

Nitrauer Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

April 2018 PTO MEETING

April 17, 2018

Present: Dr. Wendy Hancock (Principal), Missy Weaver (teacher rep), Maggie Foley, Janet Campbell, Amy Hartz, Mary Papadimitriou, Christina Lott, Elizabeth Roda, Angela Salabsky, Diana Everhart-Hanna, Jessica Whitley, Kim Romano, Josh Smith

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

- Nothing new to report

Treasurer's Report: Amy Hartz

- Amy distributed the proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year. Amy explained the income/expense history from previous and current year in addition to the proposed line-item numbers for 2018-19 school year.
- "Technology Needs" line-item was removed from the budget because the MTSD is currently addressing technological needs. "Teacher Grants" line item was proposed to increase. Dr. Hancock will develop an application for teachers to submit classroom or school needs. Of note, the Race-for-Education is a bi-annual event. Although the current school year ran at a loss, there continues to be a surplus bank balance due primarily to the Race for Education. Ideas were brainstormed on ways to alter the budget to put more resources back to the students/schools. One idea was to decrease the wrist bands price for Fun Fest. This is purposed for the 2018-19 budget with the understanding that the price may need to increase in the future.
- There will be a vote on the 2018-19 Budget at the May PTO meeting.

Principal's Report: Dr. Hancock

- Last week, the monthly School Board meeting was held at Nitrauer. Highlights included a group of 4th graders signing "Lean-On-Me" and Sra. Rosco being honored as teacher of the month.
- Next year, there will be a 6-day cycle for Elementary Schools. One of the benefits of this change includes the time for specials will increase from 50 to 60 minutes/cycle. A regular Library special will also occur during the cycle. One another change is that 4th grade will have recess prior to lunch.
- Additionally, next year, a school wide behavior plan will be occurring in each building and will include daily class meetings. Mrs. Weaver reported that each

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grade level will have certain topics/themes for discussions. Guidance counselors and “specials” teachers will also be attending classroom meetings to ensure consistency.

- PSSAs have been occurring this month with 3 days of ELA completed, 2 days of math this week, and 2 days of Science for 4th graders next week.

Teacher Representative Report: Missy Weaver

- Nothing new to report from teachers at this time.

SLAC Representative: Kim Romano

- The District dietitian was at the last SLAC meeting to answer questions and discuss menu options.
- Mobile Learning: All students in every grade now have I-Pads. Middle school and older can take I-Pads home and other grades utilize in the classroom to enhance lessons.
- Lawful and Unlawful Absences was discussed. The Department of Education sets guidelines for this and MTWP School district is following these guidelines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Kim Romano
Luncheon for teacher will be held on Tues May 8.
Sign-up for donations will in the e-blast.
- Fun Fest Brenna Colosi
Janet reported that the packet about Fun Fest and tickets/wrist bands going home this week.
- Open PTO Positions for next year:
 - Buddy family coordination
 - Ice Cream Social/Friendly’s Night
 - Games Day 2019
 - Talent Show
 - Book fair understudy
 - SLAC representative

New Business:

- Janet brought up the topic of Barnes and Noble night: Discussion about attendance and viability of this event. Attendance was low this year, but it was agreed that we will try it again next year.

Next PTO Meeting May 15, 2018 at 7pm
Meeting adjoined at 7:58pm.