



WALTER G. NORD SCHOOL

Nord PTO Meeting Minutes October 10, 2022

Meeting order: 9:03am

Attendance:

Teri Burich
Stacy Bruce
Michelle Barb
Darcie Parsons

Chuck Grimmatt
Ashley Harigan
Kimi Allen
Morgan Wachholz (zoom)

Camara Thompson (zoom)
Amanda Dougherty

Principal Report: Mrs. Harigan

- Thank you for bookfair. Teachers were thrilled with volunteers. Tax help, etc.
- Mr. Grimmatt, Building & Grounds Admin – Joined us to explain building/grounds update process.
 - Outdoor classroom – Update
 - School year 21/22 - Some important steps were missed in the planning stages and the outdoor classroom/memorial garden project we'd planned for was determined to be too costly. PTO contribution wouldn't be enough to cover what we had planned.
 - For future projects, any building/grounds projects, Mr. Grimmatt would need to be brought in from the beginning planning stages.
 - Mr. Grimmatt would like a drawing of some kind. A map of Google Earth with a hand drawn sketch of what we are thinking. Then he can run past the Superintendent, Board of Education to get approval from the Treasurer, etc. Then one approved we can determine cost share between PTO and the District. Once all of that is approved, he can get in touch with a contractor to quote project.
- Change of plans: After lengthy discussion about the origins and intentions for the outdoor classroom/memorial garden project, PTO threw around ideas that would be better suited to our students and building needs.
 - Morgan W – project started as memorial benches project; would we be able to scale back to that?
 - Benches \$1000ish.
 - Treetop (The company the district has used to purchase other benches)
 - Like to get JVS involved any way possible.
 - Darcie P suggested perhaps putting in a second Gaga Ball pit
 - Materials, could we get the turf donated, reach out to JVS to help put it in?
 - Need concrete around gaga ball pit – quote was \$3200
 - Perhaps use funds raised from The Harlem Wizards game for Gaga Ball concrete
 - Proposal to revise plans from outdoor classroom to:
 - Putting in a 2nd Gaga Ball pit and a permanent 9 Square In The Air
 - Benches near playground equipment
 - Possibly some picnic tables
- **Vote to make a 2nd Gaga Ball and colorful benches in memory of those lost. Concrete for Gaga Ball, add permanent 9 square.**
 - Teri B made a motion to approve, Kimi A seconded. Motion carried.
 - Mrs. Harigan will talk to Mr. Grimmatt (he'd left by this time) about mapping layout of location and concrete costs. PTO will price out Gaga Ball and 9 square concrete and benches.
- Laminator – Request for PTO to purchase new one, An Altima 55 or 65. \$2050 (2 yr warranty) 55 is \$1958 – shipping 250ish.

- **Motion to add a line item for Miscellaneous Requests for \$5000 by Teri B, 2nd by Morgan W. Motion carries.**
- **Motion to vote on purchasing laminator by Teri B, 2nd by Morgan W., motion carries.**

President Report: *Stacy Bruce*

- **Vote to waive the reading of minutes.**
 - **Motion to waive the reading of the September 2022 minutes made by: Teri Burich**
 - **Motion seconded by: Kimi Allen**
 - **Motion: carries**
- Book Fair October 3rd-7th
 - Went well. Grant total \$4809.09 cash. \$17.91 donation. Credit card sales?
 - What to do with the money?
 - Scholastic \$ - some to Library, Mrs. Wagner
 - ELA staff the rest.
 - 50% of scholastic \$ for Mrs. Wagner, 50% to 9 ELA staff.
- Teacher grant requests –
 - Discussed changing Teacher Grants to require staff be members in order to be eligible for grant
 - Mrs. Harigan to send out email about membership, moving forward to receive a grant must be a paid member.
 - After consideration, PTO will not require grantees to be paid PTO members at this time.
 - Maybe next year have a small meet & greet with staff and ask them to join PTO.
 - Bachman – requesting \$75-\$125 4th grade math to purchase “24 Math game”. Practice for competition. Wants by Nov. Benefits the entire class or 3 students selected.
 - Bailey - \$80-\$100 for 5th grade math, 24 card game.
 - Harigan & Mullens (pd) – Camp Nord supplies – tie dye, caramel apples \$246.53
 - 4th grade social studies - \$200 – production of American Revolution. \$20/class. 10 classes. \$200
 - Motion to approve all grants – Teri 1st, Kimi 2nd motion carries

Treasurer Report: *Darcie Parsons*

- Bank Balance - \$40,352.87
- QuickBooks Balance - \$40,176.62
- Outstanding Balance - \$176.25

Secretary: *Amanda Dougherty*

- Please sign attendance sheet

Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser: OPEN (Darcie Parsons until position is filled)

- 10/4 Pizza Night – Liming was the winner and we raised \$216.79!
- Marco’s sending the \$1000 check they owed use for school year 21/22
- Remaining Marco’s nights are 11/1, 12/6, 1/3, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2.

Membership: *Darcie Parsons*

- Need to be a paid member to vote and hold a chair/co-chair position
- Forms are online and paper form going home with students
 - Using Cheddar Up & Paper format
- Donut Party Winners: 5th Liming 10, 4th Bachman (8) Donuts 10/10/22
- Suggest that staff need to be paid members to qualify for grants
 - Voted
 - Later put on hold pending further discussion.

Reading Club: *Amanda Messer*

- 87 September logs turned in for prizes Halloween bookmark
- Oct prize – Fall/Thanksgiving prizes

Staff Appreciation: *Kimi Allen*

- September Events Update: pencils & sharpies
- October: Restocking the teachers lounges with snacks and coffee.
- Conferences – Updates?
 - 10/13 - Long conference night – “Our staff is souper”. Chili & Broccoli Cheddar, baked potato – salads, desserts, signup genius
 - Add to go bowls
 - November – Pie Bar
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PBIS *Mr. Doehr/Michelle Barb*

- Raffle – aren’t getting anything for their points so kids are like “whatever”
- Comet Impact Committee – qualifies for raffle. Some staff have started teacher stores (experiences, not stuff)
 - Some staff having stores isn’t fair to kids in classes that don’t have teacher stores.
 - It’s a change from last year kids need to adjust to new process. Hard for 5th graders because they were around last year.
 - Point consistency.
 - Stuffed animal passes were great and motivating.

Community Support: *Teri Burich (teri@danbinford.com)*

- Second Harvest Food Drive – Update
 - Temp gages
 - Teri will pick up food each Friday and weigh it.
 - Teri can color or someone in staff could
 - Box in main office
 - Lunch announcements

Community Fundraising: *Darcie Parsons* 276 online tix sold. 30 paper tix.

- Play wizards clip during lunchtime
 - Signup asking for raffle boxes
 - Posters for businesses

Open Discussion

Future Meeting Dates: Next meeting will be November 14th at 9:00am (rescheduled - no school on 11/7)

Meeting adjourned: 11:11am