

## **PTO General Meeting #1 Agenda September 18, 2024**

- I. President's Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.
  
- II. Treasury & Budget Update
  - o Trivia night will be the bulk of our income this year. In addition, Progressing North funds many of the initiatives. Expecting to come in just under \$48K based off those two, plus a small amount from Spirit Wear.
  
  - o Trivia night will be December 6<sup>th</sup> this year instead of January/February
  
  - o Planning on spending more than we expect to bring in; however, we are starting the year with a surplus in our activity and enhancement reserve (about \$40K) so we are comfortable with the current deficit that is projected.
    - We have made \$6K so far for Progressing North and that's where we ended the year last year.
  
    - The competitive food drive for Kirk Care between Nipher & NKMS is a big push; but other than that, NKMS attempts not to hit up parents to continually donate.
  
    - Anne Van Horn motioned to the approve the budget and Sara Ayers seconded the approval. Budget was approved unanimously.
  
- III. Principal's Report:
  - o Feedback on Orientation and Curriculum Night:
    - Curriculum night: Very easy and efficient, staff and principal enthusiasm

- For 6<sup>th</sup> grade, just have one teacher who explains Schoology and Infinite Campus
- Add 1 minute per teacher
- Starting later and going later is easier for working parents
- Orientation: everything was very easy to find.
  - Next year, will do front and back on lockers for schedules
  - Special thanks to Stephanie Hines Taylor
  - Helpful to have everything online to do in advance
  - Would be helpful if it wasn't during "dead week" for sports
- Start of school year:
  - Buses are an issue to be on time
  - Lunches were tough to eat the first day because of a lack of time
- Book fair is going on – all kids go during ELA
- Play opens next weekend – 6:30 Thursday-Sunday
  - Fine for kids to come alone without adults
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp is next Tuesday-Thursday
  - No ipad, just bring water bottle and wear old clothes
- October 1<sup>st</sup> is Unified Night Lights
- October 1<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Laumeier Sculpture Park
- NKMS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary student reunion coming up for a tour
- October 16<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> grade family social with food trucks and yard games

- Conferences are coming up on 10/21 and 10/23 – sign up for 5 minute time slots with each teacher
- Equity and Justice Academy and Character Building:
  - Worked with Nipher and presented work on how we teach character, learning and community
  - NKMS will apply as a “School of Character” – process will be over next 14 months (November 2025)
- Panorama:
  - Survey that opens 10/13: Data helps shape school wide initiatives
- Wednesday newsletters go out each week at 4:00 p.m. and provide all the valuable information
  - Tomorrow’s lesson is about “gratitude” – we would encourage parents to fill out a staff appreciation form
- o Teacher Grants:
  - Approved a grant for Kimberly by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### IV. Committee Report

- o Orientation: Another successful orientation – NKMS handed out all but 96 of the schedules out of the 675 kids
- o Spirit wear: Kriste Young had a store at the Orientation
  - We will report what we made at the next meeting
- o Greentree Float: Won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for best interpretation of the theme
- o Book Fair: Happening right now and we will report back the profits at the next meeting
- o Staff Appreciation: Fed staff lunch their 2<sup>nd</sup> day of school. Planning on meals for conferences (October) and staff appreciation week (May)
  - New initiative: November and January welcome back appreciation (Coffee, treats, etc.)

- o Trivia Night
  - December 6<sup>th</sup> at Kirkwood Community Center (has assured us construction will be done)
  - Save the date and a solicitation letter will go out soon
  - Theme is still being discussed (80's, Old School Toys, Great Outdoors, One Hit Wonders, National Lampoons Vacation were options)
    - The PTO attendees' favorites were Old School Toys and Great Outdoors
  - Goal is \$35K profit
  
- o Winter Social: Jaimie Alley is the Chair and would like a co-chair.
  - January 24<sup>th</sup>: During the day for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and evening for 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - May 9<sup>th</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> grade social also needs a Chair
  
- Buzz Book:
  - o Has come out but has some edits that Mike Mancini will look into with Tammy McFall
  
- Spring Musical: 2/13-2/15 (President's Day Weekend)
  - o Last year, we did it that weekend because Dr. Schene thought it was helpful for kids to rest with the days off on Friday and Monday
  - o Parents were surveyed and the majority voted to continue the musical that weekend
  - o Some parents voiced concern that it is a prime travel weekend and having a play on a day with no school is difficult.
    - Dr. Liberton stated the date has been set for 2025, but it will be surveyed again for next year
  
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 pm