



Northley PTL Meeting Agenda



Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

Call Meeting to Order

Welcome Everyone / Introductions

Andrea Griffith

Welcome! It's December, and there's a lot going on this month

Principal's Report:

Mr. Alutius

. We made it through without any huge changes. We were able to stay the course. After Halloween, the kids really started settling in and seemed like they were getting used to getting back into school again. It's been a delight this last month. We have the only auditorium right now. Elementary schools are pitching in too and taking on certain events. We were able to configure some more tables in the cafeteria. We also use the hallway and the lab for lunch. The kids in the lab have their own hideaway, which is kind of neat. Kids have handled it well. We have been strategic that friends still get to sit together if they had to go into the lab. But that was the biggest change we've had to do since day 1. The resilience of the children has been outstanding. We have a great group of kids. We have our middle school situations as kids grow and develop, and we deal with that. There are regular things that happen, but overall we have 800 great kids. That's why we have the best school in Delco because the kids are great and they're doing well. I tweeted out a conference, and a young boy said that his goal is to do his best work, to try to do his best every day.

Our sports are up and going, and there will be a few events in December. In middle school sports, it can sometimes be the first time that they don't make a team. It can be tough on kids when they don't make a team, and we try to help them through that. It can be a difficult time if they don't make it. We teach them to be resilient and try again. We try to put together a team that has the best chance of winning, which means cutting kids and coaches feel bad about that.

Next week is finally the return of live music! The chorus and band will be performing. There are a limited amount of tickets, but we will put it on Youtube. It's been a long time since we played live. That will be on Tuesday and Thursday next week.

Sprit week also will be coming up. Friday, November award winners will be announced. It will be 3 per grade. Looking ahead into January, we will do diagnostics to see where there are gaps and how kids are progressing. When they get back, there will be CDT test in Math and Reading. Towards the end of the marking period, there will be quarterlies. Kids have to keep their grades up for sports.

Our Drama club will have their musical in January. Another event that is happening is our Robotics club. They compete against other schools. Everyone is welcome. It started today, and all grades are welcome.

DCIU told us that Reading Olympics will take place this year. Our reading olympics teams has started meeting. Our spelling bee will happen this year. Also, the Math 24 competition will also be happening this year.

We are aware that for some kiddos December isn't a happy time. We have counselors here to help and support them. They can reach out to any adult and they can give them the support they need.

Teacher Representative's Report: Mrs. Taylor

Thanks to everyone who came out for conferences. The student led thing can be a little terrifying for the 6th graders, but we like to encourage them to advocate to themselves.

Also thank you to everyone who supported the walkathon. It was a little chilly but we had a great turnout and support.

For sports, we encourage kids to try another sport if they don't make a sport. You can try swimming or another sport. The swim team is a really nice community because it brings boys and girls together. The swim team is low pressure because there's not any meets until January or February. It's a great way to introduce a new sport.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Jennings

Savings Account- \$1391.81

Checking Account- \$10,531.93

-No outstanding checks.

-Waiting on invoice from transportation depot for buses to hayride.

-Money is coming in for the poinsettia sale. \$475 in Venmo as of today.

Business:

1. 6th/7th Graveyard Bash Debrief- We ended up with 430 kids. It was cold, but fun!
2. Fundraising Update – Poinsettia Sale- Get orders in by Dec. 15th
3. Holiday Teacher Luncheon – 12/22
4. 8th Grade Update- We had a meeting after the winter dance was cancelled. We calmed everyone down and said that we'll plan for an outdoor spring event. The kids will definitely still get to enjoy everything. We talked about fundraising a little bit, but we're not sure what we're doing yet. We may do a Bingo night. Everything is still hit or miss with COVID.
-We may do Spirit nights in the Spring for 6th and 7th grade separately. Our next meeting is January 5th, right after we come back.

5. Questions

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

We want to thank our volunteers for all their efforts!

Any questions please email us @ northleymstl@gmail.com and

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