

NWR PTO Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2017

In Attendance:

Cendi Walker, Jennifer Banks, Brandi Herron, Grant Parsons, Jen Johnson, Cyndi Gentry, Kellie Lynch, Allyson Sineath, Laura Chase, Julie Gilliland, Katie Hesson, Natalie Knauer, Suzie Johnson

Meeting Began at 8:04am

Welcome

- If Allyson doesn't reply to email/text, please remind her
- Vote on November minutes in January

New Business

- **Voted Kate Aquilino** as co-treasurer. Brandi voted and Allyson seconded. She was approved and will be able to fill in next year.
- **Barnes and Noble** night 6-8pm tomorrow.
 - !) Lots of activities and teachers wrapping presents
 - 2) Need 2 teachers to help wrap from 7-8pm
 - 3) Students will get a homework pass for attending
- **Newsletter**
 - 1) Will be sent out monthly
 - 2) Info will be collected at the PTO meeting. Drafts due by the following Tuesday and will go home the following Thursday (about mid-month)
 - 3) Will do a quarterly volunteer spotlight
 - 4) This month's may include success of spirit wear, growth, coffee with the principal, and a request for ear buds

Principal Report

- Friday-Early release
- They have discretely been washing dirty clothes for students who need fresh clothes and sending food bags home for those in need. The school takes care of jackets, coats, gloves, shoes. If the school needs more help with this, they will ask. Some people are supporting families in need with gifts, etc over the holidays. Eblen helps too.

- Leadership Groups have begun. They are groups of 9-12 students, sorted by personality and partnered with a staff member. They work on leadership skills such as shaking hands, eye contact, etc.
- Tuesday, 12/19 is the last day of school before break
- Can always use extra clothes for the clothes closet.

Hospitality

- We will be sending homemade cookies to the teachers on 12/18. If any PTO member wants to make a dozen, get them to the school by 12/15. Rebecca Manske will make a sign up list for cookies.

Extras

- The best time for Awards ceremonies is right after drop off so parents can come and then go to work. They are split into groups to help with parking and congestion.

Grant Applications

❖ \$1128.04 is the amount we have to give

❖ Grant Requests:

- Ms. Budhisetianwan requested \$235 to take the chorus to Choral Music Performance Adjudication
- Ms. Brillisour requested \$500 for a Silhouette Cameo and subscription Plan
- Ms. Witcher requested \$75 for a garden
- Ms. Teague requested \$150 for classroom headphones
- Ms. Bentley requested \$100 for Art Club
- Ms. Teague requested \$150 for STEM supplies 9/27-11/7
- Ms. Cripps requested \$973 for Nearpod Gold Account, Voicethread, and Flocabulary to be used by all of 5th grade
- Ms. Cripps requested \$150 for "History is Dead....or, is it?" visual materials
- Ms. Cripps requested \$1832 for 4 chairs for Moving Minds through Movement
- Mr. Aten requested \$435 for a Geocaching Membership and coins that can be used by the entire school

❖ Decisions:

- Ms. Budhisetianwan denied because Mr. Wise/the office will fund this.
- Ms. Brillisour granted because it can be used for several years by the entire for school for various purposes
- Ms. Witcher denied because part of the landscape budgeting can be used for this.
- Ms. Teague's headphones denied because parents can send them in and the school proved extras for the students.
- Ms. Bentley's art club denied because she can use her allotment for this
- Ms. Teague's STEM supplies denied because that is over (9/27-11/7)

- Ms. Cripps' Nearpod Gold account denied because it ate up almost the entire amount of grant money for only half the school to use. She was granted \$158 for Voicethread and \$95 to use for History is Dead visual materials.
- Ms. Cripps' chairs were denied because it ate up almost the entire budget for only a very, very small handful of students to benefit.
- Mr. Aten was granted \$302.50 for the Membership and GeoCoins. The number of geocoins was cut in half because the teams could share them.

Next Meeting:

January 10, 2018 at 8:00am

Meeting adjourned at 9:28am