

Northridge PTO Minutes

Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.

Parents/Teachers Present: Brandi Sonneson (President), Amber Estabrook (Vice President), Calli Scheller (Treasurer), Amanda Godfread (Secretary), Ms. Mertz (Principal), Mrs. Nodland, Sadie Storhaug, Kiersten Small, Josh Silbernagel, Mrs. Enockson (Vice Principal)

Introductions

Approval of Minutes: Amanda made a motion to approve the November minutes. Kiersten seconded. Unanimous approval

Reports

1. **Principal's Report:** Still reviewing data this week on academic interventions, Dress-up days this week and into next week before break, school-wide singalong on Tuesday, our Title 1 program is being monitored across the district on the regular 5-year schedule, January 5 teachers have a professional learning day, all students take benchmark assessments in January.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Remaining balance is \$15,837.39 Made \$241.50 at Movie Night. Miscellaneous debit for \$1, checking with the bank. \$460 coming from Stone Home. Will start working on raffle information for 2026. Got the approval from Basin to move money previously earmarked for books into our general funds. Calli moved to allocate \$2,000 for the raffle prizes, Mrs. Enockson seconded. Unanimous approval. Small family is paying for the Kindergarten to do Theo Arts so that will not hit our budget.

Old Business

1. Christmas Spirit Week: Happening now through Dec 23. Everything was taken off Sign-Up Genius.
2. Movie Night: Went well, but a long movie. Concessions went well.
3. Talent Show: April 17. Ms. Mertz will reserve gyms for the show and rehearsals. Have reminders by Conferences and send flyer home in February.
4. Teacher Request: No longer needed.
5. Teacher Cocoa Bar: Everything is ready to go.

New Business

1. **Puzzle Tournament (January 23):** 350-piece puzzles. Family teams (6) or adult teams (4). Will have a winner from both categories. \$20 entrance fee paid at the door. Signup Genius to pre-register up to 20 teams. Ordering pizza from Sam's Club. Brandi moved to allocate \$400 to cover 20 puzzles and other items to prepare. Amanda seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
2. **Dine and Donate:** Next program is Feb 3, so Brandi is checking with Orange Leaf for a dessert night. Mrs Nodland suggested looking at the oil change place BCEP uses.
3. **Conference Meal:** February 10, 12. Meal will probably be on Feb. 12.
4. **Opening of PTO Board Positions:** President, Treasurer, and Secretary will all turn over this year. Brandi would like to add a Teacher Representative position to the board to make sure their voice is included.
5. **Yearbook:** Looking at what Solheim and other schools pay in labor to have their yearbooks created.

Other

- **Little Free Library:** In honor of the Weichel family. PTO will maintain. Brandi moved to allocate \$710 to purchasing the materials. Amber seconded. Calli asked if there were granting organizations that would support this. Unanimous approval.
- **Fifth-grade t-shirts:** Quote came in between \$780-\$1,000. Mrs. Nodland found t-shirts for \$250 and then screen printing would be \$5/logo. Will need approximately 80 shirts.
- **Concrete Painting:** Keirsten looked into it with people who do that, and suggested kids vote for designs. Ms. Mertz recommended adult participation only. Kiersten is checking with the Dakota Arts Council for grants to cover supplies.
- **Green Stars for Vending:** Amber is hearing that some classrooms aren't using green stars very often so then they aren't getting books like they want to. Can we encourage staff to use these?

Announcements

Adjourn 7:51 p.m.