

NWR PTO Meeting

May 2, 2018

In Attendance: Brandi Herron, Kendall Fay, Cyndi Gentry, Kellie Lynch, Meredith Switzer, Dawn Chitwood, Allyson Sineath, Stephanie Guilfoyle, Rebecca Manske, Kim Ferguson, Jennifer Banks, Laura Chase, Brent Wise, Jen Johnson, Kate Aquilino, Ge Ge Sinclair

Meeting began at 8:00am

Title 1—Kim Ferguson

- ❖ Survey Results
 - Sent paper and digital copies
 - 130 came back (126 English and 4 Spanish) > Last Year
 - In the future, may go home at Open House so it doesn't get lost in the beginning of the year chaos
 - Went over the results of the survey (paper copies handed out)
 - Better communication may be what led to increased participation
- ❖ Compact
 - Hawks Way
 - Parent/Student/Teacher Roles
 - More individualized per grade level. The expectations are different.
 - Will go home at Open House in the Fall

Introductions around the room of Old/New PTO Members

Principal's Report—Mr. Wise

- ❖ Calendar Updates
 - 6th graders have been going to Purchase Knob this week for a science field trip
 - 11 students in Special Olympics tomorrow
 - News Crew will be going to WLOS for a behind the scenes tour
 - 135 families signed up for 5th grade preview last week. About 200 people came.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is next week

- Mr. B's Italian lunch for teachers needs to be moved to Thursday, the 10th because the 5th graders will be on a field trip to Old Salem on the 11th
- Talent Show is tomorrow night
- Rising 6th graders will tour NBMS next Thursday at 6:00pm
- Assembly this morning for exploratory sign ups (rising 6th graders)
- Mr. Benfield having band try outs on Thursday, the 17th from 4-7pm
- EOG Testing 5/31-June 6/7th
- Last day is June 13th and it is NOT an Early Release
- June 11th is 6th Grade Field Day
- June 8th is 5th Grade Field Day AND the 6th Grade Greek Festival
- June 8th is EOG make up day
- May 12th is awards day/PBIS Inflatable Award Day

Treasurer's Report—Jen Johnson

- ❖ More funds have been coming in
- ❖ On target for budget and doing well because of cuts
- ❖ Voting on the budget
- ❖ Fall Boosterthon Run—working on details now
- ❖ Adding Greek Festival formally to the budget
- ❖ Jen Johnson made a motion to approve the budget. Jen Banks 2nd. All in favor and none opposed.

Fundraising—Kendall Fay

- ❖ Jen Johnson pretty much covered anything we had to report
- ❖ Focused on planning Boosterthon for the fall

President's Report—Allyson Sineath

- ❖ Meredith Switzer has agreed to be the new president
- ❖ Still looking for someone to fill the Community Events position (about 1 event every 2-3 months)
- ❖ 2018-2019 Slate Vote—Voice Vote. Allyson Sineath made a motion to approve. Kate Aquilino 2nd. All in favor and none opposed.
- ❖ Inflatable Day
 - Budget cut by half because the idea was to incorporate other stations (fire pit, etc). With awards, it may be difficult to fine the time/vols
 - 180 kids per session

- Spend \$500-700 and get more inflatable. Everyone agreed.

Volunteer Coordinator—Rebecca Manske

- ❖ Hoping for 5 more volunteers for Talent Show
 - 6:30-8:30. Need to arrive around 5:30 to volunteer
- ❖ Sent out a call for proctor volunteers and a lot of people offered
 - If all PTO members could sign up for at least 1 day, it would really help
 - Check signugenius.com
- ❖ Need volunteers for inflatables on the morning of the 12th

Hospitality/Dinner Nights—Laura Chase

- ❖ Teacher Appreciation Week is next week
 - Email went out with requests for snacks for the Service Cart
 - Flier went home with info about Teacher App Week
 - Grocery cart in office to collect donations. It will be there today through Thursday
 - Facebook post with dates
 - Cash option for donations?
 - Some corporate donations coming in
 - \$5 gift cards have been requested
 - Can use cups/napkins, etc that are in the PTO closet

Community Events—Cyndi Gentry and Kellie Lynch

- ❖ Working on Talent Show for tomorrow night
 - Petty cash will be in 2 boxes with 3 stacks
 - Please arrive by 5:30 to volunteer
 - Doors open at 6:00

Communication/Newsletter—Jen Banks

- ❖ June issue?---→Yes!
 - Include upcoming dates
 - Pics of Talent Show and Teacher Appreciation Week

*No official June meeting. May do an after hours get together. Allyson will send an email with details later this month.

***Mr. Wise had a few more side notes**

- ❖ He mentioned that if we liked the extra 20 minutes in April as snow make up days, then we should email Dr. Baldwin and he may consider it to reduce the number of possible make up days.
- ❖ Numbers right now are low for next year (about 40 kdis) so we will have 1 less teacher next year
 - It's possible we could fill the seats and keep the teacher
 - No class cap over 3rd grade, but they try to keep it between 25-30
 - 26 in 5th and 27 in 6th
- ❖ A few staff changes on the horizon
 - Ms. Hesson is due any day now and may have a full time interim. She is undecided about next year.
 - Tiffany Harris is due in August and may have a FT interim as well.
 - Full Time custodian is open and on the BCS website. It's a 12 month position with same insurance and benefits that the other teachers/staff receive.
- ❖ BCS and the NWR website are being updated.
 - Hired a company to fix some issues for the hearing/visually impaired.
 - It's a county wide issue
 - The fixes brought it down to the bare bones and we have just recently been granted access to be able to start putting stuff back on.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16am