

February Northridge PTO Agenda

February 4th, 2025

Call to order: 6:45 p.m

Parent/Teachers Present: Brandi Sonneson (president), Amber Estabrook (vice president), Calli Scheller (treasurer), Amanda Godfread (secretary), Principal Mertz. Jessie Frohlich (4th grade)

Introductions:

Approval of Minutes: Amanda will adjust Mrs Enockson's and Calli's names. Amanda moved to approve the minutes with those changes. Amber seconded. Unanimous approval.

Reports:

1. **Principal's Reports:** 4th and 5th graders musical performances this week. Next month is Ronald McDonald Dental bus offering free care. There is a doctoral student working at the school collecting data (some parents may have gotten a note home about it) for her doctoral thesis and will share out the results with BPS. At past 2 monthly assemblies students who are new to America have been recognized highlighting their cultures. Students so far have been from the Phillippines and Haiti, next month will be India. There are 14 languages spoken in our school.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Only one purchase of applies for Bingo for Books for \$173 that included their discount. Ending balance is \$15,922.57.

Old Business:

1. **Conference meal:** Soup has been donated (beef barley, chicken tortilla and chicken noodle, and a gluten free option is coming), Texas Roadhouse donated 8 dozen buns and butter. Almost everything that was put out on Sign-Up Genius is spoken for. We have 3 roasters ready to go.
2. **Dine and Donate**
 - a. Pizza Ranch: Not responding back. We also needed a lot of volunteers wearing the same shirts and provide 50 containers.
 - b. Space Aliens: Willing to donate 20%.

3. **5th grade T-shirt (revisit):** Company is willing to do the smaller logo and looking at a different shirt color. Final color choice will depend on sizes we can get. It is \$691.76 for 78 shirts and will order some extra for any new students or those that lose them. We will pay half and the other company will pay the other half.

Amber moved to allocate \$400 to purchase shirts based on available color. Brandi seconded. Mrs. Mertz questioned the number of shirts and Brandi clarified it includes extras. Unanimous approval.

4. **Staff Shirts**

- a. Price/ order: Working with Duffy's, 10 shirts are \$19/shirt. 20-30 shirts are \$14/shirt. Brandi moved to allocate \$350 for 25 new staff shirts. Amber seconded. Unanimous approval.

5. **Teacher Request (games):** We received plenty of donations and the kids are using them well at indoor recess! Brandi will post on Facebook thanking all who donated.

6. **Bingo for Books:** Good turnout. It may have been a bit less than last year considering there were extra apples and waters left over, but still probably about 225 people.

7. **PTO Scholarship**

- a. Committee: Mrs Just, Mrs. Brilz, Ms. Mertz, Brandi, Amber, Libby (para). The schools have been notified that the application is open and it closes on March 31.

New Business:

1. **Movie Night (Older Kids):** February 21

- a. Pick Movie: Spy Kids 1 or 2, Harry Potter 1 or 2 were approved. We will go with Spy Kids 1. There are enough snacks left over from the last one, so Amber will just check on popcorn. Calli will check with Justin about sound. Brandi moved to allocate \$50 for movie night. Amanda seconded. Unanimous approval. Calli will get change. Ms Mertz suggested we have it available at conferences for people to take.

2. **Talent Show**

- a. Decorations, Programs, Sign ups, # of performances, length of time.

Monday, March 10 is rehearsal, Friday, March 21 is show, limit to 20 acts at 2 minute max each. We will need to purchase decorations and print programs. Amanda moved to allocated \$250 to the talent show. Brandi seconded. Unanimous approval.

We will also have the art submissions again for the program cover. All submissions will be used.

Jesse suggested doing an art show along with the talent show. We all agreed this is a great idea for 2026 using the foyer area and the gym walls during the Talent Show.

3. **Teacher Appreciation**

First week of May. Succulent Garden theme. Thanks for helping us grow / School would “suck” without you. Kids will do thank you postcards to their teachers. There will be paper flower bouquets for the teachers. And 15 minutes of free time. In that window the kids will fill out a form about their teacher, and also do a thumb print art piece putting it all together into a binder. Also a gift and food each day. Volunteers that want to help can get background checks through BPS (contact Amber).

4. Dine and Donate

- a. Bearscat – Teacher Appreciation Week

5. Art to Remember

Mrs. Roth got the ball rolling with this and all the teachers have their materials and kids are getting to work. Need to ensure the check comes to the PTO this year and not to the school.

Other:

Appreciation: Brandi suggests we get the Walzes and Justin a small gift to say thank you for allowing us to use their sound systems. We will put this on the agenda for discussion at our next meeting.

Yearbook: For 201-250 copies for a 76-pg book it is \$17/book. We didn’t get great feedback last year on purchasing books for 5th graders, so we will just go back to ordering only. Brandi moved to allocate \$4,000 for this year’s yearbooks. Calli seconded. Unanimous approval.

Brandi will add paying for the yearbook to be put together to the next meeting agenda.

Calli will contact Mrs Clausen to ensure the students who won the Scholastic gift cards from the Calendar Raffle have them for the Book Fair this month.

Ms. Mertz has reached out to the contact for the adaptive swing being purchased through the Calendar Raffle funds but she hasn’t heard back.

Calli noted that Justin spoke with Basin’s charitable arm and they could fund the PTO share of Artist in Residence.

Amber will look more into a person from Legacy High who spoke about incorporating art more into the elementary schools.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Announcements:

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

President- Brandi Sonneson, VP- Amber Estabrook, Secretary- Amanda Godfread, Treasurer- Calli Scheller.