

# Northridge PTO Meeting Minutes

## Northridge Zoom Meeting

September 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Dierdre at 6:32 PM. Motion to approve by Jenifer and Amanda second.

### In attendance

Dierdre Bostyan, Shonda Mertz, Gina Mckenzie, Jennifer Roth, Amanda Dodge, Toni Hostetler, Mandy Dendy, Jenifer Porter

No corrections to the August minutes. Motion for approval made by Mandy and Gina second.

### Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$22,436. There is an error on the attached sheet. We received \$28.38 from Coke Rewards and \$45.12 from Cash Wise Rewards. Motion to approve by Shonda and Toni second.

### Principal's Report

We are in our 2nd week of school. Things started off really well with the changes. It has been successful for our students.

Staff Development is coming up on the 28th. Teachers will focus on CHAMPS and STOIC for positive behavior and classroom management procedures. Staff will also be focusing on the behavior matrix and having teacher planning time.

Pictures will be on the 14th and 15th of October. We have a new photographer, Scherling Photography out of Fargo.

The Math Corp position is still open.

Northridge is a Title 1 school therefore we can partner with PTO for parent involvement opportunities and use Title 1 funds.

### Old Business

#### Face Masks

We have a vendor set up who is putting them together for all staff members. They will be here in a week or two. The total is \$522.00. The total includes the set up and shipping fees.

#### COVID Fund

We currently have hand sanitizer and cleaning sprays in all the classrooms. A sanitation sprayer is on order for a weekly deep cleaning in high traffic areas. At this time we do not have a need for PTO to purchase anything but may need things such as headphones in the future.

#### Back to School/Fall Bash

It is on hold. We will discuss at a future meeting.

### Teacher Allocations

Last year we spent about \$6,000. Full time received \$150, part time received \$75, brand new full time or moving grade levels received \$200. We have 1 new classroom teacher and 2 new full time specialists this school year. 1 new part time in Title 1. Gina will get the checks to teachers either at the end of September or beginning of October. Motion to approve the same amount as last year with a cap at \$6,000. Motion for approval by Gina and seconded by Amanda.

### PTO Funded Student Activities

Chess Club is on hold for the elementary level as of now. If we transition into green, we can relook at this opportunity. Junior Achievement has an online option that can be looked into further. All club sponsored events are on hold at this time during the yellow model. Shonda will check with other principals to find out when they are going to have club activities at their schools.

### Merchandise

Jennifer contacted two other companies, Range Printing and Coaches Choice. Range Printing is working on getting us some design ideas and prices. We will wait to decide on which company to go with until Range Printing comes back with their sample designs and prices.

### Dine and Donate

We made \$1890.00 last year. September 17th is Buffalo Wings and Rings Fundraiser night. It includes Curbside, Dine In, and Online orders. It will be put in the newsletter and posted to the Northridge Facebook page. A small flyer will be sent home with students in the hybrid model. Gina will send the flyer to Moni, so she can print and send home with students.

September 17th- Buffalo Wings and Rings

October 15th- Five guys

November 16th - Space Aliens

December 10th- Wings and Rings

### Raffle

We will talk about doing the raffle fundraiser in the spring and look into doing a different fundraiser this fall. We will be sending home a letter and envelope for families to put an optional donation of cash into. 100% of the money from this fall fundraiser will go to the PTO. Diedre will reach out to Solheim and Liberty PTOs to see how they have done this type of fundraising in the past.

### Fundraiser Baggies

Jennifer will get them ready and sent home with students this month.

### Additional Old Business

## **New Business**

### 5th Grade T-Shirts

Mrs. Diede said they plan on doing them this year. We will wait to hear from a 5th grade teacher for a request.

### Fundraisers

Other fundraiser options for the spring can be: Push Save and Art to Remember

Gina will get more information on School Store.

### Parent Teacher Conference Meals

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for the 19th and 20th of October. PTO will provide a meal for teachers on Monday, October 19th. Motion to approve \$250.00 for PTO sponsored teacher meal by Mandy and seconded by Amanda. Gina, Deirdre and Jennifer will call around to get prices.

### Additional New Business

The Vice President position is still open. If you are interested please email the PTO.

## **Next Meeting**

October 13, 2020, 6:30pm at Northridge or via Zoom (TBD).

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 by Gina and Jennifer second.

Minutes taken by Jennifer Roth.

**Thank you for coming and hope to see you at the next meeting!**

Dierdre Bostyan – President, Vacant - Vice President,

Jennifer Roth - Secretary, Gina McKenzie – Treasurer

## **Some ways you can volunteer this year with the PTO**

Please email the Northridge PTO if you see a way you would like to be involved.

- Help with an event. Chair one that you feel passionate about, help to plan an event with a group, or donate any time you might have to help, even if it just an hour.
- Sign up to bring food for conference meals (PTO sends out a sign up link)
- Help stuff packets for the Calendar raffle or another event.
- Help with collection or counting of box tops, coke rewards, etc.
- Help with Merchandise. Planning what Northridge needs are, or selling merchandise, or helping sort when the order comes in.
- Signing up to help staff the book fairs. ( PTO sends a link for this as well)
- Helping with the yearbook creation, gathering photos, etc.