

Nitrauer Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

February 20, 2018 PTO Meeting

Present: Dr. Wendy Hancock (Principal), Kimberly Banzhof (teacher rep), Maggie Foley, Janet Campbell, Amy Hartz, Mary Papadimitriou, Tess Wallace, Angela Salabsky, Elizabeth Roda, Mary Ann Drolet, Dr. John Smith (School Board Rep)

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Welcome: Janet Campbell/Maggie Foley

- All parents/guardians of children at Nitrauer Elementary School are welcome to attend PTO meetings.

President's Report: Janet Campbell/Maggie Foley

- PTO Co-Chair, Maggie Foley, thanked the PTO and all volunteers for the time and efforts for a successful play "Dorothy in Wonderland."

Treasurer's Report: Amy Hartz

- We are still awaiting final income/expense numbers from the play. The preliminary budget numbers look like the play will be in the black.

Principal's Report: Dr. Hancock

- Thank you to all involved with the Nitrauer play. There was a need for an improved sound system and \$500 was utilized from the student activity fund.
- Valentine's Day: Dr. Hancock described that this holiday was celebrated differently in each classroom with many special events occurring.
- Safety/Intruder drills: the MTSD continues to discuss the process, trainings and needs to ensure maximum safety. Historically, lockdown drills have been practiced at all schools. The district is currently researching and considering other safety methods such as the ALICE training.

Teacher Representative Report: Kimberly Banzhof

- The teachers thanked the efforts of the volunteers and PTO for the play production
- Mrs. Banzhof described the many school wide activities for 100 day, Valentine's Day, and upcoming Dr. Seuss week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SLAC:

- The last meeting occurred in November with the discussion primarily related to keystones and MTSS. Dr. Hancock described MTSS as a clinical training program where different tiers are utilized to meet student needs in various areas such as behavior, math, language arts, etc. Currently, different groups and schools are

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trying different TIER trainings. The district will be determining the most significant need and then initiate a consistent program using the MTSS Tier system. The primary goal is consistency across elementary schools and the district.

Project/Art Fair:

- Currently, there is a low participation in the Project and Art fair. PTO discussed incentives for participation. In the past, there was a class party/pizza party for the class who had the most participants. Other incentive ideas included a raffle for participants. The committee will discuss ideas and announce in the e-blast.

Fun Fest:

- The Fun Fest will occur on May 18. There is a high need for a Basket Raffle Chair for the 2019 Fun Fest. Every class has a theme and families can donate items for their class basket. There was a discussion about whether families should be able to win more than 1 basket if their name is drawn twice. It was agreed that the “one basket per family” rule would continue. If a family does win 2 baskets, they will be able to select which one they want before another name is drawn. Incoming kindergartens will also be invited to Fun Fest through a flyer and email.
- Fun Fest activities include various games where participants can earn tickets for prizes. It was suggested that the “Cake Walk” could be altered this year to give participants the opportunity to win something other than desserts such as books or gift cards.
- Wristband prices will remain the same as last year. One raffle ticket for the basket Raffle will be included with each wristband purchased.

Barnes and Noble:

- We are waiting for confirmation on dates for the Barnes and Noble Fundraisers. Typically, there is a night when teachers go to Barnes and Noble to read to attendees. The original proposed night is March 6. This may be changed to March 27 or another date. Janet will be contacting Barnes and Noble to determine our options and confirm dates. Additional information will be included in the e-blasts.

PTO OPEN POSITIONS for the 2018-19 school year:

Maggie Foley/Janet Campbell

The Treasurer position was filled.

The following positions are open for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact: Angela Salabsky at ang236@outlook.com if you have questions or interest.

Secretary

SLAC representatives

Games Day Chair 2019

Buddy Family Coordinator

Ice Cream Social/Friendly's Chair

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Talent Show Chair- with high level need for a volunteer who can work the Sound Board
Barnes and Noble Book Night Chair
Book Fair Understudy
Race for Education Understudy

New Business:

- Dr. Smith, Board Representative, attended the play and the Nitrauer Mix-It up Lunch. He expressed praise and thanks to Nitrauer families and staff for these efforts.
- 4th grade end of year celebration: Currently, the 4th graders do an extra game day as an end of year celebration. A question was asked if 4th graders could do a dance party. Dr. Hancock will discuss with other principals and determine options for 4th grade celebration.

Next PTO Meeting March 20, 2018 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.