

Northridge PTO Agenda

January 14, 2025

Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.

Parents/Teachers present: Brandi Sonneson (President), Amber Estabrook (Vice President), Callie Scherer (Treasurer), Amanda Godfread (Secretary), Andrea Sagsveen, Renee, Kara, Sadie, Justin, Ms. Mertz (Principal), Mrs. Enochson.

Introductions: Done

Approval of Minutes: Amanda moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Amber seconded. Unanimous approval.

Reports:

1. Principal's Report:

- a. Just sent out the Northridge Newsletter
- b. In the middle of our mid-year assessment window through Jan 31
- c. Professional development day on Monday, Jan 20 – NO SCHOOL
- d. Bingo for Books on January 23
- e. The Artist in Residence grant is happening as of last week through early February. Ally will be doing projects with the students.
- f. School board just approved a two-tiered system changing start times for elementary and secondary buildings. Elementary will start at 7:50 a.m. This may impact morning recess and instead have a mid-morning recess. This is partially because of the time of sunrise in the morning and what time the building would now open, etc. There are no final decisions on effects on after school programming.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Raffle brought in \$9470. Expenses \$2000. Net: \$7600.
- b. Dine and Donate from Wings & Rings: \$224
- c. Family donated \$1,000 as a thank you
- d. Movie Night brought in \$224. Expenses were about \$15.
- e. Ending Balance is: \$16,096.17

Old Business

1. Calendar raffle – See financials in the Treasurer’s Report. It was fun to call people to tell them they won. Overall, it wasn’t as successful this year as last year. Most successful selling was 1st grade.
2. Movie night recap – Kids had a lot of fun. We need to be there earlier to set up for next time.
3. 5th grade t-shirts – A parent would like to put their company logo on our shirts and then pay for ½ the shirts. She came back with a quote for a total of \$691.78 for 71 shirts (\$9/shirt). Brandi passed around the mock-up. Group consensus was that we would be more comfortable with the logo on the sleeve of the shirt, rather than the back of the shirt.

Amber suggested that in the future, we buy the shirts in bulk for multiple years at a time to bring our per price shirt down.

Brandi will also look into Custom Ink to see if that cost is less.

New Business:

1. Conference meal – Feb 11 & 13
 - a. We cover one of the nights with a meal for the teachers and staff. Callie looked into soup and breadsticks. Her dad is willing to cover the cost of the soup. 1 bag of soup has 16 servings (1 cup). We will cook it in a roaster. Chicken Noodle, Chicken Tortilla, something gluten-free. Callie will order. We will do 4 bags total.
 - b. PTO will cover the breadsticks.
 - c. Brandi motioned to allocate \$100 toward meal items. Calli seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - d. Sign-up Genius will cover desserts, salad, bowls, spoons, napkins
2. Dine and donate
 - a. Pizza Ranch – would we get enough volunteers? Brandi will check with the restaurant to get the details and see if we can get a date in March.
 - b. Other ideas: A&B pizza, Culver’s
3. Teacher requests
 - a. Recess Supervisors (indoor recess) – Renee is requesting games or other activities to help occupy kids for indoor recess. Got ideas from students, including card games (UNO, Phase 10, etc), coloring books, checkers, chess. Renee put in a donation request to Walmart in November and hasn’t heard back. Brandi tried right before holiday break and didn’t hear back.
 - i. Brandi will put out an ask for donations over the next month and if we don’t get enough, they we will readdress allocating funds to this.
4. February meeting – BNrandi motioned to move the meeting to Feb 4 to avoid meeting the week of conferences. Amber seconded. Unanimous approval.
5. Staff shirts - order for new staff? (5 new Staff members) Brandi will reach out to the vendor to get costs.

6. Bingo for books – Thursday, January 23. Brandi motioned to allocate up to \$200 for Bingo for Books. Mrs. Enochson seconded. We need to help set up, serving starting at 6:30 p.m., and tear down.
7. Talent show dates and chair – Amanda will chair. Look at date we talked about. Kaylee Kuklis will be our emcee. Amanda will reach out to Mr. Bennet to help again.
8. PTO scholarship committee – Amber would like to participate in the committee this year. Scholarship form needs to be updated and sent to the high schools for distribution. Deadline is March 31 for submission. We will make our decisions on the details at our Feb meeting and get to high schools by Feb 15. Usual distribution is \$750 to a former Northridge student and \$500 to a graduating student of a Northridge staff member.
9. Event calendar

Other:

Announcements:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday Feb. 11th at 6:45pm in the Northridge Cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.