

Nord PTO Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2021
Walter G. Nord School

Meeting came to order @ 6:02

Principal/Teacher Report: Ms. Jiovanazzo

-Mrs. Kovach saw on Facebook that the senior center is in need of items for 50 baskets Christmas

-donations will be accepted Dec. 1-10 and information will go out to parents in Nord News

-Lisa Michaels volunteered to help by speaking with the director of the center and suggested looking for items at dollar stores

President Report: Amanda Messer

-district-wide staff appreciation dinners were suggested at last meeting, but Mr. Tellier, the high school principal, said they already had donations lined up for their next conferences

Treasurer Report: Darcie Parsons

-only one outstanding check

-purchased parts for two 9-squares games for the playground for \$400

-directed us to refrain from purchasing gift cards over \$10 because it could potentially put the PTO's 501 C3 status at risk

-buying gift cards for teachers is more of an issue, less of an issue for student prizes

Maro's Pizza Fundraiser: Darcie Parsons

-\$319.47 raised in November

-next date is 12/1

Reading Club: Amanda Messer

-November calendars due back 12/3 and prizes were ordered

Staff Appreciation: Kimi Allen

-mini pies and coffee bar for November

-December ideas discussed

-about \$2,500 left in budget for this item according to Treasurer Darcie Parsons

-reminder that Kona ice truck in the spring comes out of testing rewards budget, not staff appreciation budget

-hot cocoa bar being considered

-need items for approximately 70 staff members, Ms. Jiovanazzo will make sure of exact number

PBIS: Amanda Beres

-containers for rewards purchased last month

- will discuss teacher gift card alternatives with Mr. Stevens
- can accept parent donations for rewards store
 - Jessica Glowacki suggests grab bag items from craft store like card games, etc.
- enough parent volunteers for the store through Dec., new sign up will be sent out in Jan.
- may try rewards auction in the future

Community Support: Amanda Beres

- murals being made in art classes for local police and fire departments for November/December project
 - may be able to use transport van to deliver to the police department during the day, but an evening delivery may be necessary for fire department

Book Fair: Amanda Messer

- October Book Fair brought in \$2,039.58 profit
 - \$750 (\$1500 Scholastic dollars) given to librarian Mrs. Wagner in order to purchase new books

Fundraising: Darcie Parsons

- Walk-A-Thon will be in May
- looking into Cleveland Monsters game in February with Powers and AJH PTOs
- Amanda Messer brought up considering a pepperoni roll fundraiser but since there are already a lot of fundraising activities on the schedule, we will revisit next year
- spring apparel sale with Powers and AJH PTOs
- AJH PTO looking into a Mama Jo's Pies fundraiser in the spring around Easter, Nord and Powers PTOs could also participate

Future Meetings:

- next meeting will be on 12/9 in the Nord Meeting Center and via Zoom at 6pm

Room Parent Questions: Ms. Giovanazzo

- room parents will help to get other parent volunteers for February classroom parties
- Ms. Giovanazzo will make sure questionnaires go out all parents and relevant information will be passed on to room parents
- room parents don't have to attend all parties and are encouraged to get as many parents involved as possible
- Stephanie Jenkins wanted to make sure about specific room parent duties
- Stacy Bruce and Lisa Michaels brought up issues with Sign Up Genius email issues with signing up for winter parties
- winter parties will be Dec. 21 (10:30-11:40 for 5th grade, 11:50-1:00 for 4th grade due to working around lunch and recess)
- grandparents can sign up to volunteer

- parents from other classrooms and specials teachers can fill open spots at parties, if necessary
- there will be extra games in the office for back up
- parent volunteers can take their children home after the parties if they would like
 - attendance would be docked one hour for 5th graders since their parties end earlier

Wrap Up:

- Amanda Messer thanked everyone for attending
- Ms. Jiovanazzo said it was the highest turnout for a Nord PTO meeting since she's been principal
- Darcie Parsons handed out updated budgets
- Lisa Jenkins motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Stephanie Jenkins