

Nitrauer Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

January 2017 PTO Meeting: January 17, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM BY PTO President, Stella Saxinger.

Present: Dr. Wendy Hancock, Kim Banzhof, Stella Saxinger, Kristin Mathew, Amy Hartz, Mary Papadimitriou, Jessica Whitley, Janet Campbell, Kim Romano, Sara Casaletto, Maggie Foley, Lauren Westcott, Christina Lott, Michelle Yost, Stacey Hornberger, Jennifer DeLutis

President's Report: Stella Saxinger/Kristin Mathew

- Announced the new co-presidents for the 2017-18 school year: Janet Campbell and Maggie Foley

Treasurer's Report: Amy Hartz

- Amy distributed the updated Profit and Loss Statement for members to review
- A question was raised regarding the Profit/Loss for the "Pottery Night event." It was determined that there was a net income of \$293.50 from this event. The expense for the Janitor was not included in this amount as it was not yet received.

Principal's Report: Dr. Hancock

- Dr. Felty spent the day at Nitrauer today (Jan. 17). She met with teachers and spent time in classrooms.

Teacher Representative Report: Kim Banzhof

- Kindergarten teachers asked if PTO would be able to contribute to the annual kindergarten "gingerbread house project" in future years. Currently, parents are asked to donate \$5 per student. PTO discussed if the field trip budget could be also be used toward classroom activities. \$15 per student is currently allocated for field trips, which includes amount due for buses and nurse. However, many classes are well below this amount but also partake in classroom activities that involve an expense to parents. Following this discussion, it was determined that the PTO would vote to amend the wording of the "Field Trip" line item of the budget.

MOTION for change to the wording in BUDGET:

- A motion made by Amy Hartz: I move that the PTO of Nitrauer Elementary School change the name in the budget of "field trip account" to "field trip/classroom activities". The motion was seconded by Janet Campbell. Discussion: Amy disclosed that only about \$5,500 of the \$7,500 allocated to field trips was used for the 2015-16 school year. Classroom teachers will still continue to submit requests for field trips and classroom activities keeping within the

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budgeted amount. In addition, Wendy clarified that field trip expenses will always take priority and classroom expenses would only be allowable after accounting for field trip expenses. Stella Saxinger called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SLAC Representative Report:

Kim Romano

- The most recent SLAC meeting included a presentation from the technology department and the upgrades that will be made throughout the district. The tech plan is to start a new technology roll-out this coming spring with all students in grades 3, 5, 7 getting I-pads as well as all high school students. Teachers will also all have I-pads.. I-pads that are already in the schools will be collected and re-purposed in the same school where they were purchased. The I-pads will stay in those grades for the following year.
- MTSD will also be getting a new website with roll-out planned for early Feb.
- On Feb. 2 there will be a public meeting at the middle school, and 3 engineers will present building/renovation plans for middle school. Additionally, there will be several opportunities for all community members to go and tour the middle school and see why renovations are needed.

Committee Reports:

- Pottery Sara Casaletto
 - 120 families attended pottery night.
 - There was a net income of \$293.50 from this event.
 - The expense for the Janitor was not included in this amount as it was not yet received.
- Morning Book Exchange Janet Campbell/Dr. Hancock
 - Dr. Hancock informed PTO that there are currently many donated books. Books were sorted into grade level boxes. The committee will be meeting in Feb. to determine details with the first one happening around the 3rd week of Feb. Cost of books and other details are still being determined and will be announced following the committee meeting. There will be a Sign-Up Genius for parent volunteers.
- Bingo Night is scheduled for this Friday 1/20/17.
- Skating Party Stacey Hornberger
 - The skating party will be held Feb. 25. PTO covers cost of admission and Nitrauer families who attend will need to pay to rent skates.
- Talent show Michelle Yost
 - Talent show will take place on March 31.
 - The stage crew role is full
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair Stella Saxinger
 - A flyer is being created and will be sent home soon.

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- Barnes and Noble Book Fair will run March 23-March 28. The teacher reading night will be March 23 (6-8pm).
- Book Fair update Stella Saxinger
 - Approximately \$3990 was raised during this event. The funds received from Scholastic are given to teachers to spend on their classroom library.
- Spirit Wear: there are magnets and water bottles still left over that will be available for purchase during Bingo Night and other PTO events.
- Mix it up Lunch: 4 scheduled for the year. One has occurred and the next one will be 1/27/17. Students need to sit with students that are not in their classroom. It includes a simple activity such as “whisper down the lane” or a conversation starter. A flyer will be sent home asking for parent volunteers.

Other Announcements:

Kristin Mathew/Stella Saxinger

- Fundraiser idea- seeds for pumpkins and gourds that can be planted in a “Nitrauer garden” and then harvested and sold in the fall. This idea will continue to be researched.
- Ice Cream Night for 2017-18 school year: Friendly’s will provide ice cream for the Ice Cream Social if we agree to do 3 “Friendly’s Night” Fundraisers during the following school year.
- The PTO has open positions for the 2017/18 school year: Co-treasurer, Fall Fest Chair, Fun Fest Co-chair, Holiday party, VP volunteer coordinator, New Family Liaison, Community Service Projects coordinator, Friendly Fun Night coordinator, Holiday party coordinator, Secretary day.

Upcoming Events

- Next PTO meeting: Feb. 21, 2017
- Bingo Night: Jan. 20, 2017
- Skating at Overlook: Feb. 25, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Papadimitriou, Nitrauer PTO Secretary