NEWPORT ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING

3/21/24

Call to order: 6:33

1. Introductions/Welcome: Katie Baldwin, Heather Simpson, Autumn Gehr-Shope, Janna Zentichko, Jodi Hoover, Kristen Vilk, Rachel Arrieta, Matthew Young,

Virtual: Jen Matoushek

1. Treasurer’s report: Heather Simpson
   1. General account: $7,166.26
   2. Donations Account: $1,056.70
   3. Project Fund (Playground): 25,256.30
   4. Teacher/Staff appreciation budget: $129.41
   5. School Store
2. Old Business
   1. Valentine's Day Match update: Lots of fun pictures from teachers. Seemed to enjoy it.
   2. Marianna’s Update: $5,381.99 raised. Ended up having a great turnout for volunteers.
   3. Penny Wars update raised $3157.63 for a 3-year total of $8590.28. The 5th graders will get the pizza party. Mr. Haines will dress as Princess Peach. Also gave penny keychains. Penny trophy donated by Enchanted 3D.
   4. Read-a-Thon Update $798 raised will get $598.50 33 kids signed up- discussed a better time for it next year as it was close to other major fundraisers.
   5. Leap Day fun - Each child got a plastic jumping frog, and teachers found frogs. Some of the teachers had their kids use the frogs in activities.
   6. School Store- Going well, we can always use more volunteers. May have to have it less frequently if we do not have more volunteers.
   7. 5k Update: Have raised $5200 in sponsorships, going on GDPA March 29th to promote –order Fedex signs for sponsors, 19 people signed up for the race. We will need at least 20 volunteers for the 5k. Volunteer sign-up is out and attached to the bottom of these minutes.
   8. Playground Update- Jameson from the business office- tracked down a grant that we would be able to apply for. Jameson will be able to apply for it on his end. $125,000 for an inclusive playground. The playground committee is working on creating a Kick-off event at the elementary school. It would be free to get in but pay as you go for activities. Meeting on the 1st to continue with momentum. Need to keep Mr. Smith in the loop. Will get a date ASAP- possibly last week in September. No January minutes.
   9. Little Buffs Day - Need to talk with Mrs. Briggs to get going on May 28th. Cannot have inflatables on the softball and field hockey fields.Looking for an alternative. Looking for a community sponsorship for a t-shirt for each grade.
   10. Bylaw update - Will be attached to minutes. Vote to approve in April.
3. New business
   1. Requests for funds:
      1. Field trips- Janna and Autumn voted to approve all funds for field trips.
         1. First Grade- $710 (est)
         2. Second Grade - $680
         3. Fifth Grade - $530
         4. Fourth grade- $950 (est)
      2. Mini Thon- $1 per student - comes out of Kid's account- Janna and Autumn voted to approve
      3. Funds for teachers that attend PTO meetings/ volunteer- Janna $5 for classroom if they volunteer at any event. $10 per teacher per meeting. Janna and Autumn voted to approve and add to the budget for next year. Cumulative and paid at the end of the school year.
   2. Kindergarten registration table April 22 and April 24th 315 to 8- will need volunteers for the PTO table. Sign up at the end of the minutes. Give each student a folder from the PTO closet with PTO information. Have students sign for kindergarten with a giant pencil.
   3. Art show volunteers: Will get some information for volunteers to help out.
   4. Bunny bags- find paper eggs and get a bunny bag.
   5. Ideas for the remainder of this year/next year
      1. Glow Party for 5th graders - End of year party- provided by PTO to them. 2 hr event. Possibly use the school's sound system. Lights would be the expensive part and if we buy them we have them. Talk to Wendy about the glow stuff.
      2. Little bags of fun for 5th grade leaving
      3. Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament for staff
      4. Kindergarten signing event
      5. Stay afloat for the last week of May for staff
      6. Cereal box donation/domino idea- for next year
      7. Birthday gram (from parents)
      8. Magnets of school calendar/PTO events- At a good price, with dates set in stone.
   6. Open Positions on Board/ Nominees- Will be voted on in April.
      1. Vice President- Autumn Gehr-Shope interested
      2. Treasurer - Jordan Nash is interested in Treasurer
      3. Volunteer Coordinator- Tessa Flanders interested in Volunteer Coordinator

**UPCOMING FLIERS SENT HOME:**

**5K Flyers**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Read-A-Thon: Mar 4th to Mar 29th.

2nd Annual 5k : April 27th<https://falconracetiming.com/event/lets-play-5k-newport-pa-2/>

Little Buffs Day: May 28th

**NEXT MEETING April 11th at 6:30 pm**

**Adjourned: 7:48**

**Current Volunteer Opportunities:**

**School Store:** [**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1348334**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1348334)

**5K Planning Committee:** [**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1341325/5k-2024-planning-committee-meeting**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1341325/5k-2024-planning-committee-meeting)

**5K 4/27/24 Volunteer:** [**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1341527/let-039-s-play-5k-volunteers-4-27-24**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1341527/let-039-s-play-5k-volunteers-4-27-24)

**Kindergarten registration:** [**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1356632**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1356632)