

MINUTES

Northwoods Elementary PTA Board Meeting

Meeting Location: Media Center

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – 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; Katie Dutch, Staff Appreciation; Greg Couch, Safe Routes; Cathy Brooks, Garden/Kindergarten liaison; Julie Snyder, Treasurer; Crystal Hartzell, Community Engagement & Social Media; Joe Nixon, Principal; Wendy Werner, Grants & Awards; Beatrice Le Pechoux, Cultural Arts

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

Meeting was called to order by Rhonda Beese. Please sign the card for Ms. Whalen. NomCom – many roles and not many who want to fill them. We need to ask people if they want to be on a committee/board. Needs to start now. Heather N: we need to see what important and what programs will need to take a backseat. Principal Nixon: school improvement plan...will bring at next meeting...what positions would align with the new school improvement visions. RB: budget should go to all school, so what do people who it benefits want?

Principal's Report and Teacher Representative's Report (6:40 p.m.)

Joe Nixon's monthly report: ALL people must sign in at front desk during school hours. Just wearing your PTA badge is no longer acceptable. If picking up a student, need to show ID. Still waiting to get the full report from the security evaluations. No ID for aftercare, so only for school hours. NES was one of 20 schools that the state transportation office to do a study on carpool flow of traffic. More DOT side than Wake county side. Statewide putting together safety structure. Potential for us to receive more security cameras. Waiting to secure the funding – grant funding and from the state. Lockdown drill last week...happy to report that it went smoothly. By far the best school this school year... PTA cabinet...money was easily accessible, that is a no-no. We need to look into a new cabinet option. Move it into the mail room with teachers? Something attached to the door or to the wall. Amazon has reasonable solutions...as low as \$70. Board have mailboxes and then maybe have folders for other committees. Katy, Heather N and Julie will do research on it.

Happy to announce that we are partnering with a locate church for staff appreciation throughout the year. They want to serve the school – paint hallways, classroom – Harvest Church. Campus beautification day? Maybe focus on inside and outside. Church fulfills their mission to the community as volunteer time. "Off the books" so Wake County will still need to improve the school.

Positivity Project: PBIS team exploring options for different social/emotional curriculum. We have not committed to it but looking into it. Centered around 24 traits in what most people show. "Other people matter"... Work on a different character strength every week. Team meeting on Thursday. Goal to start on next school year. Will not give up CLIMB.

Weird series of events...several months ago, teachers asked for better storage in the adult bathrooms. Wake will not cover, so we need to figure out a way to pay for it. \$2541.83 for cost of cabinets and installation. Proposal: PTA pay for cabinets, NES will pay for paint and other building improvements throughout the year. Greg: National PTA does not recommend that PTA becomes another funding source on top of the county. Asked if the vendor was willing to

wiggle...nope. RB: motion to add this as a line item to the budget (school improvement). Have a quorum of board of directors. Principal Nixon having a meeting on Thursday with the budget people. All in favor...none opposed.

As of 11/12/2019: 647 student count.

Teresa Combs (3-5 Teacher Rep) and Mandi Baggett (K-2 Teacher Rep): Thank you for the shirts. Will make sure the ask the grade chairs if they have any items to bring to the table.

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 (7:15p.m.)

Julie Snyder's monthly report: Positive this month. Business sponsorships and membership drive. A lot of teachers have not passed in their classroom set up reimbursement. See packet.

Committee Reports (7:05 p.m.)

Fundraising Update – No spirit run because of weather. We collected 2,264 box tops - \$226.40! Collecting them again in February. \$14,128 from no fuss... classroom photos tomorrow. Passed out raffle gifts to 19 students.

Yearbook - Cover work is placed and schedule of pictures (clubs, principal page, etc) needed will be sent out soon. Addy Eamons is the cover winner.

International Festival – we need a date! DeWhitney was not present.

Mel costume – vote on purchasing one? Looks about ~\$229-800 for a mascot costume. Motion to pay for a new Mel suit. RB: vote to proceed an investigation for the costume to spend up to \$500. ShopMascot.com:

<https://www.shopmascot.com/index.php?route=product/search&sort=p.price&order=ASC&search=koala&description=true>

Staff Appreciation – Thanksgiving turkey raffle. Katy Dutch...\$50 gift card for Miss Rose. 12 person meal from city BBQ for Thanksgiving. Give Principal Nixon info so he can let people opt in. Drawing on Nov 22. Will announce on KNN. December giving table – Dec 20th.

Every Tray Counts – see handout re: lunchroom composting. Every Tray Counts has secured enough donations to fund the program through early December. Voting on possible funding at the January board meeting.

Final Comments (7:32 p.m.)

Hero Day...need to factor in larger school size...Kindergartens were not supposed to be there but came after their field trip. Maybe timed visits? Fire fighters could not come last week.

Adjourn! 7:33!