

Norup International School PTSA Meeting Minutes

Virtual Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 09-08-20 @ 7pm

In Attendance: Mikey Smith, Janell McWilliams, Jennifer Willcocks, Ruth Sochaki, G. DiMercurio, Jim Bowering, Paul Yowchuang, D'angelo McWilliams, Kim Gallagher, Jennifer Johnson, Bruce Corrigan-Salter, Rachel Schwartz, LaVera Rayford, Joelle Herberman, Emily VanNest, Emily Tonkovich, Samantha (no last name provided)

1. Call to Order 7:05pm (M. Smith)
2. Moment of Silence in lieu of stating the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of April Minutes moved to adopt as written by K. Gallagher. Follow-up is needed by the administrators to locate the Box Tops check from Fall 2019.

4. Administrators Reports

(P.Yowchuang)

- Mr. Yowchuang expressed feeling proud and grateful that the Teachers have displayed a positive attitude and have been enthusiastic towards remote learning. Other schools have experienced a lot of complaining and negativity, but that has not been the experience with Norup. As he is walking throughout the building, he can hear the excitement and enthusiasm in the teachers as they are engaging with the students. He further stated that he wants to be student in Ms. DiMercurio's classroom because of her excitement.
- He is also pleased with the Community's response to online learning. Some schools have lost 40-50 students. Norup has lost approximately 15-20 students, mostly due to childcare issues and wanting in-person instruction.

(Ms. Sochaki)

- Elementary meet and greets were held last week and went extremely well. The teachers and students enjoyed the face to face meeting prior to remote learning.
- Remote learning schedules have all gone out and the students should know which group they are assigned A,B,C or D. The groups make it easier for the teachers to give personal attention to all the students.

- There has been a glitch with the Specials classes. The Technology Department at Oakland Schools is working to address the issue. By 9/9/20 parents should receive an email with the Zoom link to access the Specials classes.
- Reporting absences during remote learning remains the same, parents should call the attendance line or login on the parent portal to report the absence.
- Elementary picture day is 9/23/20 2:30-7pm. 16 students will be scheduled every ½ hour. A schedule will be provided.
- 5th Grade camp has been postponed by Camp Storer. The camp has postponed all camps until January 2021. The deposit has been made in the event that camp re-opens students will be able to attend.
- 5th grade students will not be fitted for instruments at this time, due to difficulty of teaching appropriate posture and proper breathing techniques online. All students will have a general music class. If in-person instruction is resumed this can be re-assessed.
- Students needing laptops/chrome books can still pick up devices 4-6pm at the Media Center
- Elementary Curriculum night will be held October 9, 2020

5. Treasurer's Report (B. Salter)

**** See proposed budget**

Motion to approve the PTSA 2020-21 budget made by K. Gallagher and 2nd by G. DiMercurio

6. President's Report (M. Smith)

- Thanks to the Administrators, Teachers and students for a great start to the school year.
- Thank you to Patrick Lancaster for catering the Teachers Back to School Breakfast.

7. Vice President (K. Gallagher)

- Discussions are being had on fundraisers that can be done virtually.
- A teacher survey was done last year about which activities the PTSA should or should not do. Great feedback was provided, however some events can not be done due to Covid-19.
- Volunteers are still needed for the activities PTSA will do this year. If anyone wants to volunteer please contact Kim.

8. Membership Chair (D. McWilliams)

- As of today's meeting 139 members total. 25 students, 25 teachers balance are adult memberships.

9. Teacher Representatives (G. DiMercurio, J. Bowering)

- The teachers enjoyed the Back to School Breakfast Grab and Go
- Some teachers want to know how to be a member of the PTSA

(Mr. Bowering will forward them the email link to Member Hub to join).

- Mr. Bowering is requesting a copy of the teacher membership list.

10. Committee Chair (J. Willcocks)

- All PYP Rooms have a Room Parent with the exception of two classrooms.
- The committee is still looking to fill the remaining classrooms, in the event that in person learning begins all classrooms will be set.

11. New Business

A. Fall Fundraiser

- Norup is partnering with the company Booster to host the **Norup Dance Fit Challenge**. Booster will provide everything that is needed to host the virtual fundraiser. The kick off begins 9/29/20. The event date is 10/9/20. This event combines dancing, fitness challenges, and character education. Parents have to register their student on the Fun Run website and share with family and friends. The students earn prizes by posting and sharing the event online. An email with specific details will be forthcoming.

12. Announcements

- Jenn Johnson announced that Norup PTSA membership is doing well and is in the running for membership challenges from the State PTSA, which could earn Norup additional funds.

Adjournment

J. Bowering motioned for adjournment at 7:35pm and the motion was seconded by J. Johnson

Next Meeting 11-10-20 7:00 pm