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Northwoods Elementary PTA Board Meeting

Meeting Location: Media Center

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Rhonda Beese

In Attendance

Members present included: Rhonda Beese, Vice President; Mandi Baggett, K-2 Teacher Representative; Sharon Stingley, 3-5 Teacher Representative; Jill Hopkins, School picnic; Heather Nadeau, VP Fundraising; Jen Zerda, Health & Wellness; Cathy Brooks, Garden/Kindergarten liaison; Julie Snyder, Treasurer; Bianca Howard, Every Tray Counts; Wendy Warner, Grants & Awards – TO BE EDITED WITH SIGN IN SHEET

Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, President's Report (6:30 p.m.)

Meeting was called to order by Rhonda Beese, VP. (Tiffanie Taylor, President not in attendance due to work commitment.)

Need to approve Sept 2019 minutes. Jen Zerda 1st, Jill Hopkins seconds.

Old Business: I don't believe we had any old business.

Rhonda brings up topics per Tiffanie's request:

Ms. Baggett volunteered for the nominating committee. The committee usually forms during the beginning of the year in January. The nominating committee will help fill the gaps for positions that we know will be missing. The nomcom basically talks with people socially to find these people. Jill Hopkins volunteers today. We are looking for one final person now for the committee.

Next we are thinking of trimming down the board slate. We have some positions that we don't really need to have. For example the school store is one of the areas that aren't quite inclusive. It might be better to do the school store maybe once or twice a year. We are trying to find ways to combine things that could go together, with several people in each committee. Please let us know if anyone thinks they can contribute to ideas. Wendy says - I think it would be nice to have a student category, teacher, faculty. Beatrice adds it will be great to get some new people in these positions for new ideas.

Rhonda says to Jen Zerda that we need to find dates for the Wellness activities as planned in the report submitted.

Katie Dutch for Staff Appreciation is not here. We are trying to figure out dates on that and need her update.

Bianca, I see you are talking about composting, and trays for later. There was a question for the cost estimates, and compiling info for the money request.

I also need to confirm the international festival date, but we are waiting to hear back from Whitney, and Mr. Nixon for the date. It will probably need to be late in March, or early April.

The school will be a polling place on Oct 8th, there are also school pictures - we need volunteers. We have a sign up genius for that day from Katy. If you volunteer, please wear your Northwoods shirt. There lunch like a field day - they either bring their own or sign up ahead of time for bag lunch. Breakfast will be served/bagged in 3rd grade hallway for pickup in the morning as kids come into school. As far as I know there will be extra election people on site. The school will basically be on lock down. Kids will need to be escorted to the bathroom. Stingley says we should put a sign in the hallway "No Elections Past this Point." Next year, we do have a Teacher workday on the general election day.

Principal's Report and Teacher Representative's Report (6:46 p.m.)

Ms. Baggett needs to know when the kids will get their shirts. Suzanne says: We should have them at the end of the month. All shirts will be the same color, and there will be extra. We are just getting the logos, and a few sizes for staff members. I am trying to get the sizes for the bus drivers. There are four bus drivers, so we are trying to get about 75 extra kids.

Stingley says the 1st field trip will be October 25th.

a 5th Vice President's Report (6:45 p.m.)

Rhonda Beese's monthly report: See President's report, added with President report since Rhonda stepped in, in Tiffany's absence.

Treasurer's Report (6:50 p.m.)

Julie Snyder's monthly report: We are talking about August. Our income was for 1,000. From memberships, Amazon, \$401. Sponsorship from for \$250. tOP eXPENSESE were: See attached report:

Baggett: I have a question about the \$100 check. How do I list items on the receipt. Is it ok if I go over. Yes, we will just be able to reimburse \$100.

New Business (6:50 p.m.)

Rhonda: New Costume for Mel. Greg is researching some potential costume ideas. We would like to propose that for school improvement budget we could get a new costume. They are usually about \$200- \$300. There are some that look great, so he will bring in some ideas. We were thinking it would be fun to get two costumes, one bigger, and smaller for 5th graders. The current one is about 10 years old.

Committee Reports (7:05 p.m.)

Walk to School Day: October 2, 2019 (Greg Couch) - Jen Zerda we are meeting tomorrow, Mr. Nixon will be there and a town council member will be there as well. We are looking for someone to run the finishing table. Jill Hopkins can run the table. Mrs. Stingley can also help with that.

Health & Wellness Update (Jen Zerda) Mindful mornings will be starting in November hopefully on Wednesdays. I usually offer separate 15 minute sessions, they start off putting on mindful body, mind, and setting intentions for the day before the school start. We used to use another room, and my big question is which room to use. MRs. Stingley says they can come to her room, room 205. - I would love to participate.

I will start providing information for Wake PTA, and NC PTA.

Will there be anything special for School Lunch Week? We have coloring sheet that goes out.

