

Meeting Minutes

Nitrauer PTO

Date: Tuesday, 1/21/2020

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

Meeting Called To Order By: President, Maggie Foley

Time Commenced: 1903 (Adjourned: 1955)

Attendance: Number of attendees - 12 (listed in order of signature): Maggie Foley, Rebecca Rutt, Christina Lott, Angela Salabsky, April Weaver, Jessica Whitley, Tess Wallace, Diana Everhart-Hanna, Jenine Nicholas, Stephanie Ruth, Patrick Murphy (Teacher Rep), Wendy Hancock (Principal)

Officers' Reports

President: Maggie Foley - Opened meeting

Treasurer: Christina Lott - Provided updated copies of Treasurer's report, showing YTD (year to date) income and expenses.

Principal: Dr. Wendy Hancock - requests new auditorium projector to PTO (in the future); 1st grade classes are visiting the HS Planetarium; discussed all upcoming Spanish Immersion classes will move this fall 2020-2021 to Reidenbaugh Elementary from Nitrauer Elementary - all the same Spanish teachers will move as a unit - any parents who were unable to attend the meeting, were personally called; Dr. Barlet heads up the Spanish Immersion - incoming immersion students will have a parent meeting in March at Reidenbaugh Elementary

Committee Reports

SLAC Representative Report - Jenine Nicholas: Updated PTO on lengthy public meeting/presentation by Dr. Felty - stated last year's 5th and 7th graders were not performing up to standards (PVAS - shows growth of proficiency band and measures/predicts upward achievement or not); briefly discussed high school students in P.E. class - each graded differently/not uniformly; lease with IU-13 will not be renewed -- therefore, early learning center will not occur next year (would be dedicated to kindergarten classes) - now pending future date; enrollment from surrounding new developments has increased - will increase number of total student body; relayed the board does not want to do redistricting, at this time; most of presentation was focused/related to intermediate to high-school age

Nitrauer Play "Peter Pan" - Diana Hanna: play is underway with practices; play to be performed in April 2020

Book Fair - Mr. Murphy (Teacher Rep): Gave thanks to the PTO and student families for attending Bingo night and for participating in the school's book fair

Teacher Appreciation - Diana Hanna: 2/23 - Counselor Appreciation week; school bus driver appreciation in April; students will sign card; Dr. Hancock suggested a morning breakfast for the bus drivers

Teacher Morale - Stephanie Ruth: suggests providing gift baskets - super bowl themes - may possibly do during PSSA testing week (in April); Valentine's theme discussed: "We Love Our Teachers" (for 60 people, includes all teachers and support staff)

Old Business

Movie Night - Stephanie Ruth: Total sales, \$4198; 2nd night: fundraiser concessions sold-out (\$1700/night to rent theater at Penn Cinema IMAX paid by PTO); sold 570 tickets - \$5/ticket

Laura Cornelius (not present): next Book Fair fundraiser - at Barnes and Noble, upcoming this Spring, date pending

Yearbook - Diana Hanna: Give/send pictures for the yearbook to her by mid-March

New Business

New MT School Board Member - April Weaver: introduced to PTO

Announcements

Next PTO Meeting: February 18, 2020 in faculty room

Parent Teacher Organization (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.

Meeting Adjourned: 1955

Minutes Compiled By: Tess Wallace, Secretary