

New Eagle PTO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 1, 2021

Location: Virtual via MS Teams

Time: 7:00 pm ET

Attendees:

PTO Board Members - Anne Woodcock, Sandi Mahar, Michele Hinken, Jeena Pereira, Lauren Tiede, Becky Daly, Kerry Sinclair, Elizabeth Trupkovitch, Kristin Morgan, Deb Dion, Elissa Benedette

NEES Principal – Patrick Gately

NEW BUSINESS:

Beautification of NEES Exterior – Elissa Benedette

- Trimming and update to the New Eagle sign at entrance
- Pots at bus loop and Kindergarten entrance - do a campaign for large (preferably black) pots to donate for these locations with year-long options and then change seasonally
 - Using Sign-up Genius to solicit donations for pots and soil and other donations
- Creation of committee with students and parents to care for, update and improve based on the plan
- Garden Club may be interested in getting involved and it would be worth reaching out
- Potential to go to the local Scout groups and offer up a major project to one of the local troops

Long-Term Giving Ideas – Dr. Gately

- Dr. Gately working with vendors on the A/V equipment to get quotes for the projectors
- Additionally working with a vendor to get quotes on the play space outside the Kindergarten and circle back on options and pricing

Coat Drive – Anne Woodcock

- Information on coats to donate for the drive will be going out in the blast

4th Grade Survey

- Feedback so far has a lot of events that parents would like to see happen but the volunteer needs are low from the 4th Grade parents
 - Yearbook is the number one thing that people want to see and no parents want to volunteer, so maybe an opportunity to change it up and perhaps treat it like a club with representatives from other grades so that you have students coming up that also have experience

REVIEW OF COMMITTEES:

TREASURER REPORT – Michele Hinken:

- Full year budget circulated and reviewed for 2021/22 with numbers looking good – have brought in significant portion of income for this year, particularly through Friends of the PTO
- Book Fair came in right on budget
- Revenue is on track for the year
- On track for the expenses side, we are also on track to date
 - Reminder to send in reimbursement and expenses for the year

After School Clubs – more promotion around the process for signing up and how to proceed if there is a students that have financial needs to smooth out the process for next Spring and next year

GOLDEN APPLE GRANTS UPDATE – Anne Woodcock & Dr. Gately:

- Beth Adams – The Big Give submission approved

FUNDRAISING UPDATE – Kristen Morgan via Anne Woodcock:

- NENO – Bindu Wong has stepped up to lead and created a plan based on the calendar and has organized with the restaurants
 - Potential for a Duck Donuts NENO for Hanukkah – gives us an option to do a quick turnaround for this week
- Parent Social – Friday, March 4 - tentative
 - Some volunteers with the auction – Rachel Kramer
 - Suggestion to adjust the date to potentially have it outside so that we can deal with social distancing issues
 - Combination with Road Riddles in a “parent only” portion ending with the parent social
 - Investigate locations first and then circle back on the date (e.g. 30 Main with a large tented outside space and may be an option)
 - **Action Item** – take the date of the PTO calendar and adjust based on news about locations

Cultural Arts – Sandi Mahar, Jeena Pereira

- *December 22*: First Grade - is the National Weather Service, free & virtual interactive event
- Working with Delta – the TESD-wide set of diversity & cultural arts programming
 - Looking to see if we could time some of our events with talent being brought in by the other schools and districts, Sandi will look into these options
- NEES working on bringing in Henry Cole – virtual author visit, K & 1 in a session and then 2nd separate
- High School Cultural groups – would love to invite them to the Cultural Heritage night or engage with them in another way to talk & engage with elementary school students about community
- Key Club is also willing to help, but the PTO needs to be specific around what we may need at school and combine with the activities
- Star Program in 2nd Grade with HS students coming down and talking to the younger kids about community and getting involved
 - Need to look at a way to incorporate into something with the COVID protocols
- Parent Lending Library – borrow books based on the topics, list has been reviewed and will be listed for donation with a book plate acknowledging the donation
 - Producing a communication with details of the list and the process for checking out the books

Volunteer & Recruiting – Lauren Tiede, Elizabeth Tropkovitch

- This Week’s HRC Blast – Lost & Found items that need to be looked through by the end of the week and a link to the staff appreciation breakfast volunteers, which has filled up quickly
- Organizing for Crafts & Games for holiday parties on Friday, December 23
- PTO can do multiple Lost & Found organizations for February and again in the Spring

Meeting Concludes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2022