

NORTHRIDGE PTO MINUTES

October 10, 2023

Call to Order: 6:48 PM

Parents/Teachers present: Jesse Huber (president), Brandi Soneson (vice president), Amber Estabrook (treasurer), Molly Enockson (Asst Principal), Jason Jonas (counselor), Zena Hogue, Kelly Jean Suchy, Jesse Bennett, Calli Scheller, Justin Weichel, Amanda Godfread (secretary)

Introductions:

Approval of Minutes:

- a. Jesse motioned to approve the minutes
- b. Brandi seconded
- c. Calli Scheller noted that her first name is missing and I
- d. Minutes were approved

Reports:

2. Principal's Report:

- a. Mrs. Enockson gave an overview of the Title 1 annual meeting information, including schoolwide components, curriculum, goals, family engagement, and contact information.
- b. Art from the Heart is going on right now.
- c. Conferences are next week, Oct 16-17 in 15 min blocks of time.
- d. Teachers just finished reviewing data this week from fall assessment testing to identify who needs extra support or enhancements.
- e. No school Thurs Oct 19, Fri Oct 20

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Amber reported there is \$4,459.56 in our budget presently
- b. Back to school bash used approx \$600
- c. Art from the Heart checks were not able to be cashed so Amber is working on getting that corrected.
- d. \$625 in checks to teachers have all been issued.
- e. Brandi clarified that the school store fundraiser that was just held does not run through PTO, but rather directly to the school.

Old Business:

1. **Back to school bash:** Attendance was strong, we had plenty of food but did run out of water. Zena mentioned that Art from the Heart and Theo Art School owners have conflict history, so while everything went smoothly, it would be better to just choose one in the future. Jesse noted she was clear with both entities that the other would be there and nothing was brought up in advance. Amber referenced that buns were brought late so she had her husband bring buns, so then we ended up with too many buns. Justin noted that we could ask McQuade Distributing for water next year. Calli noted that the food boats were a good addition this year.

2. **Conference meal:** Brandi state that Sign-up Genius was sent out and everything is covered. It was sent out via Northridge Notebook and Facebook.
3. Field trip guidelines/form: Nothing new to report.
4. Teacher allocations: Amber noted these were all taken care of as part of the Treasurer's report.

New Business:

1. Northridge School-Wide Title 1 Annual Fall Meeting: Mrs Enockson gave the update on this in the Principal's report.
2. Roaster: Jesse found a roaster at a garage sale for \$27 and requested being reimbursed. Brandi moved to reimburse, Amber seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
3. New Club: Mr Jonas reported that Northridge is beginning a kindness club that was sparked through Kindness Week last year. The Kindness Initiative was created a 501c3 non-profit partnering with BPS to "create opportunities for elementary students to positively impact their community through acts of kindness." This is also an evolution from Kamp Kindness. Participants would include 3-5th grade students with leadership potential to meet after school for 4-6 weeks - 4 weeks curriculum guided and 2 weeks student leadership led. This an upstart project so much may evolve but in a survey 50 students self-identified interest. Mr. Jonas will interview them and select 10-20 students to participate this first time. To begin November 6 on Mondays. It will be moved into Horizon Middle School next year.
4. Calendar raffle: Jesse passed around the proof of the ticket for all to review and asked what would be a good top-selling class prize in December. Mrs Enockson will double check whether a pizza party is ok with the school. Daily cash prizes will range between \$25-\$150. Top-seller student prize would be a \$250 Visa gift card. Brandi reported there are 403 students participating. Jesse said each will get 4 tickets to sell at \$10 each. Jesse is recommending we print 1800 tickets at approx \$353. Last school year we sold 1278 tickets but we need extra to buffer for those who do not turn their tickets back in to be resold. Kids will get their packets Nov 1. Selling is Nov 1-17, with everything turned in by 17th. Drawings are Nov 27-Dec 22.
5. Movie night: Jesse would like to hold a movie night in November but she doesn't have the time to organize it. Mrs Walz's husband wants to do the sound and Mrs. Clausen will do the screen. Amanda offered to do the fall event and Zena offered to do one in the spring. Jesse suggested the Kindness Club could run concessions and have the proceeds as seed money for their efforts. Targeting December 8 as a date. Jesse will double check that with Mrs Mertz.
6. Dine and donate
 - a. Blaze pizza
 - b. Wings and rings
 - c. Brunos
 - d. Laughing sun
 - e. Calli suggested we contact McDonalds. Miller Elementary does it and works at the restaurant and it went well.
7. Teacher requests
 - a. Popcorn machine (Mrs. Allen) - Tabled until next month
8. 5th grade tshirts (Grace and Gayle) - Miss Deide was asked to come but wasn't able to. Discussed doing the order earlier, but no decisions were made.

9. Playground balls - tabled until November
10. Penguin patch: Jesse noted this was a lot of work last year and items got broken that needed to be replaced so it was challenging to run. So for now, we will skip this.

Announcements:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 14, 2023 @ 6:45 PM in the Northridge Cafeteria

President- Jesse Huber, VP- Brandi Sonneson, Secretary- Amanda Godfread, Treasurer- Amber Estabrook

Meeting adjourned 7:49 PM