

Northley PTL Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7th, 2022

Call Meeting to Order

Welcome Everyone / Introductions - Andrea Griffith

- Welcome to our first in-person meeting

Principal's Report - Mr. Buterbaugh

- Thank you for coming out tonight. We have had a great start at Northley. Dr. Steinhoff and Dr. Kuminka were there on the first day to greet the students, so we were off to a positive start. We appreciate the support of the parents.
- There was a staff breakfast provided by the PTL. That was a great start after a summer break. Thank you so much for that.
- We hope all the students had positive feedback.
- School district just hired some lifeguards. The pool is open again post-COVID.
- We are focused on security, and we have a police officer that's present at the school, and interacts with the students. He's a former Penn-Delco student. There's a sign in the parking lot that visitors have to report to the main office. We are making sure our kids are safe. We also have a security guard. In the next week, we are going to have a fire drill. The drill will probably be next Thursday. We will also have a lockdown drill that we have twice a year.
- The quarterly exams are now more flexible. They are not on certain dates. There's a range of when the exams will be.
- Diagnostics will be given to students, and parents will get the results this year and an explanation of how the students did. This way parents can see how their children are doing. Diagnostics are given two times a year and are a way for teachers to see how their students are doing. (CDT Testing)
- Questions:
 - Do we need clearances - Are my clearances good through all buildings? The principal said yes, and Dr. Kuminka's secretary has a list of clearances on file and you can check with her.
 - Are the kids changing for gym this year and will they have gym lockers? The principal said no, he doesn't think they are changing this year. He believes it's the same relaxed policy as last year. However, another parent chimed in regarding her 6th grader and that Mr. Campbell said they are changing and will be getting lockers. They also need deodorant. They will be swimming this year though. However, the gym teacher will give them a lot of notice about it.

Teacher Representative's Report - Mrs. Taylor

- I'm Kate Taylor, am an 6th grade learning support teacher. My kids live in the district.
- Thank you so much for the breakfast. It was so nice to have it for our first building day and snack on it for a few days.

- It is nice that all the students are back together in the cafeteria.
- We're trying to get all activities up and running.
- \$5 donation for a postcard for your student for PBIS. PBIS appreciates all your support to get rewards for the students. Your donations really help with us.
- We're going to wear the t-shirts everyone received this Friday, 9/9. Please anytime anything comes up, see myself or Mrs. Ventura.
- Mr. B-We have extra shirts in the office if anyone needs them.
- Everyone should have their hall pass with them, keep it in their lockers (assignment books that haven't arrived as of yet). We also encourage students to charge their chrome book at home the night before.

Treasurer's Report- Lisa Jennings

- Savings Account: \$1,392.11
- Balance in our checking account at end of the school year was: \$7,941.86
- Balance as of today is: \$7,415.44
- Money was spent for the breakfast (estimating around \$500 when all is said and done), as well as supplies for current/future hospitality events.
- We are waiting on an invoice for cookies that were given to the teachers along with a free drink or snack coupon as a "Tag, You're It" gift. These were put in their mailboxes last week.
- Dues are coming in via Venmo (roughly \$2500 as of now) and cash (roughly \$300 as of now).
- We are also collecting for donations for PBIS, these are slowly coming in. \$5 as of last Friday.

Business

- Back to School Breakfast for Staff - We had the back-to-school breakfast for the staff last week. It was in the cafeteria. There was a lot of food, and they liked it and it worked out well.
- Box Tops - We have the Box Tops fundraiser. This is ongoing. There's a flyer attached to your agenda this evening. Make sure to switch your school to Northley.
- Open Committees - Treasurer for next year - can shadow this year. 6th/7th Grade Haunted Hallway and dance next year - can shadow this year. Will also need a VP, as current VP will move into the Presidential role.
- Membership Dues - We request \$10 a family. Please Venmo or send in cash. We don't accept checks.
- Fall Events - Haunted Hallway/Dance and Haunted Hayride - We do a Haunted Hallway and a dance. Last year we did it outside because of Covid. We were able to make it free last year. This year it will be in the cafeteria, and is for 6th and 7th graders. \$5 per person (as it always was). This helps offset food and DJ costs.

Gina Leiby-It's in the hallway where the music room. They come through the hallway, and it is decorated. We need volunteers to set up. There will be a signup sheet to volunteer for Haunted Hallway. The dance will be in the cafeteria, and it is very hot. We are getting snack donations. A sign-up genius will go around. There will be a photo booth in the hallway. In the past we also did an individually wrapped sweets table. There will be check in table. will need parents to be security people (although admin will be on site). We will need the doors and bathrooms manned. We also need chaperones inside the doors. I have reached out to a couple DJs. Please

let me know if you know of any DJs. We're still going to do the candy bags for each kid. We are also seeing if we can get some Wawa drink donations. If you're going to volunteer, we would like you to come in at 3:00 PM. The signup genius will be a link in the email newsletter from Northley. We will have a committee meeting and wrap brown boxes the day before.

Andrea- We will send home a hard copy permission slip and will post one via Google. Please note your child's name, grade, and the reason for payment when you pay on Venmo.

- 8th Grade Information -They go on a trip to Arasapha (Bates Motel). It is on October 14th, rain-date, October 21st. We need 7 chaperones for 100 kids. We will send out more information on that. Allyson Garrity and Andrea Griffith will head up 8th grade activities.

Winter/Spring Formal-The winter formal is 12/9 and the Spring one is 5/19. At the end of year, they have an awards ceremony (the school is in charge of that) and have a catered breakfast at hall. They will take a bus. We try to get 6th and 7th parents to head the check-in tables for the 2 formals.

8th Grade Fundraising – Designer Bag Bingo (February), Board and Brush (Spring), possibly reopen the FB raffle page.

- General Fundraising - We did a poinsettia fundraiser in December last year. Spirit Nights will be determined throughout the year. We rely on the \$10 family dues. Box Tops is also ongoing.
- The PTL pays for the teacher events, food for the nurse's office, leggings and t-shirts. We also provide money for the 8th grade award ceremony. We cover a lot of things, so we really appreciate all your support. You don't have to come to every meeting to help out.
- Our next meeting is October 5th. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30.
- September 23rd is a half day, and the PBIS fundraiser walk is that day.
- Questions - Do you have any other activities for the kids?

Andrea - We'll do them spring, one for 6th grade and one for 7th grade. These are parent-led activities. Maybe in the pool, or an ice-skating event. Parent- We could have a pool night. We have a lot of Aston Elementary parents who would chaperone.

Thank you so much for coming out tonight. We appreciate your support!!!!

We want to thank our volunteers for all their efforts!

If you have any questions, please email us at northleymstpl@gmail.com and

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