

NWR PTO Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

In Attendance:

Brandi Herron, Cendi Walker, Karen Jones, Allyson Sineath, Julie Gilliland, Kendall Fay, Cyndi Gentry, Kellie Lynch, Jen Johnson, Rebecca Manske, Kate Aquilino, Katie Hesson, Jennifer Banks, Brent Wise, JimTracy

Meeting Began at 8:01am

Welcome, Allyson Sineath

Secretary Report, Brandi Herron

- Look over Nov/December minutes
- Email approval will go out

Principal's Report, Mr. Wise

- Sorry about the missed call on Monday because it didn't end up snowing.
 - It was dangerous. 2 teachers slipped on ice in the parking lot.
 - WLOS was sure it would ice
 - Not sure when make up days will be. Could extend the school year.
- 4 days this week and next
- Ski Club—about 30 kids involved.
 - About 10-15 had never been and learned how to rent and use equipment also.

Staff Report

Ms. Hesson

- May do a Literary night on 2/15 with chorus concert
- 6th Grade Dance
 - Friday, 3/23, 3:00-4:30
 - Jr Hawks do most of it (Decide on a theme, Decorations, Ticket Sales, etc)
 - Tonya Lawing is the advisor and they meet next Friday at 1:15
 - Karen Jones will do the photo booth again this year. Brandi Herron will help her so that she can do the booth next year when Karen is gone.

Mr. Tracy

- Thanks for being at the meeting and helping our school.
- PTO fills so many needs in the school and the staff is appreciative

Treasurer's Report, Jen Johnson

- Box Tops is over.
 - Made over \$710 (including summer).

- This contest brought in about \$400.
- Barnes and Noble Night made \$545.96 (expected about \$500)
 - \$7 in Gift Wrapping tips
 - Good turn out and lots of fun
- Insurance should just be a renewal fee. Allyson will double check.
- Grant money coming in.
- Teachers can submit allotments until April 1st

President's Report, Allyson Sineath

- Discussed merging NWR and NBMS PTO's
 - No specific details but discussed pros/cons
 - Pros
 - Only 1 meeting to attend
 - Don't each have to go to businesses to ask for donations
 - Helps connect schools
 - Cons
 - Extra treasurer work because 2 schools
 - PTO may be lopsided with volunteers, event types, etc
 - NWR still kind of elementary in events that they do
 - NBMS more of a middle school feel and parents/students/volunteers often don't want to participate as much.
- The goals would be to increase volume base, increase community presence, provide more opportunities, and to not be so spread out (ie, 1 Fall Festival)
- Mr. Wise discussed some points about WES and WVJ Primary merging. He mentioned that
 - It makes for only one meeting. They usually rotated between the 2 schools. They kept it simple (1st half of year at one school and the 2nd half at the other. That way people don't get confused and go to wrong school)
 - 2 separate books for financials but can combine fundraising events
 - They divided the fundraising out by the % of students.
 - Both schools can still have separate events
- Committee will be formed to make plans and figure it out gradually. It will not be a sudden merge.
- Unanimously voted in

Fundraising, Kendall Fay

- About \$3000 shy of budget?
- Some events raised more than expected, so actually on target
- May do something in Spring. We budgeted \$5000 for a Spring fundraiser.
- Publix offered to do cakes for Mother's Day.

- Cost would be \$6.50. Could sell for \$8
- Might be messy, time consuming, hard to transport, allergies, Moms would end up sending in the money.
- Voted no to this
- We need to raise \$3000-5000 in the Spring.
- Possible ideas include
 - Some kind of talent show
 - \$10 Mystery Bags (could include leftover Sprit Items, gifts from businesses, etc.)
 - 50/50 Raffle is easy
 - Hearts for Hawks, like NBES, where kids pay \$1 to send a friend or staff member a heart
- Decided on Hearts for Hawks. Kendall will chat with Kate about logistics because she handled most of it at NBES.

Volunteer Coordinator, Rebecca Manske

- Sean Garden will be featured in the Volunteer Spotlight because he did a ton of work on the nature trail.
- A sign up to help with concessions at the dance will be sent out.

Hospitality/Dinner Nights, Allyson conducted because Natalie was not present

- Tried to figure out who put the Chapsticks in the workroom. May have been PTO.
- Literacy Night on the 15th. Only sold about 30 meals at the last event. Is it worth it?
 - Helps the teachers so they can eat dinner, so we will do it for them
 - Options include Main St. Burrito, Papa John's (whole pie/slices), Chik-Fil-A
 - Voted to do Pizza

Community Events

- Barnes and Noble had a great turn out.
- 6th Grade Dance may be on 3/23
- Talent Show (beginning of May)
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11
- Normally do volleyball every other year
- Kickball is fun (NWR vs. NBMS @ NBMS). Scheduled around baseball.
 - Possible Dates: 4/13, 4/16, 4/17
 - Talk with Tammy Molis about dates
 - NBMS has volleyball in the gym in the evenings
 - Try to schedule for right after Spring Break
 - Week of 16th?...Maybe Monday or Tuesday because the 5th Grade Field Trip is on Thursday and Friday

Spirit Wear, Kate Aquilino

- Opposing shirts, pom poms
- May do another at end of February and deliver before Spring Break

Communication/Newsletter, Jennifer Banks and Kendall Fay

- Teachers really liked the newsletter
- End of week deadline---Will be printed next week
- Will include the following
 - Volunteer Spotlight
 - Box Top Contest info
 - Need for PTO Members and Volunteers for next year
 - Spirit Pre-order

- Kendall sent out a teacher survey for communication
 - Want electronic and paper versions
 - Volunteer needs
 - Highlight students

Miscellaneous

- Possible Remind Account for PTO
- Facebook Events/Material---Send to Kate

Upcoming Dates

- 1/15 No school
- 1/24 No school
- 2/5-2/23 Box Tops Spring Contest
- 2/7 PTO Meeting and Early Release
- 2/15 Literacy Night
- 3/23 6th Grade Dance