

MINUTES

Northwoods Elementary PTA Board Meeting

Meeting Location: Media Center

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Rhonda Beese, VP

In Attendance

Members present included: Cheryl Aber, Secretary; Rhonda Beese, Vice President; Suzanne Bleakley, Spirit Wear; Mandi Baggett, K-2 Teacher Representative; Teresa Combs, 3-5 Teacher Representative; Katy Burgwyn, Membership; Jill Hopkins, School picnic; Heather Nadeau, VP Fundraising; Greg Couch, Safe Routes; Cathy Brooks, Garden/Kindergarten liaison; Julie Snyder, Treasurer; Joe Nixon, Principal; Wendy Werner, Grants & Awards; Beatrice Le Pechoux, Cultural Arts; Bianca Howard, Terra-Cycle/ETC; Jen Zerda, Wellness; Jennifer Papp, Terra-Cycle/ETC; Leah Williams, Adopt-A-Spot; Renee Milmoie, guest/parent

Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, President's Report (6:31 p.m.)

Meeting was called to order by Rhonda Beese. Approve Oct and Nov meeting minutes...Motion to approve, JN second and everyone approved. International festival – she has not responded. Heather N said they moved that we not host the international festival this year and the Nomcom added a note on the flyer they sent to teachers already, that PTA will not be hosting this year. Should not fall to the same PTA members to support.

Tues and Wed are PTA workdays for Rhonda.

Need new volunteers to help with programs to keep them going. We don't have room parents, need someone to manage them. CA suggested that Sec to manage the room parents.

Book fair, people want to help, but they are not committing. JN suggested Barnes and Noble. They host book fairs on-line and in-store. Mar 2-6 is when Scholastic scheduled us.

Communication – need to improve on this. Please utilize Google email list serv and Facebook page. Send notes to Sec before meetings, even if there is nothing to report for your committee.

Principal's Report and Teacher Representative's Report (6:45 p.m.)

Joe Nixon's monthly report: All his news is in the bi-weekly newsletter. Suggested to switch out images to make it new and fresh.

RB, new rules or info on polling place? March for sure will be a polling place. Oct went well, but traffic may be higher b/c of primary season.

No start date for the modular project. Need to clear the land and lay out markers, etc. SIP rep – by law every school in NC needs an improvement plan. We are required to have a parent rep. A lot of school-based jargon, kind of a steep learning curve. Liaison b/t school and community. Usually before school hours: ~7:45am-8:30-ish. Lots of info considered confidential, so some discretion involved.

Teresa Combs (3-5 Teacher Rep) and Mandi Baggett (K-2 Teacher Rep): Thanks for the giving table. In the future, perhaps use a different date, not right before the holidays – earlier in the week, preferably.

Vice President's Report (6:31 p.m.)

Rhonda Beese's monthly report: See above in president's report

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

Julie Snyder's monthly report: reporting on November...\$22K for the month. Close to \$15K from one and done (5th graders put their funds in the wrong mailbox). Expenses: t-shirt for \$5K. To date, only 14 teachers have used the \$100 classroom set up. JN...can we remove principal signature next year? We can update the form, if it is not part of the standing rules. It is not school funds, so let's nix it.

Committee Reports (7:05 p.m.)

Spirit Wear: Suzanne knows new students are starting but has not received requests for more shirts. JN wants to know if extras for new staff who are starting soon.

Need lockbox for money-related things but need mailboxes to be moved into the staff room. Pay for install as well as lockbox. RB, who wants to take on the task? HN volunteered to investigate prices, etc.

Yearbook payments will be on-line and one morning or so at school, in-person.

New Business (7:15 p.m.)

RB, anyone want to be president? No takers. Greg nominates, seconded, all approved.

We need a VP. Suggests nomination committee find a 1st VP. Need a SIP rep and do we want to add SIP rep to official slate? JN will put that in his next newsletter since it will be under his umbrella.

Nominating Committee:

Flyer (see above). Need another member. First email to current board to ask if they want to do the same position next year, or something else. Second to non-members to see if new parents want to be on the board. Bring a friend to PTA meeting.

CompostNow/ETC:

Urgent need to see if we want to continue supporting. \$48/week for CN to come and collect the trays and lunchroom waste. 13-15 weeks ~\$600-700. Need to vote on making this a budget line item and make sure we have a sustainability coordinator next year as well. Leigh Williams – we want to serve all students and moving forward a great educational component. Our cafeteria manager is brand new, so we need their input. JN motioned, seconded. Approved. Need to discuss at next meeting as old business.

Mel costume – CA will send options for Mel costume; Beatrice's husband can order once we decide. ShopMascot.com: <https://www.shopmascot.com/index.php?route=product/search&sort=p.price&order=ASC&search=koala&description=rue>

Final Comments (7:31 p.m.)

Adjourn! 7:31!