

Nitrauer Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

October 2016 PTO Meeting: October 18, 2016
Meeting 7:00-8:00 PM

Present: Wendy Hancock (Principal), Sheri Usner (Teacher), Stella Saxinger, Kristin Mathew, Deborah Cooper Gunter, Sara Casaletto, Janet Campbell, Maggie Foley, Kelly Fogleman, Diana Hanna, Jessica Whitley, Amy Hartz, Mary Papadimitriou

President's Report: Stella Saxinger /Kristin Mathew

- Presidents did not have any updates to report

Treasurer's Report: Amy Hartz

- Amy reported that she has a key for the Bank cash box. If you are chairing an event that raises a large sum of cash, Amy can give you a key and deposit ticket so you can go to the bank (BB&T on Oregon Pike) and put it in the safe. Let Amy know how much you deposited, and she will go to the bank to pick up the deposit confirmation the next business day.
- Amy has been managing how many checks we deposits each month. The bank imposes a per item fee for greater than 500 items transacted in our checking account in the same month. With the Race for Education checks, we have hit the max in both September and October. It was noted by Kristen that in the past, deposits could be made to the money market account with no limits. Amy will research whether that is still the case and deposit checks into that account, if so.

Principal's Report: Dr. Hancock

- Congratulations and thank you to Jane and Kelly for chairing a very successful Race for Ed.
- Cafeteria and Playground behavior: reminders have been needed for safety concerns such as walking from cafeteria to recess and not tackling each other
- "Science is everywhere" Assembly will be coming up.
- Discussed "School Messenger" that was recently sent. This messenger was sent because of a possible concern in the neighborhood. Although this event ended up being a non-issue, this was communicated to parents via "school messenger" so that they were made aware from school prior to hearing from kids. The district continues to discuss the best ways to communicate information to parents. Parents brainstormed other ways to communicate ideas such as mass texts.

Teacher Representative Report: Sheri Usner

- Mrs. Usner shared "Thank you notes" from teachers for the classroom gifts. Each classroom received a fund that they could use for a classroom need. For example, the kindergarten class used the gift to purchase "First-in-math."

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SLAC Representative Report:

- Nothing was reported

Committee Reports:

- Spirit Wear Janet Campbell
 - A flyer for spirit wear will be sent home. The deadline to order is 10/28, but they will see if this can be extended.
- Holiday Pottery Day will be 12/3. Students who attend will be able to select a variety of items that they can paint. The price of pottery was discussed and it was agreed to make the price for all items \$10 except for the ornaments that will be 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$12. Flyer will go home on 10/28.
- Race for Education Kelly Folgeman
 - Kelly reported that over \$27,000 was raised during the Race for Education. This is a new record. Thank you to all who supported or volunteered.
- Book Exchange Janet Cambell
 - Many books have been sent for the Book exchange. Dr. Hancock expressed some book keeping concerns if the Book Exchange is held too close to the Book Fair: PTO may not make as much funds, and it may be challenging to determine if books were for the exchange or from scholastic. It was agreed that it would be better to do the Book Exchange in January, and students will have multiple opportunities to purchase a book for \$0.25. Laura McCamant will be chairing the Book Exchange
- Book Fair Stella Saxinger/Kelly Folgeman/Laura MCCamant
 - Books for everyone: Due to the expense of scholastic books, there was a discussion regarding opportunities to ensure that all kids have the opportunity to purchase a book. Dr. Hancock will be discussing the logistics of this with guidance counselor.
 - All students will have an opportunity to preview books, and the Book Fair will include daytime and evening hours.

Other Announcements:

Stella Saxinger

- Next PTO Meeting (November 15, 2016)