

NEPTO Minutes from October 19, 2016

Tina opened the meeting.

Dr. Roy was present at the meeting. He thanked the parents for being involved in their children's school. Dr. Roy talked about a few district initiatives, such as, The Road Map to Educational Excellence. It is used in every school so that they all have a common framework. The school's focus on the core learning; reading, math and writing. It's also to have the children stretch their abilities, whether it is in the classroom or in other ways, like the music program. To have children more engaged in their school, because when they do they learn more. Personal skill development is the last part of the Road Map, because they want the children to grow up to be good citizens. The school's all set goals in those areas. He also discussed the new reading program that is in the elementary grade levels. The goal is to have 90% of third graders reading on grade level, which will help them succeed through middle and high school. There is a lot of training, technical stuff, that goes into the program. Lincoln Elementary was the first school to use the new program. When they first started the program only $\frac{1}{3}$ of children were on track, by the middle of the year $\frac{2}{3}$ were on track and by the end of the year 90% of the children were on track. This was the Kindergarten classes. Dr. Roy also brought up that they want to put a foreign language in the Elementary schools, which would be Spanish. It would be taught one day a week. The school district hopes to see more funding from the state. He said the reality right now, is that the system is broken at the state level. He's hoping that the state will help the district at some point and that it is not an obstacle. He closed by saying that Northeast is his favorite middle school. The students and teachers have fun and the focus on kids and helping the kids and the success that they see, makes it a special place. It takes everyone for making it that way and thanked everyone for their part in making that happen.

Mr. RaHS said that the mid-quarter grades are all electronic. They are trying to be more paperless and the parents get the grades faster. Schoology is the website that the teachers and students use. The teachers use this to post the students assignments, for example the envision math. Parents don't have access to it yet. It will probably be 2 to 3 years before it is up and running for everyone. Student led conferences are coming up in November. They are working hard to prepare the students for the conferences. Fall sport activities are coming to a close. He also said that all the first round clubs are up and running Monday thru Thursday. He closed by saying, "It's a happening place starting at 7:15am till about 5 every night."

The treasurer report: The opening balance was \$8,987. The total expenses for the month were \$1,218.68 which was from the dance and snack stand alone. The income for the month was \$6,938.55. That was from the Save Around books, dance and snack stand. Ending balance was \$14,707.44.

Pac report: Dr. Roy covered most of what was discussed at the meeting. They discussed the mini-thon, which she believes is at the end of March. They would like to get the elementary and middle schools involved. They were more receptive to doing a mini-mini-thon at Northeast.

Dance: The next dance is November 18. This is the dance where the student brings in canned goods. The student will get something for bringing the donations, but not sure what that will be yet. The donations will go to a foodbank in the Marvine-Pembroke area.

Eats Out: The total for Dairy Queen was \$207.70. The 50/50 was \$63.50 with half going to Michael Carriga and the cake went to Adam Leboutz. The total made from Martellucci's was \$500. He was overwhelmed by the amount of people. He usually makes about a \$1000 on a Tuesday and he made \$2000. Martellucci wants to do another Eats Out sometime in the future. The next event will be November 15 at KFC/Long John Silvers from 5 to 8pm with 15% going to Northeast. Dairy Queen is scheduled for Thursday December 8 from 5 to 8pm for 12% of total sales.

Fundraiser: Sold 185 Save Around books. Made about \$2,317, which is down from last year. Soups and cookies will be discussed at the next meeting.

Snack Stand: Needs help during the week.

Open Positions: teacher appreciation, Hornet newsletter, dance committee, family fun/movie night, 8th grade farewell dance and donations from businesses.

No old business

New business: The play this year is the Music Man. The PTO will support them by buying all the shirts for the play. The snack stand will be open during the play.

The meeting was adjourned.