

NPS PTO Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2016

Attendance: Marilyn Corrigan, Trish St. Laurent, Liz McKanna, Lea Highcove, Brian Tetreault, Cheryl Butler, Tracey Salvadore, Renae Martin, Trish Aldrich, Joshua and Stephanie Laplante, Nicole Zelanak. Lynn Bamford

Official PTO Business

- A. ***Welcome***, Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- B. **Open Floor** Joshua and Stephanie Laplante are concerned about the lack of recess time for 5th and 6th graders. The law states 20 minutes of unstructured time for kids, but with lunch included in that—there is definitely less time. Brian Tetreault weighed in. There is not enough coverage at recess given limited staff of Teacher Assistants. He said change might be coming next year, but for now it's a scheduling issue. It will be a by-product of other changes that will take place. There was some brainstorming amongst the parents in attendance about finding chunks of unstructured time during the week. Brian Tetreault suggested that the parents who were here tonight could possibly put together a proposal for Marianne Kirby. This year might be too late, but the Laplantes would like to have our new Superintendent understand the concerns. Marilyn suggested the interested parties form a committee. Brian will bring up the topic with the 5th grade team tomorrow at the Team Meeting.
- C. **Review and Approve Previous Minutes:** Leah made a motion to approve the minutes from October, Lynn Bamford seconded the motion.
- D. **Treasure's Report:** Trish Aldrich reviewed and explained the budget. Actual balance is now \$10,588.
Liz McKanna approved and Renea Martin seconded.

Committee Updates:

- A. **Book Fair:** Trish St. Laurent said we had a successful book fair. Profit was \$702. Next book fair is in April. Still looking for new Chairs for next year's book fair.
- B. **Box Tops**—Julie Silvestri is the new Chair for the Box Tops. She has a super hero theme and will be sending a collection update sheet home as well as on the list serv.

- C. Teacher Liaison** – Liz McKanna our liaison discussed things like Project Undercover, which was a big success. The food drive is ongoing until next Monday. Rebecca Angel, school PHD is heading up the gifts for needy family. The Little Mermaid tryouts are now complete. Winter concert is scheduled for this Thursday. She has been reminding staff about the \$40 allotment that is allowed per teacher.
- D. Fund Raiser Review**: -- Leah Highcove discussed this year's holiday fair which is running this entire week. Looking into Moe's and 5 Guys. Last year we made \$250 at 5 Guys. Nicole Zelanek recommended looking at Crazy Burger as a fundraiser. Renae Martin will look into the new program that could possibly replace Westerly Credit Union's program—Investment in Youth.
- E. Bulletin Boards**: Renae Martin is our Bulletin Board Chair. She's going to put up the winter theme this week.
- F. Bulletin Board** Renae Martin asked what expectations are for updating the bulletin board. Leah and Marilyn gave brief overview of keeping it current with seasonal themes and any current affairs and happenings that are happening such as fundraisers, Stop & Shop program, Box Tops updates, etc.
- G. Direct Donation** Leah Highcove found an interesting way to raise money called "Direct Donation". Amazon Smile was also brought up by Nicole. Lynn Bramford will look into that for the PTO.
- H. Discussed Beach Blanket Bidding** Cheryl will reach out to Sharon McGreen and CJ Tudino. At this late date, we may need to plan for 2018.
- I. Meeting adjourned 8:17 PM**