

Nitrauer PTO Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

In Attendance: Dr. Hancock (principal), Patrick Murphy (teacher rep), Stella Saxinger, Jessica Whitley, Janet Campbell, Amy Hartz, Jen DeLutis, Sara Casaletto, Erin Napp, Christina Lott, Lauren Westcott, Cynthia Brooks, Kate Hemmerich, Maggie Foley, Jill Speizer

President's Report: Stella Saxinger- reminder that many of our long time volunteers are moving on to Landis Run next year so now is a good time for new volunteers to get involved.

Principal's Report: Dr. Hancock. - The school year is off to a great start. There have been big changes this year regarding attendance. All doctor and dentist appointments require excuses from the provider's office. Excuses must be turned in within three days from the return to school or the absence will be marked unlawful. Please check the handbook for more details and additional guidelines for family leaves. If your student goes home and says they "got a bucket today", that is a good thing and means they demonstrated good behavior. The bucket filling is our positive behavior reward program this year and bucket fillers are eligible for weekly prizes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal, a teacher, etc no matter how trivial it may seem. Please don't let the question linger. Artist in residence will be paid by the district this year and occur in the spring. We will have a science type assembly this fall.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Hartz -last year the PTO brought in more income than budgeted and spent less, so we came out a little bit ahead than projected. The purchase of the iPad cart last spring was not budgeted for but came out of savings. The plan is to purchase another cart this year, but we are waiting on direction from the district before we proceed. The Race for Education is our big fundraiser this year and will cover two years of expenses. The PTO is going to switch to a different bank account to allow 500 items (checks) deposited per month to make the Race for Education checks easier to deposit. We will also have the ability to do a nighttime cash drop off at BB&T for chairs who have a lot of cash in their possession at the conclusion of an event. Please contact Amy for the key if you anticipate needing to do a night drop off.

Teacher's Report: Patrick Murphy

The nurse's office has requested athletic shorts and pants to have on hand as the need arises. Specifically requested are girls medium and boys large. Stretchy shorts and pants are best. Please send donations in with your student.

Missy Weaver and Jen McMullin did a wonderful job coordinating last year's mix it up lunches. They would like to recruit 4-5 parents to work with them this year and plan the remaining lunches. Volunteers will need clearances and will be responsible for planning the lunch time activities, gathering supplies, setting up/cleaning up the lunch and coordinating volunteers for each lunch period. One parent is needed to serve as the liaison and will meet with Missy and Jen to go over the duties in more detail. Please email Missy at weavermi@mtwp.net if you are interested.

SLAC Report: No representative present.

Ice Cream Social: Janet Campbell The event was very well attended this year. Thank you to Friendly's for providing the ice cream, topping and staff again this year. As part of our agreement with Friendly's to supply the ice cream, Nitrauer has agreed to host three Family Fun Nights at the Friendly's location on Oregon Pike. The first fun night will be Tuesday, September 27th from 5:0-8:00pm. Fliers went home with students and will be available at Friendly's that evening. The Nitrauer PTO will receive 10% of all sales that evening from customers handing in their PTO flier.

Spiritwear: Christina Lott Spiritwear sample pictures were passed around. We will use a new vendor this year, Elizabethtown Sporting Goods. Available for sale will be Nitrauer t-shirts, sweatshirts and water bottles. The sale starts October 4th.

Fall Fest: Stella Saxinger Everything is in order for this year's Fall Fest on October 27th. Next year, Becky Uvegas has volunteered to chair the event.

Race for Education: Stella Saxinger 2900 mailers were sent out. The cost of postage was completely covered by parent donations. Thank you to everyone who donated for stamps! An email will be sent out very soon regarding volunteer opportunities the day of the race.

Used book fair: Janet Campbell Reidenbaugh's PTO hosts a used book fair for their students. It has been suggested that Nitrauer give it a try. Families will donate gently used books from their home library. The day of the sale, students will be able to purchase the donated books for \$.25 each. It isn't meant to be a fundraiser. The cost of the books is to have children make choices on which books they want rather than grab by the handful. Parent volunteers are needed to sort books prior to the sale and then assist the days of the sale. You may send gently used books in with your child from September 26th- October 7th, or drop them off in the office. We plan to begin sorting an hour before the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:00-7:00pm. Dates of the sale are to be determined, however we plan to have a used book section at the Scholastic Book Fair at the end of November.

Meeting Concluded at 7:40 PM.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00pm in the teacher's lounge.