early Release

10/24 Field Trip to Warren Wilson

10/26 Picture Day (7:50-12:15)

10/26 Math Curriculum Night/PTO dinner/Where's Waldo 5-7 (Dinner 5-5:30)

10/31 Early Release

11/1 PTO Meeting

11/08 Teacher Grant Applications Due

11/14 Coffee with the Principal

12/07 Barnes and Noble Night 6-8pm

1/23 6th Grade Band 7:00pm

2/15 Literacy Curriculum Night

3/13 ELL Event

3/13 Coffee with the Principal

5/22 Spring Band Concert

Other Spring Events...TBD