

Minutes from the August 9, 2017 NEPTO Meeting

Tina opened the meeting by welcoming new parents to the school and introducing the board members.

President: Tina Piscitello

Vice President: Sherri Blevins

Secretary: Michelle Larsen

Treasurer: Michelle Kuder

Tina brought up that we need a new refrigerator for the snack stand because the current one is too small. We are going to replace it with a side by side with a freezer door on the bottom. The current refrigerator will be placed in the teacher's lounge to replace the one in there that is broken. We also will be ordering round tables soon to be used during school events.

Administration Report/ Title 1: The school is ready to open in a couple of weeks. They had nine new enrollments today and 12 scheduled for next week and Mr. RaHS said probably a total of over 60 during the summer. He was pleased with the turnout for 6th grade parent orientation and there were a lot of parents in attendance that are new to middle school. He's excited about the new school year. The school had a recent retirement and a possible transfer, so we had to make adjustments to some of the schedules. The new things we will be experiencing this year, is that the district is having a full inclusion with special needs and ESL children into the classrooms. It will take some adjustment to adapt to the students who do not speak any English. Title 1 planning has 3 main goals: 1. Get more parents involved. 2. Involve the community. 3. PSSA growth. The school did grow in math and ELA. The yearly improvement survey that parents, teachers and students take at the end of the year, did show improvement this past year. Ten out of the fifteen categories showed positive growth from the students.

Treasury Report: Our starting budget for the school year is \$8,775.82. We are up \$697.10 from last year.

Pac Report: There was no meeting before our 1st PTO meeting.

Dances for this year are scheduled for 9/15, 10/13, 12/8 (athletic department), May 4 (6th & 7th grade) and May 18 (8th grade farewell) Casino Themed Night. Bakers and chaperones needed for all dances. This year we are doing something different instead of having a dance every month we will be having Family Fun Nights at various places.

Family Fun Nights: (parents must be present) Events are planned for November: Skate Away, January: Ice Skating, February: Free Fall or Sky Zone, March and April: will be either a Movie Night or bowling.

Eats Out: We are going to try to book the dates and places in advance, so parents now what is going on and they can schedule their meals and try to go to an eats out event. The first one is at Martellucci Pizza Sept. 12, 13 and 14 from 11am to 9pm. Dairy Queen is Oct. 19 from 5 to 8pm. The date for November is the 9th. KFC is December 5 from 5 to 8pm.

Fundraiser: The first fundraiser kicks off Sept. 8, which is the City Book (coupon book). If you sell five you get one free. This runs till the 22nd. The other fundraiser will be Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies and Soups. This year we may not sell the soups, but will continue with the cookies. The kids really like the contest that is held in the cafeteria and we can't let the teachers off that easy. We may also sell candles this year and snacks.

Snack Stand: We have an indoor/outdoor snack stand for all games. We can use help for that. The games usually start right after school. Their thinking of maybe doing an incentive, that if you volunteer 4 or 5 times, maybe giving you a percentage to the school store.

Open positions are: Teacher appreciation, Hornet newsletter, 8th grade farewell co-chair, to get donations from businesses, dance committee, and the positions for secretary and treasurer are open for 2018-2019.

No old business

New business: How to get volunteers.

Future meetings are: Oct. 18, Nov. 15(Dr. Roy will be in attendance), Jan.17, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, and May 9 all at 6pm.

