

**North Windy Ridge PTO
General Monthly Meeting
March 12, 2019**

Meeting Began at 8:06am

In Attendance: Stephanie Guilfoyle, Kendall Fay, Jennifer Banks, Brandi Herron, Ann AMrtin, GeGe Sinclair, Jennifer Ward, Eric Seeger, Kate Aquilino, Natalie Knauer, Michael Begnino, Brent Wise, Sandi Tarantino, Meredith Switzer

- I. Welcome—Meredith Switzer**
 - Introductions

- II. Literacy Night & Baa'd Sheep Burrito Dinner Debrief—Meredith Switzer & Brent Wise**
 - Largest number of parents that we've had for this event.
 - Homework passes, a free book, and the chorus concert may have contributed to the nice turnout.
 - Baa'd Sheep did an awesome job and we are extremely grateful for their support.

- III. Committee Reports**
 - a) Finance—Kate Aquilino**
 - Made a little money on Literacy Night but it was mainly to get the community involved
 - Some clubs are not using funds and other clubs could use additional funds.
 - 6th Grade won Battle of the Books and are going to the next phase of the competition. They have used all of their funds and could use additional funding.
 - Next year have club estimate the amount of funds they may need and we can re-allocate money to the clubs that need it.
 - Added a hospitality line item
 - Waiting on Ocotball request and then the financials for Ninja Run will be complete.

- Mrs. Tarantino brought questions from the staff.
 - Teacher grants
 - What will money from Ninja Run be used for? It will be used to fund a majority of the PTO budget
 - Are there any ideas for a big project? This year was a catch up year and we were unsure of Ninja Run outcome, since this was our first year doing it by ourselves. Next year, we can chat about that. Ask teachers and students what they would like.

b) Hospitality—Jennifer Ward

- Doing snacks for staff meeting on 4/4
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10
- End of Year Lunch

c) Volunteer—Jennifer Banks

- Will need help selling tickets to the Spring Dance
- Will need volunteers at the dance
 - Photos (at least 3), concessions, entrance, decorating
- Need volunteers for the Talent Show
- Need Volunteers for Proctoring
 - We will talk more about this in the April meeting

d) Communications—Jennifer Banks

- Haven't gotten a newsletter out in a while but could do one. It's hard to do without the help she has had in the past with this.

IV. Principal Report—Principal, Brent Wise & Assistant Principal, Michael Begnino

- Please come support students at *The Hobbit* & Talent Show
- 6th Grade Dance
 - Students must be there all day to attend the dance. They can't leave and come back.
 - Maybe change the name from Spring Formal to something else so people don't think that they have to dress up in formal attire.
- As of now, June 11th is the last student day

- Still have 1-2 snow days to make up but it is possible that they may be forgiven because we will have met the 1025 hours required for the year.
- EOG will start testing 5/29-6/07
 - Wednesday, Thursday, and Tuesday will be the main days
 - Monday and Friday will be make ups
- PBIS Inflatables will be about \$1500 and we will need volunteers.
 - We have about \$100 in prize box money and that can be used to help fund PBIS
- We will also need volunteers for Field Day and the Kickball Tournament (late April/early May)
- ESL Night had about 5-6 families show up
 - School has about 51 ESL Families
 - Some of them expressed interest in being involved in the PTO
 - Would be nice to have a current PTO member come to the event next year

V. **Campus Beautification Day**

- Church group has offered to help
- Garden Club will be working at the end of March
- Possible dates for Beautification Day are 3/25, 3/30, or 4/06

VI. **Upcoming Special Events**

- a) **Drama Club Presents *The Hobbit*—Thursday, March 14th at 5:30**
- b) **5th Grade Battle of the Books Competition—Friday, March 15th**
- c) **6th Grade Dance—Friday, March 22nd (Reschedule Date, Friday, March 29th)**

- The themes that they chose from were “Blue”, “50’s”, or “Spring Formal”
- Students chose “Spring Formal” but we are going to eliminate/change the word, “Formal” to ensure that everyone knows that formal attire, or even any special attire is NOT required. Regular school clothes are fine.

- Will need volunteers to sell tickets the week of the dance
- A pre-buy add on item will be available for a reasonable price.
 - Haven't decided yet, but may have bow ties and fake corsages. Something aligned with the Spring theme.
- Concessions will be available.
 - Students must bring cash for these items
 - Items will be along the lines of pizza, chips, candy, and water
 - We needed about 15 pizzas last year.
 - Trying to get pizza donated. Great Smiles donated last year, so we will reach out to them.
- Mrs. B can help DJ but we need an age appropriate and fun playlist.
 - Natalie Knauer offered to make the play list
- Cash boxes needed
 - One for pictures and 2 for concessions
- Pictures
 - Brandi Herron did this last year and will do it again this year.
 - She will need a 5th grade parent to help, so they will know what to do next year.
 - Meredith Switzer, a 5th grade parent offered to help
 - Will need some decorations for the backdrop
 - Need a small scrapbook photo cutter to cut the photos into strips. GeGe Sinclair may have one.

d) Talent Show—Thursday, April 25th

- Mrs. B. will probably need help, especially with managing the stage
- PTO sold concessions last year.
 - Hot dogs, chips, candy, water
- Students need more help/training with the microphone. Emcee's included.

VII. PTO Leadership Planning for 2019-2020

- Who plans on serving on the PTO next year? Please let Meredith Switzer know if you plan on returning and if you would like to switch positions.

- Please help recruit anyone who you think may be interested.
- There will be a meeting at Well Bred on March 15th to invite possible new PTO Members to.
 - *Please join us for a small group discussion set for Friday, March 15th at 8:00am at Well Bred*

VIII. Other Business—All

- Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 8:00am in the Media Center.
 - At this meeting we will have a list of open positions.
- Box Tops—GeGe Sinclair
 - So far, we have raised about \$815
 - Our goal is \$1200
 - Need to make a 2nd submission this Spring
 - Official deadline for them is October of next year, but we will do one more submission this year
 - Mr. Wise will add a request to the all call
 - Maybe have a simple, little contest (popcorn, extra recess, etc.) to motivate students to bring them in.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04am