

NORTHRIDGE PTO MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Call to Order: 6:45pm

Parents/Teachers present: Jesse Huber (president), Brandi Sonneson (vice president), Amber Estabrok (treasurer), Amanda Godfread (secretary), Mrs. Sagsveen, Pat Schuett, Mrs Nodland, Ms Belohlavek, Mr Jonas, Mrs Bentz, Ms Mertz.

Introductions:

Approval of Minutes:

- a. Jesse motioned to approved the minutes
- b. Brandi seconded
- c. Unanimous approval

Reports:

1. Principal's Report

- a. SIPS field trip focused on the arts. In the near future, 1st grade will go to Central Dakota Children's Choir, 2nd grade to a ballet, and Kindergarten will see a play that is yet to be determined. Third grade saw the opera already, 4th grade will see the symphony, and fifth grade will go to see a band concert.
- b. Fifth graders will go to Horizon on Jan 18 or 19 to tour the school and see all that's ahead for them.
- c. Trimester 1 ends this week and progress reports will be sent out the week of Nov 27.
- d. Positive acknowledgment for students are outlined in the Handbook but include a Superstar and I Was Caught tickets (need 20 to get a prize).
- e. The outside temperature policy has shifted to be indoor recess at -10 rather than -15.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Currently have \$9,697.39 in the account, waiting for 2 checks for \$50. Amber unknowingly wrote 3 bad checks - one to Theo Arts, one to Art from the Heart, one to City of Bismarck because she thought the blanks were still current and they were from an old account. She had donated \$50 to cover two of the fees. Amber deposited \$500 from Basin Electric for their donation, which will go toward a sponsored event at the school. For the Calendar Raffle, we've deposited \$4,983.89. Amber also gave Brandi a shout out for staying late at school to correct a mistake in Calendar Raffle ticket distribution.

Old Business:

1. **Teacher allocations:** The checks are all out and until any checks go past the date they can be deposited, we won't know if there is any follow-up. At that time, Amber will follow up.
2. **Calendar raffle:** Staff and parents are asking for more tickets. The deadline for turning in unsold tickets is Nov 17, but if anyone turns in sold stubs, that's ok up to Nov 27, which is the first day of the drawing. Brandi has been sending out lots of reminders and will continue this week to help wrap things up and account for the tickets. The group discussed offering extra recess/free choice for classes that have all tickets accounted for. Ms. Mertz asked Brandi to send out that message to the school and that the incentive will occur next week. Brandi will also send the list of tickets that aren't turned in to teachers so they can address those specific students.

3. **Movie night:** Movie will be December 8, showing The Search for Santa Paws. Parents are required to attend with students. Guests should bring blankets and chairs on their own. We will not have the polar patch at the same time, so that should lessen disruptions. For clean up, we ask that attendees help. For concessions, the Kindness Club will run the sales. Jesse explained that in the past, PTO had donated seed money to buy water, fruit snacks, etc, and Ground Round donated the popcorn. Jesse agreed to reach out to Ground Round about the popcorn and get it to school.
 - a. Amanda moved that the PTO allocate \$50 in seed money to the Kindness Club for concessions that will be paid back from their profits.
 - b. Amber seconded the motion.
 - c. Unanimous approval

Tickets will be available starting Nov 29 at the school office in the morning.

4. **Blaze pizza dine and donate:** \$121.17

5. **5th grade t-shirts**

Student shirts - Getting Grace & Gayle shirts, same as last year, \$10/shirt. We are getting them now so students can wear them a little longer than just at the end of the year.

- a. Jesse made a motion to purchase 90 5th grade shirts for \$900.
- b. Mrs. Sagsveen seconded the motion.
- c. Unanimous approval.

Teacher shirts - Jesse will ask the 5th grade teachers if they want one that says Class of like the kids or a generic one they can wear year over year.

Extra shirts - a few extras will be purchased for new comers or those that lose them.

6. **Kindness club:** Mr Jonas will have a handout for kids to explain what the club is and directs them to an online form to be part of it. About 20 kids will be taken to begin with and possibly have another round after Christmas. He has talked to all the classes and later this week is dropping off the flyers in the classrooms to remind them. A Little Free Library has been proposed as their project for the year. Mr Jonas is also asking for money from the PTO for food on the Kindness Week Kindness cart, which would take place tomorrow. He has a class lined up to organize it and distribute, but doesn't have the funds. Last year \$150 was given to buy snacks and drinks for the cart. The Cart goes to every class and the adults are the ones who get to choose to show kids that we appreciate the adults.
 - a. Jesse made the motion to donate \$75 to support the Kindness Cart
 - b. Amanda seconded the motion
 - c. Unanimous approval

PTO also agreed to donate the remainder of our chips from the Back-to-School Bash to the Kindness Club to be used on the Kindness Cart and for Movie Night concessions.

New Business:

1. **Panda Express Dine and donate** - Dec.6th - All day from 11am - 8pm

Other ideas: Wings and Rings, Brunos, Pizza Hut

2. **Teacher requests**

- a. Popcorn machine (Mrs. Allen): Ms Belohlavek spoke on behalf of the social committee that they would like to have a machine to continue the idea of the Kindness cart throughout the year, start "popcorn Fridays" allowing students to buy popcorn as they leave the school or can be eaten outside. PTO could also use it for events like Movie Night. They range from \$200-\$400 and the social committee would be responsible for popping, selling, cleaning. Before moving forward, PTO would like to know what specific maker the committee wants or at least a few choices, how/where it will be stored, what the plan is for cleaning it, etc.

3. Event calendar - Nothing to report here

4. Playground balls - Brandi reported that the balls are locked up for the season once it snowed because they are not being picked up or cleaned and are getting lost over the fence. Now that it's nicer again, the

consideration was made to allow a few back on the playground assigned to each grade. Ms. Mertz suggested we put a few balls in the bins and that a student in the Meaningful Work program could monitor the K-2 bins to ensure some move over to the 3-5 bin.

5.

Ms Mertz motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Bentz second. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Announcements:

PTO meeting will resume January 12 at 6:45pm

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