

PTO Meeting Notes

Date: 09/09/2024

Location: School Cafeteria

Time: 06:00PM

In Attendance: Ashley Bonnett, Hannah Rush, Amy Keegan, Kelley Bajillan

Committee Members: Nia Ward, Kristie Maine, Whitney Williams, Nicole Campbell, Kasey Byrd, Kristie Helper, Rachel Safrit, Lindsey Haddock, Emily Brittan, Cate Tomasula, Diane Reese, Jennifer Kurtzman, Not present but sent in info to Ashley: Stephaine Tidwell

Upcoming Meetings

PTO meeting 10/14 6pm with Open House

Introductions from our President Ashley Bonnett: 336-403-4051

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- Ashley opened the meeting and introduced the executive board. Herself as president, VP Hannah Rush, Secretary Kelley Bajillan, and Treasurer Amy Keegan
- She highlighted some of the activities like finding and reviewing the bylaws and then the process to update the bylaws.
- She reviewed some of the events like the Carnival and that we have had multiple dances

Amy Keegan Treasurer 336-403-3348 nwestreasurer@gmail.com

- Amy passed out the year in Review and discussed the points of how much money was raised and how the money was spent.
- She advised that this year we want to start putting money back toward a playground and to put Spirit decor in throughout the school.

Kelley Bajillan Secretary: 336-782-0456 northwestptosecretary@gmail.com

- Talked about the parent survey and the teacher survey
- Parent survey 83 people responded 97.6% were parents
- Break down of grade level: Kindergarten 34.9%; 1st grade 22.9%; 2nd grade 18.1%, 3rd grade 28.9%, 4th Grade 16.9%, 5th grade 10.8%
- Most thought that we had just the right amount of events at 77.1%; Too many events 20.5%, and too Few were 2.4 %

- Read some of the comments and discussed concerns like with the DJ and music selection.

Floor was opened to the teachers. One teacher spoke up and said that they appreciated work duty.

Nia Ward: Committee leader for Spanish Immersion 336-225-6459 Niacapri@gmail.com

- She states that this was a new position created last year
- This year there were 3 new spanish immersion teachers that came on board
- She was able to help organize getting furniture, food and meal trains for them to start out the year.
- She encouraged people that if they have a Spanish Immersion need or need help in reaching out to the teacher to reach out to Nia and she can help get them connected.
- Thinking about future social events

Kristie Maine: Dance Coordinator Kristie Maine 704-617-5998 Kristimaine@gmail.com

- October 18th: Boo Bash
- Feb 7th: Likely something Valentines
- DJ has been set up
- If interested in helping please reach out

Whitney Williams Winterfest/Carnival Coordinator 336-407-7046 wwilliams05@gmail.com

- Dec 13th: Winterfest/Santa is already booked
- May 4th Carnival
- If interested in helping please reach out

Nicole Campbell: Hospitality Coordinator 336-408-3351 Nicole.E.Rooney@gmail.com

- Putting together teacher lunches
- Nov 18th
- May 5th
- Would like help in coming up with other treats for the teachers. Anyone willing to help please reach out to Nicole.

Kasey Byrd: The Rock 336-413-9509 kbyrd12@carolina.rr.com

- \$25.00 a week Sunday- Saturday is the rental period
- We had only a few sign up last year
- Payments are cash/checks made out to NWES PTO placed in envelope and dropped off at the front office. Clearly mark them saying PTO/PTR (paint the rock).
- If two people want the same date then whoever pays first gets the date.

Kristie Helpler Spirit Nights 336-972-2454 KristieHelpler@yahoo.com

- She shared that there are 4 monthly nights
 - Hungry Howies 1st Thursday
 - Abbotts 2nd Wednesday
 - Omega 3rd Tuesday
 - Nick's 4th Tuesday
- She states that Stevens agreed this year for 10/30 all day
- Mipubleo
- Bigby
- She states that Dario is on 12/31/2024 and 3/31/2024. However she is going to check the 12/31/2024 date
 - She really needs two volunteers to help her at the Dario event or dairo may not have us back next year.

Rachel Safrit 704-516-8305 Rkschulte@gmail.com and **Lindsey Haddock: Art Nights**
336-817-3034 lindshaddock@gmail.com

- Art nights have been set for the year. See calendar.
- They will be on Friday 5-6pm cost is \$15.00
- Mrs. Stone has different pictures so kids are not painting same thing every year

Emily Brittan: Communications 919-949-1204 Emily.S.Brittain@gmail.com

- She is responsible for FB, Dojo, Remind and updating website
- Advised that if something needs to get out to please get it to her and she will get it out.

Cate Tomsula: Lunch Duty 336-283-7887 Cathowey@gmail.com

- First lunch duty is October 17th it is mostly covered but still have slots open in the first section

Stephanie Tidwell (Not present) Ashley Bonnett spoke on her behalf: 336-399-3865
stephanietidwell08@gmail.com

- Stephanie keeps up with the volunteers
- We had a fundraiser to raffle off a VIP slot for the year and the winner was Nicole Campbell
- We will have a monthly raffle of a VIP slot that will be good for a month. Your name is entered every time you volunteer. The raffle for September volunteers will be announced at the October meeting.

Amy Keegan/Kelley Bajillan Work Duty: Amy spoke for both.

- We are looking for someone to take this over.
- We need someone available to show people what to do and how to use the machine.
- We would still support them in making the signup genius and getting that out.
- If interested reach out

Diane Reese: Runner's Club 336-965-8721 diane.reesenc@gmail.com

- Tues/Thurs before school starting in October
- 4 labs get a charm
- 60-100 kids
- Need volunteers to help mark kids arms.

Jennifer Kurtzman 336-287-5888 jkurtzman4@gmail.com

- 5k Eventing Run thinking about doing it before winterfest
- If that goes well thinking about something for the Spring.
- If interested reach out to Jennifer.

Angel Hedrick Fundraising Coordinator 336-408-7131 angel_hedrick@yahoo.com

- Sept 18th is the Kickoff for the Fun Run
- Sept 26th The Fun Run outside
- 1st round of prizes here today
- Last week teachers got code
- Pledges: cash or pledges online.
- Prize money collected are what earn prizes not on what money is pledged
- New Banners should be coming soon

Hannah Rush/ Amy Keegan Playground ; Along with Gera Hawn and Mollie Essick:
Hannah spoke 336-239-5323 nwesptovp@gmail.com

- Build new or add on to make it inclusive for everyone
- Looking for two more members, likely a multi year project.
- Will need help researching and applying for grants
- We will need to get 3 quotes
- Meetings will be during the day/ occasional zoom in the evening

Principal Stevens

- She thanked the PTO for all their support.
- She talked about Oct 14th having a PTO meeting/Open house every grade would showcase or have a theme. It will be a night of engagement.