October is:

- [National Bullying Prevention Month](#)
- [National School Lunch Week](#) (October 14 - 18)
- [Farm to School Month](#)
- [National School Bus Safety Week](#) (Oct 21 - 25)
- Information from School Health Advisory Council (SHAC): SHAC held the first monthly meeting to set the agenda for the upcoming year. SHAC plans to follow up on the recommendations presented in the August meeting to

the Board of Education in the areas of Tobacco/Vaping prevention, Maintaining/Enhancing Healthful Living Standards for K- 9 and Creating local awards to replace Sneakers & Spokes and Brains & Bodies. Additionally, the SHAC brainstormed topics to investigate in the 2019 - 2020 school year which are: school safety/security, diversity & inclusion, SE Raleigh/YMCA partnership, Student Health Support Staff, Employee Wellness, and School Lunch/Breakfast program

Information from Wake PTA: Even if a PTA is only using MemberHub for collecting dues, it is important to add members of the board into the system annually so that Wake PTA can communicate with your leadership team. Invoices are being sent to the treasurers through MemberHub and there is a monthly newsletter that is sent as

***Amazon no fuss fundraising is SMILE.Amazon.com, it will let you pick your charity. You type out Northwoods PTA.

Back to the Every Tray Counts, We pay after the service, we will see if we can have some designated sponsors, and that they will give us extra. **** See Bianca's handout about service fees that need to be paid/ voted on.

Fundraising: Timeline and sign Up Genius (Heather Nadeau) Fund raising starts on the 21st, October 21st - November 6th. We can't do it on Tueadsy because that is election day. The spirit sprint,make up picture day is going to have to change. Testing starts on the Tuesday that's 3 days of testing. Friday, 1st is a teacher workday. Stingley says to propose the 4th, and reschedule testing and pictures.

Run and Done forms are done. Last Year we made 11,500. I think we can get \$12000. We have more kids this year. We are sending out sign up geniuses for

United Arts Council: Grants and Events (Beatrice Le Pechoux)

November 15, 2019: Grades k-2 from 1:15pm to 2:15pm; Grades 3-5 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Yasu Ishida - Japanese Magical Journey

Combining traditional Japanese theatre, lion dance, music, origami, magic, and storytelling, Yasu will guide audiences to the enchanting land of Japan. He will share excerpts from a Japanese traditional folktale with origami, a Japanese traditional vaudeville act with the playing of a traditional flute, and a Japanese lion dance. Yasu's programs include stories that he performs with lots of audience interaction and participation.

To learn more about Yasu Ishida and his performance, you can visit his website at:

<https://www.yasutheatre.com>

January 17, 2020: Grades k-2 from 1:15pm to 2:15pm; Grades 3-5 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Rick Brown - Meet Sir Isaac Newton

Sir Isaac Newton makes a guest appearance to talk to students of all ages about his life, and how he changed the world of science. Sir Isaac will bring his Laws of Motion and Theory of Gravitation to life for your students. He starts by telling the students about his early life and about the famous the story of the apple falling on his head. Since man has always wanted to move things, so Sir Isaac shows how they got better at doing just that. Students try to break the third Law of Motion which deals with action-reaction. Using students to help, Sir Isaac demonstrates his three laws of motion in fun and exciting ways. He marvels at all the ways that the Laws of Motion have been used for by mankind including especially the space travel that has taken place during the last 60 years.

To learn more about Rick Brown and his performances, you can visit his website at:

<https://www.scienceedventures.com>

April 28, 2020: Grades k-2 from 1:15pm to 2:15pm; Grades 3-5 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Trent Arterberry - Think Bigg

Think Bigg blends mime, storytelling and puppetry into a hilarious show of kid-friendly stories and characters. Featuring lots of audience participation, students learn about non-verbal communication and specific mime techniques both onstage and in their seats. "In short episodes as a racing-car driver, a pilot, a robot, a digital dude, a puppet named Mr. Bigg and the classic man-trapped-in-box scenario, he fascinates his young audience and involves them in trying some of his moves and realizing the power of the imagination." - NOW Magazine, Toronto

To learn more about this artist and his performance, you can visit his website at :

<http://www.trentshow.com>

5th grade workshop

Dec 17-19, 2019

Black Box Dance Theatre company - Moving a Revolution

After their very successful Revolutionary War workshop for the past two years (which was turned into a play to “bring history alive” the first year), our 5th grade teachers have asked for another three-day workshop by the same company.

Black Box Dance Theatre company (composed of dancers with diverse backgrounds including a Purple Heart Wounded j) believes the best way to understand something differently/deeper/authentically is to make a dance about it!

Workshops are designed to elicit and integrate ideas from participants in the construction of new dances. Students are left with the pride that comes from creating dances and the knowledge of how to do more. *To learn more about this dance company, you can visit their website at: <http://www.blackboxdancetheatre.org/index.html>*

Other possible residencies/workshops:

- AU focused program from the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences?
- Latin dance during PE for K-5?

Beatrice: 7:31 - I submitted artist and dates, and we have 1500 in grants. one in japanese art, puppetry and mime. The 5th graders are getting the same thing as last year. I have wiggle room for the AU, at the school mr nixon came from did something with the museuam of arts and scientist. I was thinking it would be fun to do a latin dance

Final Comments (7:32 p.m.)

meeting adjourned heather and beatrice.wq