

Northridge PTO Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

Call to Order: 6:46 p.m.

Parents/Teachers Present: Brandi Sonneson (President), Calli Sheller (Treasurer), Kirstin Small, Alyx Matthews, Amanda Godfread (Secretary), Mrs. Nodland, Mrs. Lokken, Principal Mertz, Amber Estabrook (Vice President), Mrs. Enochson, Justin Weichel.

Introductions

Approval of Minutes: Calli moved to approve the minutes. Amber seconded. Unanimous approval.

Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Teachers are completing school-wide assessments for student supports and interventions. Teachers will be talking with families during conferences if needed. Conferences are next week as well as state convention so there is no school Oct 16-17. School Newsletter was sent out by email last week, as well as notifications for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Kinder students received a book donated by the ND Dept of Public Instruction and will receive a second book at the end of the year. Book vending machine has arrived and two students have already earned tokens to get books. There is a new evaluation model that teachers are learning to help themselves grow as educators and they are setting professional goals. Professional learning day on Oct 31 – no school. District Calendar Committee is looking for parents who do not work for the district to give feedback and serve on the committee.

2. Treasurer's Report: Some numbers from last month may have been incorrect but all have been reconciled now. Current balance is \$20,049.79. About \$4,000 is earmarked only for books. There is a small amount left from Basin that was used for Bingo for Books, so we are working to determine how they can be used. Still weighing a coin war and will be discussing options with teachers at Grimsrud and Liberty. Only spent \$135 on Back to School Bash, donations from families were incredible – thank you! New cash donations from families will be deposited. We're still waiting on checks from our merchandise vendor.

Old Business:

1. Teacher Allocations: Waiting until March to do the raffle ticket sales.

2. Back to School Bash: Raining but an amazing turnout. All the hot dogs went and we have never used so many in the past. Families donated a lot, which was great. Cash donations came in at \$160. And a family later sent in \$1,000.
3. Calendar Raffle: Targeting March this year to see if we can get more ticket sales. Rewriting the language to be easier to understand.
4. Event Calendar: Parent-Teacher Conferences Oct 13-14, Trunk or Treat on October 31, Spirit Week in November.
5. Conference Meal: Serving spaghetti and meatballs on Tuesday, Oct 14. PTO would like to pay for the meal if we approve it and putting out a sign-up genius for drinks.
 - a. Brandi moved to allocate \$150 to cover the food. Amanda seconded.
Unanimous approval.
6. Dine to Donate: Brandi reached out to Panera and Pancheros but they haven't called back. Brandi is going to try Papa Johns.
7. 5th Grade T-Shirts: Without the logo, it will still be about \$700. Justin said he's willing to donate the cost. We will do a little more price-shopping before deciding.
8. Staff Appreciation Budget: no changes

New Business:

1. Spirit Week: November 17-21, "You make our school magical". Friday night is a school-wide movie night showing Harry Potter (1st movie).
 - a. Amber moved to allocate \$100 to cover costs. Amanda seconded.
Unanimous approval.
2. Trunk of Treat: We have 14 signed up so far and we're hoping for at least 20. We do not have any candy donated yet. We will keep promoting the event to make sure we get more.
3. November meeting: Our regular meeting falls on a holiday. We will move it to Thursday, November 13 at 6:45 p.m.

Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.