



Nord PTO Meeting Minutes ~ January 9, 2023

Important Dates

January

9 - PTO Mtg @ 9am
13 - No school
16 - No school

February

7 - Chick-Fil-A D2D 5p-8p
13 - PTO Mtg @ 9am
16 - Conferences 3:35p-9:05p
17 - No school
20 - No school

March

13 - PTO Mtg @ 9am
17 - No school

Meeting order: 9:06am

Attendance:

S. Bruce

H. Pearch

M. Wachholz

C. Thompson

A. Guzman

T. Burich

A. Harigan

K. Allen

D. Parsons

A. Dougherty

A. Messer

Principal Report: Mrs. Harigan

- 2 requests for scholastic book money
- Kindness crew is doing the coin drive
 - See more info below in Community Support
- Benches – Ordered design with handlebars on sides, 8 ft, 3 of them.
 - Will need concrete poured for the legs. Order placed, should be here and installed before the end of April - \$3117.75
- New Gaga pit with concrete – not as muddy. Gloves helping. Mr. Hembre washes the gloves and rotates them back to the aide's desk.

President Report: S. Bruce

- Vote to waive the reading of minutes.
 - Motion to waive the reading of the December 2022 minutes made by: **T. Burich**
 - Motion seconded by: **H. Pearch**
 - Motion: **carries**
- Bylaw Vote
 - **T. Burich motions to approve, M. Wachholz seconds – all in favor, carried.**
- Teacher grant requests
Chandler Kremer: \$139.80 for 20 gratitude journals. 4th & 5th grade students participating as individuals (check-ins) or groups (lunch bunch) will be able to write in their own journal weekly.
Amazon - (\$6.99) 3 Minute Gratitude Journal for Kids: A Journal to Teach Children to Practice Gratitude and Mindfulness

Diana Beetler: \$200 for 4th grade to see the musical history lesson of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad offered by Playhouse Square. It will be streamed February 27-March 17. It is \$20 per class.

Pear Deck Subscription: four 5th grade teachers request the premium subscription. Price per teacher is \$149.99 Best option for the rest of this school year. Add to the budget for next school year?

- **School had it in their budget prior to last year. Survey went out and not enough were using it so they canceled it.**
- **School is going to renew the subscription so PTO can remove the grant request.**

Vote on grant requests – Motion to approve all grants by H. Pearch. Motion to approve, T. Burich seconded, all in favor, yes, no one opposed, motion carries.

Treasurer Report: D. Parsons

- Bank Balance - \$39,504.97
- QuickBooks Balance - \$39,215.78

- Outstanding Balance - \$289.19 (K. Allen - Dec staff appreciation)
- **Vote to increase grant budget to \$3000, H. Pearch motioned, T. Burich seconded. All in favor, motion carries.**

Secretary: A. Dougherty

- Please sign attendance sheet

Membership: D. Parsons

- Need to be a paid member to vote and hold a chair/co-chair position

Apparel Sale: A. Dougherty

- Should see another check in January
- Any new requests?
 - Pajama pants – couldn't get the right designs

Social Events: M. Barb

- Dates: **4/28 Boys and 4/29 Girls**
- Glow/Neon theme
 - **Black up lighting – Kimi has this**

Marco's/Dine to Donate: OPEN (D. Parsons until position is filled)

- Marco's ~ Remaining Marco's nights are 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2
 - Paid for Nov, waiting on Oct, Dec & Jan. Jan winner is Backman.
- Chick-Fil-A – First dine to donate is February 7th from **5:00p-8:00p**
 - **Send flier home week of January 30th**
 - Need volunteers to staff during the whole time, children welcome
 - Signup genius for volunteers before relying on regular meeting attendees
- New D2D locations update?
 - Chipotle – S. Bruce - Gives back 33% of pre-tax proceeds. Must bring in a minimum sale of \$150 (avg of 15-20 people) in order to receive a check. Current available dates: April 1-5, 11-12, 15-19, 22-26, 29-30, May 1-3, 7. Times: 4-8pm or 5-9pm
 - **Tuesday, April 25th – 5p-9p**
 - Romeo's Pizza – A. Dougherty → Scheduled for 3/23 (20% of all sales that day)
 - Sal & Al's – T. Burich → **Interested, needs to maybe May**
 - Little Caesars – C. Thompson → **Need to talk to HR**
 - Penn Station - C. Thompson → **Needed to talk to HR but also needed a flier, which we sent**
 - Five Guys - C. Thompson → **Needed to talk to HR but also needed a flier, which we sent**
 - DWC (Detroit Wing Stop) - C. Thompson → **Just opened last weekend, will find out.**

Reading Club: A. Messer

- Prizes have been ordered for Dec and January
 - **Update – ordering February and March prizes**

Staff Appreciation: K. Allen

- Updates
 - **December – breakfast w/ coffee – buddy the elf theme.**
 - **Wrapping paper, tape & ribbon gift, breakfast.**
 - **January – 19th is national popcorn day**
 - **Popcorn & Pop**
 - **February – conference dinner**
 - **March – rainbows/luck, maybe raffle**
 - **April – Easter, maybe a school supply hunt**
 - **Tote**
 - **May – Theme for staff appreciation possible**
 - **Best teachers in the world**
 - **Wizard of Oz**



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- Outer space
- Jungle
- Board games
- Beach/luau
- Camping
- Rainbow
- Harry potter
- Star Wars

Community Support: T. Burich

- Penny Wars - Run by The Kindness Crew (Liming & Kramer)
 - Donation location – Kids picked an animal shelter. PTO chose Multi Breed Rescue (MBR Farm)
 - Dates – January 30 – Feb 3
 - Kindness Crew will send home letter with details
 - Goal is \$1500
 - Kindness Crew suggested \$3000 goal PTO suggests \$2000
 - Prize is a treat for the entire school (regardless of participation) when the drive is over.
 - Total headcount needed
 - Collection jars/boxes for each room – used pencil boxes in the PTO cabinet last year. Will check how many we have and get additional if we need to.
 - PTO can't count money each day – if classrooms can count, we can announce/advertise
 - Collections need to be in by 9am on 2/3/23 so D. Parsons can take it to the bank.

Walk-a-Thon/Kona Ice: D. Parsons, S. Bruce & T. Burich

- May 19th with rain date May 26th
- Booked with Pat @ Kona Ice. Avail 5/19, not avail rain date 5/26. Different rain date? Ask Kona if he's available May 23rd or 24th and possible switch if it works with Nord schedule.
- Flyers for Walk a Thon should go home by May 5th.

Field Day: M. Wachholz

- 4th Grade - May 31st in the afternoon
- 5th Grade - May 30th in the afternoon
 - *Awards Ceremonies will be opposite field day for both grades
- T-Shirts
 - Mrs. Harigan was going to discuss colors with staff. Update?
 - Colors/Design ideas: 5th grade will be Kelly green; 4th grade will be gold. Kara Glowacki will have the design ready by the end of March. Teachers will gather shirt sizes.
 - Art contest for shirts. Kelly green & gold. All youth sizes and adult sizes. Home Team Apparel needs 4 weeks to make shirts. Need a week to organize them.
 - \$4.75 per shirt
- M. Wachholz is meeting with Mrs. Harigan on Wed Jan 11th

Open Discussion:

- Any interest in fundraiser/social event by Mr. Doehr at Skate World
 - PTO pays for skate world rental, parents pay for actual skate rental
 - Yes, what date? He'll give us options for a date.

Future Meeting Dates: Next meeting will be February 13th at 9:00am

Meeting adjourned: 10:25am