

North Windy Ridge PTO Meeting

October 9, 2018

In Attendance:

Stephanie Guilfoyle, Dawn Chitwood, Jennifer Banks, Alicia Sotelo-Winker,,
Natalie Knauer, Julie Gilliland, Michael Benigno, Kate Aquilino, Justin Davis, Brent
Wise, Eric Seager, Brandi Herron, Kim Ferguson, Katrina Oliver, Sally Pitts, Heather
Neal, Meredith Switzer, Anne Martin, GeGe Sinclair

Meeting began at 8:04am

I. Welcome—Meredith Switzer

II. Guest Spotlights

a) Review of the Family Engagement Policy and Plan—Kim Ferguson, Title 1

- Review the plan annually
- Gave everyone a copy of draft to review
- Gave everyone a schedule of events
- Money previously reserved for refreshments will now be used to buy a book for all kids that attend
- Drama and chorus usually participate in Barnes and Noble Night
- Add School Spirit Night @ Salvage Station on 10/23
 - Focus is socialization and building relationships

b) Jr. Hawks—Katrina Oliver, School Counselor

- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support)
 - Rewarded every 9 weeks
 - Next one is Fall Social on 10/31
 - ✓ 30 minutes
 - ✓ Simple snacks, candy, water
 - ✓ No Halloween theme at all
 - ✓ Need Volunteers for stations
- Eblen Pumpkin Fundraiser

- Students collect the money and bring it to the office
- Won't do until after the Ninja Run is over
- Food Drive will happen sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Needs help planning prizes
- Pennies for Pasta for cancer patients
 - Class with highest amount may get to go to Olive Garden
 - Lots of change will be coming in and need to be counted
- 6th Grade Dance
- Is there \$100 in club money to help with shirts?
- Need lots of volunteers this year

III. Committee Reports

a) Hospitality—Justin Davis

- Fall Themed Event for teachers on 10/18
 - “Falling for our Teachers”
 - Will have some fall themed snacks for them...apples, caramel dip, Chex mix, pumpkin muffins/doughnuts, Rice Krispies Treats, etc.
 - Volunteer sign up went out for set up assistance and donating items
- In November we will do a, “What are teachers grateful for?”

b) Finance—Kate Aquilino

- We have more clubs offered this year which is awesome
 - Budgeted for \$50 per semester per club but that didn't include Jr. Hawks
 - Budgeted for teacher appreciation gift cards for the club leaders @ \$10/leader
 - \$1100 budgeted and if we include Jr. Hawks will be \$1200
 - 29 club leaders so should we reduce gift cards to \$5? Ask parents for donations? Businesses to donate?
 - Will re-visit ways to thank these teachers in a few months when we have a better understanding of budget

- Motion to use the money allotted in the budget for appreciation gift cards for funding the clubs instead
 - Motion-Jennifer Banks, 2nd-Dawn Chitwood
 - Unanimously approved

c) Volunteers—Jennifer Banks

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Book Fair, Health Fair, and distributing prizes for the Ninja Run
- Need A LOT of volunteers for the Ninja Run on Friday.
 - ✓ There are 42 volunteer slots to fill
 - ✓ Currently have 29 filled
 - ✓ PTO can greet parents that come to watch their children and may want to help
 - ✓ PTO should try to be there for the durations...8:00-12:00 for set up and clean up

IV. North Windy Ninja Run—This Friday!—Kendall Fay

a) Remaining Ninja Needs

- About 64% to our goal
- Special Contest tonight
 - ✓ 30 in new pledges will get a special Ninja Hawks Fidget Spinner
- T shirts are in and look awesome
- Aiming for \$15,000 by Friday
 - ✓ \$9439 as of this morning (about 2/3 of the way there)
- Share the awesome videos made by the Technology team

b) Event Day Schedule

- We will be posting a schedule of run times on Facebook

V. Principal Report—Brent Wise & Michael Benigno

a) General Announcements—Brent Wise

- Thanks to everyone for all of the work for the Ninja Run
- **NO SCHOOL** on Monday—Teacher Work Day

- Student Let Conferences will be held on 11/06 (Early Release)
- Will do a few all calls this week
 - ✓ Ninja Run
 - ✓ Teacher work day
 - ✓ Tries to keep the calls to a minimum, as to not disturb parents
- He is on the BCS Calendar Committee
 - ✓ Early Release on 10/31 and 11/06
 - ✓ Report Cards come home on 10/05
 - ✓ BCS Calendar Committee is meeting now, so let Mr. Wise know via email if you have any requests/suggestions about next year's calendar
 - ✓ State mandate that we can't start before 8/19
 - ✓ Looks like we may get out around Memorial Day in 2020
 - ✓ 5 extra minutes/day to compensate for snow days could affect the bus schedules since we share busses

b) General Announcements--Mr. Benigno

- If you have a bus rider, PLEASE answer calls on winter days so that you know the plans for transporting your child
- Thank you to Brookstone Church to offering to be the voting poll area to alleviate traffic at NWR on the 11/06 Election Day

c) Questions from Members at the Meeting

- Can we put charging stations in the classrooms to help alleviate the problem of some laptops dying during class?
 - ✓ Our laptops are currently 4 years old and will be replaced next summer
 - ✓ Working with Verizon, Frontier, etc for 4G spots
 - ✓ Low cost wi-fi available if you do the paperwork...about \$15/month if you qualify

VI. Eblen Boo Pumpkins—Alicia Sotelo-Winker

- Ms. Oliver and the Jr. Hawks are helping to make the posters
- Doing it later, as to not conflict with Ninja Run, Pictures, etc.
- Will have theme days...Wacky, Western, Hats, Spirit, etc
- News Crew will do announcements

- May be the week of 10/29-11/02 or we could wait until November when there isn't so much else going on
- Gives students awareness of the needs in the community
- Last year we cut a check for \$959

VII. Communications and PTO Newsletter Update—Jennifer Banks

- Ninja Run re-cap, so please take pictures and send them to Jennifer
- Spirit Wear—Will get with Kate Aquilino about details/dates
- PBIS on 10/31
- Math Night
- Eblen Pumpkins
- Upcoming dates for events
- Volunteer Spotlight
 - ✓ Mr. Benigno suggested Peggy Williams' sister, who has helped NWR for many, many years

VIII. Other Business—All

- Ann Martin will start planning Barnes and Noble night
 - ✓ Meredith will check with B&N about possible dates
- Gege Sinclair wants to lead a group for landscaping
- **Next Meeting...Tuesday, November 13th at 8:00am at NWR**

IX. Upcoming Dates

- 10/12—Ninja Run (8:45am-12:00pm)
- 10/23—School Spirit Night at Salvage Station (5-8pm)
 - ✓ 10% of sales donated to NWR
- 10/25—“Where's Waldo” Math Curriculum Night (5:30-7:00pm)
- 10/31—Early Release
- 11/06—Early Release
- 11/13—Coffee with the Principal and the NWR School Counselor (7:45am-8:30am)

Meeting adjourned at 9:08am

