

NORTHRIDGE PTO MINUTES

March 11, 2025

Call to Order: 6:46 p.m.

Parents/Teachers present: Brandi Sonneson (President), Amber Estabrook (Vice President), Calli Scheller (Treasurer), Amanda Godfread (Secretary), Justin Weichel, Mr Bennett, Ms Mertz (Principal)

Introductions:

Approval of Minutes: Calli moved to approve the minutes, Brandi seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Promoting Camp Ed summer school - currently 71 students enrolled. March 28 is the deadline. Starting to prepare for the 25-26 newsletter: The unique/special circumstances form is available in March for the upcoming school year. Kindergarten open house will be May 8. There are over 50 incoming kindergarteners registered so far. We are projected to have between 70-80. Next year's start times have been announced by BPS: 7:40 a.m.-2:20 p.m. for elementary. This week 4th grade goes to the symphony through SIPS program. Want to acknowledge 5th grader Brynlee Peterson for presenting at the school board about the new reading series and its impact on her.
2. Treasurer's Report: The printed report does not include the scholarship money so that will be adjusted. We have approx \$15,980 in our account. After the 5th grade tshirts are paid for, we will have about \$15,250. Northridge gear will be ordered as will yearbooks. There is an option to set up a PayPal account to accept donations to the PTO if we choose to do that.

Old Business

1. Conference meal - meal went well. Mr Bennett thanked the PTO on behalf of the 4th grade teachers.
2. Talent Show March 21st - Rehearsal was good. There are 15 acts.
3. 5th grade t-shirts - track meet- May 14th - T-shirts are done and turned out great!
4. Staff shirts - These are in as well and delivered to the new hires. Extras are in the PTO closet.
5. PTO Scholarship
 - a. Committee (Mrs. Just, Mrs. Brilz, Ms. Mertz, Brandi, Amber, Ms. Libby) - Waiting until March 31 to close the applications. Right now there is just one applicant. Amber will reach out to CHS this week to remind them.
6. Movie Night: Smaller crowd, but the movie went over well. It was geared toward older kids but it was still mostly younger kids in the audience. We made \$150.26 in donations + Amber's donation of the snacks added roughly another \$150. Walzes were a great help with the sound. Mr Bennett suggested doing a class vote next year to decide the movie.

New Business:

1. Teacher appreciation week May 5-9: Still have soups left over from Conference meal, which will be used that week. Also trying to get Chick-fil-A. Planning games and activities for kids to do for teachers if we can get enough support.

2. 2025-2026 PTO Board open positions and nominations: All current PTO officers are happy to remain in their roles if voted back in during the April meeting.
3. Dine and donate - Bearscat (May 5th)
 - a. Laughing Sun
4. Yearbook: Brandi is still getting photos but hoping to finish a solid draft by this weekend and then will share with Ms Mertz to review. They are due to the company in April. Classroom comp orders are due April 18.
5. Art to Remember: Order forms should be coming this week or next week to be handed out to classrooms.
6. Swing: Calli asked about where we are at with ordering it and paying for it. Ms. Mertz is checking on the delivery progress but it has been ordered.

Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Announcements:

Next meeting will be held on April 8th, 2025 @ 6:45 PM in the Northridge Cafeteria.

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