

Spring Road School PTO Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Attendees: Laura Taylor, Diane Luft, Latham Linstedt, Jene Fulcer, Jessica DeDeker, Michele Martin, and Jodi Zehner

- Meeting was called to order at 4:37pm.
- Michelle Martin motioned to approve September minutes and Latham Lindstead seconded.

- Principal Diane Luft's Report:
 - Thank you for supporting the Matt Wilhelm presentation. It was a great presentation and the students really enjoyed it. There was a lot of excitement on Thursday night at Open House with students showing their families the poster of Matt and talking about the presentation.
 - Firefighters visited on Oct 3rd for Fire Prevention Month.
 - Open House went well. There was discussion about if we want to continue this format and feedback was provided. It was cold but unfortunately, we can't control the weather. Talked about moving the date but then thought that might get too close to the beginning of the year and the Meet and Greet. Decided to schedule next years for Thursday October 1, 2020.
 - Packer Outreach Camp was Oct 8th for grades 2-5. Roxanne Barrow put together that activity and had high school football students coming to help with the stations.
 - Book fair and parent teacher conferences are coming up at the end of the month.
 - There is a PBIS celebration scheduled for Nov 1st. Communication will be coming home for that.
 - Switching to Schoology for all communication by the end of the month. No weekly newsletter will be coming home from the principal, instead she will be doing real time updates as they happen. Parents can choose to receive a recap weekly/daily of all posts. PTO will still send out a monthly paper newsletter and Diane will also post a PDF of the newsletter to Schoology.

- Treasurer report
 - Account Balances (as of 10/8)
 - Savings: \$7,020.29
 - Checking: \$9,433.39
 - Project: \$13,255.33
 - Deposits- None
 - Expenses
 - First Day Staff Luncheon- \$122.59
 - Staff Sunshine Gifts - \$50.00
 - Pending Deposits
 - Huterra- \$25.76, %50.96
 - Badger Sports Park - \$207.00
 - Fall Fundraiser (approx.) \$3300.00
 - Fall Fundraiser Feedback: a lot of "thank you" written on forms that came back. There may be some confusion that the funds actually go to the general fund and donations are not specifically for a teacher. Could be some clarification if we go that route again next year.
 - Laura suggested maybe adjusting so families could ask additional people to support Spring Road with donations and not just the parents/guardians.

- Boy Scout Report
 - They had their recruitment night and gained 7 new members and some needed Den leaders. They also lost 7 members, so they are still sitting with 22 boys in the pack. They are in the middle of popcorn sales and that is going well. Oct 8th is the pack meeting and they are having someone come in with snakes. Later in October there is an outing to Mosquito Hill for a naturalist walk.

- Newsletter-
 - We need to confirm dates before getting to Tessa. She is working on getting the following newsletter completed by midmonth so it can get out the parents by the first of the month.

- My Huterra
 - There are two different accounts that are set up for Spring Road School. Latham confirmed he receives two checks from Huterra so we will just keep using both of them and both come to the PTO.
 - Laura shared some changes Huterra is offering. They are now offering electronic gift card purchases thru the app with a portion of that going back to the school. Almost like a SCRIP program but the school doesn't have to bulk order or keep track of the gift cards. That could be a beneficial program to promote especially as the holidays approach.

- Wizards
 - We discussed if getting involved in bringing the Harlem Wizards back to Neenah is something that PTO was interested in. Decided that at this time, we are not.

- PTO Meeting Times
 - Survey responses from last year indicated more people would be interested in attending PTO meetings but cannot make 4:30 work with their schedules. The majority of the responses said after 6pm would be better with no indication one day of the week was preferred.
 - Decided to try alternating start times between 6pm and 4:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in November thru January. If no significant change in families attending, then will go back to 4:30pm. Not looking necessarily to triple attendance but looking to see if different families have the opportunity to attend.
 - Will promote it in the Newsletter and with Schoology posts

- Upcoming PTO and School events
 1. October 10 - Skate Night 5:30-7:30pm
 2. October 21- 11/14 - Eaton's Pizza Order (Dec 5 Pick Up)
 3. October 22, 24-25 – Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair in the Library
 4. October 25 – Early Dismissal @ 11:30am
 5. October 28 – No School
 6. November 1- PBIS Event and Early Dismissal @ 11:30am
 7. November 12- PTO Meeting @ 6pm
 8. November 13 – Family Bowling Night @ Classic Lanes 5:30-7:30pm
 9. November 19 – Skate Night 5:30-7:30pm
 10. November 27-29 – No School

- Open Discussion
 - Fundraiser/ Social Discussion
 - There was some discussion regarding upcoming fundraisers and socials that were planned or could be planned.
 - Feedback was given that in future years we should look at changing when we hold the Eaton's fundraiser. There are many schools and organizations in Neenah right now doing pizza sales so that might hurt our sales.
 - Jodi is going to check with Jill Weyer about adding a second pizza sale in the late winter/spring as was discussed last year.
 - Jene liked the idea of doing a color run as a social and/or fundraiser. Unsure of when we would be able to do so, especially this year as May gets pretty busy. Diane shared about possibly doing a glow run type social maybe for the fall of 2020.
 - Grandparents Day/Evening Social
 - Laura brought up the idea of having the PTO take over Grandparents Day and create something new to honor the grandparents/loved ones with a special social type evening. Possibly do something in late February. Ideas were brainstormed of what that activity could look like. Idea was tabled until next meeting to gather more ideas/brainstorming.

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm