**General PTA Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 2024**

**9:30am, Google Meet**

Becky Thorn called the meeting to order at 9:32am

Executive Board Attendees: Becky Thorn, Jon Guerrero, Eileen Siddiqi, Amy Gunderson

General Attendees: Rachel Witkowski, Jennifer Zea, Meagan Basler, Jill Manesh, Hafsa Dawood, Kristina Guerrero, Kelly Moscickis, Rania Ghanayem, Jen Cortese

Welcome

Nominating Committee presents slate for 2024-25 Exec Board

* Kelly Moscickis submitted the following nominations for next year’s executive board:
  + President: Jon Guerrero
  + Co-VP: Eileen Siddiqi
  + Co-VP: Jill Manesh
  + Treasurer: Kristina Guerrero
  + Secretary: Meagan Basler
* No further nominations were brought forward, nominations were officially closed for the 2024-2025 Executive Board slate

Fundraiser Updates

* Spiritwear – made $56 for the winter order window
* Glow Party – made between $300 and $400, raffles were huge success, try to book last year’s DJ early
* Chuck E. Cheese – made $238 from this fundraiser, plan to do this again next year

Open Committee Chair Positions for Next Year

* Current open positions:
  + Bingo Night (one time one night event commitment to coordinate shopping for prizes and water/candy, collecting free popcorn donation, occurs in November, use Neuqua students via Interact group to fill volunteer spots for the event)
    - Hafsa volunteered to be the Bingo Night chair
  + Buddy 2 Buddy Co-Chair (Mrs. Rogers works with this program, incorporates the buddy bench and working with students on how to use this, bring a guest speaker)
    - Need co-chair
  + Special Needs PTA Representative (attends quarterly meetings)
    - Need chair
  + Spirit Wear:
    - Need chair
  + Teacher Appreciation:
    - Need co-chair
  + Art Awareness:
    - Need co-chair
    - Consider paring down the program to only have this one time per year in the Fall
* \*\*If you are a Committee Chair, please let us know if you’ll be staying on for next year

Feed My Starving Children (3/16)

* 25-30 people signed up to volunteer

STEM Fair (4/10)

* Consider not to have a big event on the same day as any holidays next year
* Fun to sign up to showcase a project, also fun to just go and view everyone else’s projects

Restaurant Nights

* Panera and SkyZone requested tax form (W-9) to schedule events – include this in shared Restaurant Nights folder
* Yogurt Beach scheduled for Thursday, 5/30

School Supply Kits

* Everything has been finalized for next year’s kits, Kindergarten kits increased for next year, offering headphones and art smocks for add-ons
* Flyers and signs came in, so information will be distributed end of April/early May
* Will distribute information during Kindergarten events
* Sales through 6/2, late sales until 6/23 (extra $, but still Graham delivery)
* Doesn’t seem to be a need for PTA to purchase any supply kits for students
* Paring down lists to essentials as much as possible to keep costs down for parents

Staff Appreciation Week (5/6-5/10)

* Going to incorporate a way for kids to interact and decorate items for teachers
* Jill to reach out to Jackie to confirm Whole Foods donations
* Jill considering purchasing an item for teachers – t-shirts (collect sizes and confirm quantities), succulents?
  + Can consider using school supply company for t-shirts (buy 50, get 5 free promotion) and get pricing from them
  + Consider raffling off a few items (including teacher/educator t-shirts) for teacher/staff prizes
* Breakfast: would love donations from Whole Foods to cover this
* Snack day: Charcuterie donation
* Kids bring a snack: Parents will donate an item for their teacher
* Asking parents to donate items for snack cart
* Jen Cortese and Amy Gunderson will help with this for next year
* Will look for an additional co-chair

Field Day (5/17)

* Rain day is the following week
* Send out a sign up genius about a month before the event to ask for parent volunteers
* Will have popsicles at the end of the day
* Jen to ask Flavor-Ice company for donations that can be used for field day, Falcon fundraiser and other events

Fifth Grade Farewell (5/28)

* Ultimate Ninjas on 5/28
* Red carpet confirmed (borrowing Crone’s) following their arrival back from field trip
* 5/31 is the family picnic – trying to figure out costs and work with Jon to see if we can include Domino’s pizza (they only give a discount, not free donations)
* Rachel to provide updates on buses for field day – can request for 10:30am-1:30pm
  + Can invite parents to watch them walk the red carpet upon their return from field trip, no conflict with preschool dismissal at 1:30pm
  + Can work with 5th grade teachers on chaperone quantity
* Rachel to share updates with 5th grade families when ready
* Communication will confirm that this is all PTA-related, PTA has option to cover funds for anyone who needs assistance

Save the Date!

* Volunteer Appreciation Tea (4/19, 2-3pm) – put on by staff to recognize any parents who volunteer
* Walk & Bike to School Day (May 8) – our school has been registered for this program, so anyone who wants to participate can, we will share this information with parents

Mrs. Witkowski’s Update

* Testing for 3/4/5th graders is going well this week
* Chorus concert was awesome last night
* 2nd grade musical was awesome

Questions?

* Consider moving Witches Wine Walk to earlier in the year this fall – consider September after Labor Day and consider making it a couples’ social event

Closing

* Next Meeting- Thursday, 4/11 @ 9:30am on Google Meets

Meeting adjourned at 10:26am