



## Meeting Minutes

**Nitrauer PTO**

**Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

**Location: Nitrauer Elementary (Teacher's lounge/Faculty room)**

**Meeting Called To Order By: President, Maggie Foley**

**Time Commenced: 19:03 (Adjourned: 2025)**



**Attendance:** Number of attendees - 18

Listed in order of signature: Maggie Foley, Tess Wallace, Christina Lott, Angela Salabsky, Patrick Murphy (teacher rep), Rafael Rosario (teacher rep), Alex Massie, Laura Stechman, Stephanie Ruth, Diana Hanna, Laura Cornelius, John R. Smith (School board director), Alissa Bergstresser, Jessica Whitley, Debbie Neal, Elizabeth Roda and Deborah Gunter, Dr. Hancock (no signature)

**Minutes:** Minutes of Tuesday, 02.19.19

### Officers' Reports



**President:** Maggie Foley - 1. Confirmed Nitrauer PTO Winter Newsletter distributed. Newsletter will be done each season to update parents/families of past and current events and recognize school staff and volunteers in service to our students. 2. Confirmed receipt of \$1,000 from Patient First. Thank you note written and circulated for review.

**Vice President - Volunteer Coordinator:** Angela Salabsky

**Treasurer:** Christina Lott - \$710 raised from Bingo night. Monthly treasurer's report (Budget Update) distributed during meeting.

**Principal:** Dr. Wendy Hancock

1. We have spent the \$1,000 donation from Patient First for Green Zone - gym upgrades and robots. (Patient First donated monetarily to all our elementary schools.)

2. Presented an "Early Learning Initiative" slideshow, highlighting the District's mission: District Comprehensive Plan - from Pre-K to Graduation. In 2018-2019, Manheim Township has experienced a 1.2% growth followed behind by CV (0.7%). We are currently the top enrolling school district in Lancaster County. This new initiative for all kindergarten enrollees will begin at Neff-6 in 2022. All kindergarteners would attend school at Neff and no longer be enrolled in our District's elementary schools. We own Neff-6 building and rent it out to the IU-13. Email Dr. Hancock if interested in joining the new proposed PTO for the new kindergarten school plan (at Neff) and she will forward your name to Dr. Felty.



### Committee Reports

1. **Patrick Murphy (teacher rep):** Initiated "Penny Drop Challenge" proposal to adopt Ponderosa Elementary school (in California) due to a fire devastation: to replenish school supplies and miscellaneous needs. Funds raised may be used to purchase items utilizing Amazon Prime, for shipment directly to them (ex: from Amazon Wishlist). This introduced

proposal is open to any interested party to "match" fundraiser to a certain capped amount. However, this should be executed formally through an organization (for example, Nitrauer PTO).

### **Old Business**

1. **Alex Massie** - Follet vs. Scholastic - decision pending on which book publisher we will utilize

### **New Business**

1. **"Penny Challenge"** - motioned by Maggie Foley, to donate \$500 for Ponderosa Elementary in California. Motion passed.

2. **Stephanie Ruth** - Penn Cinema movie night: \$600 for (3) theaters: 322 seats (122 recliners). Needs 2-week notice. PTO may sell own candy/snacks for fundraising. Must finalize movie choice(s): "How to Train your Dragon.." \$7/ticket proposed over multiple nights. Cinema will offer \$5 coupon for popcorn. Other option discussed by PTO members was the possibility of event at Go "N Bananas rather than the movies. Volunteers may be needed to help facilitate this option.

3. **Laura Brabson** - Discussed school poster ideas for St. Patty's Day!

4. **Diana Hanna** - Discussed dates for Bus Driver Appreciation Day; Librarians to be recognized on 4/4/19. Cycle Day 3 - all staff (teaching) is typically present at Nitrauer.

### **Announcements**

**Talent Show** - Upcoming show is first come, first serve seating. FREE event. 38 acts by students will be presented.

**Annual Art and Project Fair** - will occur next week, 7-8 pm

**Barnes and Noble fundraiser night (Laura Cornelius)**: Scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019: 6-830 pm. Teachers will be asked to volunteer their participation. Items purchased during B&N will benefit Nitrauer

**Next PTO Meeting**: slated for March 19, 2019 at 1900

**PTO Message**: We support all our children and families. Every parent/guardian, teacher and principal of a Nitrauer student is a member of the PTO. The PTO distributes and fundraises money to the school for field trips, classroom supplies, assemblies, library books, etc. Thanks to events like the Race for Education we can host and/or fund family events (roller skating, Fall Fests) and projects throughout the school year. We seek also to assist and support staff and teachers. We are dedicated to fiscal responsibility and demonstrated transparency in the decisions voted upon, for the betterment of our school community.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** 02.19.19 - 2025

**Minutes Compiled By:** Tess Wallace, Secretary