

Norup International School PTSA Meeting Minutes

Virtual Monthly Meeting: Tuesday November 10, 2020 @ 7pm

In Attendance: Mikey Smith, Janell McWilliams, Bruce Salter, Paul Yowchuang, Ruth Sochacki, Jim Bowering, Georgiann DiMercurio, Mitch Mitchell, Chris Rettich, Emily Van Nest

1. Call to Order 7:03 pm (Mikey Smith)
2. Moment of Silence in lieu of stating the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the September minutes with the correct spelling of Ruth Sochacki's last name.

4. Administrators Reports

(Paul Yowchuang)

- * Thanked the PTSA and Norup Community for a successful Dance Fit Challenge.
- * Thanked the PTSA and Norup Community for a successful Drive Through Trunk or Treat.
- * The plan for PYP to return to in person class instruction has been put on hold due to the rise in Covid-19 cases.
- * There have also been meetings about a return to in person learning for Middle and High School students as well. There is no definitive date to return, it depends on the Covid-19 rates and safety protocols established by Oakland County.
- * The Staff is still looking at ways for students to engage with each other in person. Some staff members such as Mrs. Goldberg and Mrs. Talucchi are eager to run some clubs with a small group of students, while other staff members are apprehensive.
- * MYP Zoom Conferences went very well. Some teachers had more parents than time slots available. The feedback was positive, most parents preferred this method as opposed to waiting in line in the gym.

(Ruth Sochacki)

- * PYP Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled 11/19/20 9:30am-8pm.

5. Treasurer's Report- Bruce Salter

See Treasurer's Report, balance is \$27,183.15

6. President's Report- Mikey Smith

- A. Dance Fit Challenge – we are still collecting corporate donations that are trickling in – some corporations don't pay until fiscal year's end or quarterly, but we should be very close to if not a bit over \$15,000. Our goal was \$10,000 so we are super excited about this total – especially since only around 25% of students participated.

Prizes have been sorted and are being distributed in the front hallway. Thanks to everyone who participated and especially to Kim Gallagher who handled ALL the corporate donation paperwork and follow up! I highly recommend using Booster next year. Pattengill used them as well.

- B. Thank you to everyone who helped out with Trunk or Treat – especially Marie Dereniewski, who organized the whole thing, Jenn Willcocks, who designed the flyer and helped set up, and Shanna Lathwell, who also came early to set up. This event was very successful and we ran out of candy and donuts before the end. My suggestion would be to run it for only an hour or an hour and a half next year so we don't run out and have a few disappointed kiddos.
- C. Reminder to teachers that the deadline for the grant application is Wednesday, November 18. We have processed around 25 so far and there are a few more we have to write checks for --- those will be written and distributed in the next week or so.
- D. Caring & Sharing will look different this year – more info on that later in the meeting.
- E. Next Meeting, Tuesday, January 12, 2020

7. Vice President- Kim Gallagher

No Report

8. Vice President of Membership- D'Angelo McWilliams

* As of 11/10/20 there are 173 Members in the PTSA. 29 Teachers, 21 Students, and 123 Individual Memberships.

9. Secretary- Janell (Richards) McWilliams

* All Officers and Committee Chairs please email all reports to janellrichards@aol.com to assist with compiling the Meeting Minutes.

10. Box Tops- Mikey Keating

- A. Box Tops—we have collected \$54.50 this year which is better than a poke in the eye but perhaps not worth the effort of collecting the paper Boxtops – especially since they are going away eventually. Families now have to scan receipts and TBH, it's not user friendly. Maybe re-evaluate in the Spring and see if it's worth it to continue to collect.

11. Caring and Sharing- Mikey Keating

Due to Covid, this event will look *very different* this year. There will be no food collection & distribution of any kind. Instead, Caring & Sharing will consist of a virtual fundraiser (GoFundMe) and funds donated from PTAs/PTSAs/schools. Those funds will be used to purchase grocery gift cards for families in need.

Important Dates:

11/15-12/5 - GoFundMe collects donations and promoted throughout district

12/5 - GoFundMe closes and any additional donations delivered to BAPTSA Council

12/11 - Gift cards available for C&S Reps to deliver to schools

12/14-12/18 - Building admins distribute gift cards to families at their schools

As a district, we have historically fed between 100-130 families in the Berkley School district and provided food boxes for area veterans. We spend about \$5,000.00 each year to purchase turkeys, extra food, fresh produce, bread and other items we don't collect through our non-perishable food drive. Funds for the program come from our schools and the Hat Day events.

12. Teacher Representatives – Jim Bowering and Georgiann DiMercurio

* Thank you for the Teacher Grants

Adjournment

M. Mitchell motioned for adjournment at 7:29pm, seconded by R. Sochacki.

Next meeting January 12, 2021 @ 7pm

