

Northridge PTO Minutes

November 12th, 2024

Call to order: 6:46 p.m.

Parent/Teachers Present: Ms. Mertz, Brandi Sonneson (President), Calli Scheller (Treasurer), Alyx Matthews, Sadie, Amber Estabrook (Vice President), Mrs. Enochson, Amanda Godfread (Secretary)

Introductions:

Approval of Minutes:

Brandi motioned to approve the minutes, Calli seconded. Sadie asked about the Wings & Rings fundraiser and Brandi doesn't know the totals yet but there were other families there when she went. Unanimous approval.

Reports:

1. Principal's Reports:

1. Ended October with a Clue activity around the building, including making Ms. Mertz disappear! Picture retakes are on November 14. Kindergarten seeing Annie, first graders seeing City Choir perform. Next week there is Chess Club. Upcoming hearing screenings in K-2 classrooms. Thanksgiving parade by the third graders connecting with a STEM lesson "Balloons over Broadway". Students can now recognize teachers/staff just like students get a Superstar.
2. In December, there is December to Remember with dress up days. Tentative Bingo for Books will be January 23, 2025 – will be confirmed later this month.

2. Treasurer's Report:

1. Current balance: \$8,401.69
2. Raffle expenses are just over \$250. Flash Printing was much more economical for this project than prior vendors. Looked at VISA and other gift cards at Sam's Club, Amazon, McDonalds, checking prices. No decisions made yet.

Old Business:

1. Conference meal: A lot of positive feedback. Teachers wanted to make sure the PTO heard that. No money was spent between the Cloverdale donation and Sign Ups from parents.
2. Dine and Donate: No check from Wings & Rings yet but Brandi is following up.
3. 4th grade Art of Residence: Brandi spoke with 4th grade teachers today and they are working on a few things to wrap up with the grant. No dates set yet. The check has been taken care of.
4. PTO sign: Put it up today for the first time. Might need to reinforce for the wind.
5. Calendar raffle: Off to a great start. As of today, we have earned \$2,260. A lot were turned back right away but other students have taken extra so we don't have that many left. The spreadsheet to track is working well.
6. 5th grade T-shirt (revisit): The sponsor ask went out in the Northridge newsletter but no new takers. The family that has offered to pay for part is helping find quotes and we are at about \$9/shirt right now but need to find a shirt that has all the sizes available. The size form went out to families and will be resent tomorrow.
7. Teacher Allocations: All allocations have gone out and were put in teacher budgets through the school.
8. Movie Night: This Friday, November 15. Tickets are in the office. Amber is handling popcorn from Ground Round, fruit snacks, Goldish, Scooby Snacks, and waters.

New Business:

1. Movie Night: We will decide the date at our next meeting.
2. School Gear: Brandi suggests we purchase some school gear to put on display by the library for families to see in person at conferences, book fair, etc., which might spark more sales. Calli noted we have not received any funds back from them yet but if/when we do, those proceeds could cover the cost of the gear. Brandi motioned to allocate \$220.55 toward purchasing gear. Amber seconded. Discussion was based on how that would break out to show variety. Unanimous approval.
3. Cancel December PTO meeting: Brandi motioned to cancel December's meeting. Amanda seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval.
4. Dine and Donate: A&B North is willing to do one for us. Brandi will reach out to them to look at January dates.

Other:

1. Conference Meals: Thinking soup and bread for February conferences.

2. Calli will keep looking at gift card options for the student raffle ticket seller winners, including checking with First Community Credit Union to see what our options might be. Brandi is checking on how the Scholastic gift card works.

Announcements:

Next meeting will be held on Jan. 14th at 6:45pm in the Northridge Cafeteria

Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.