

## **MINUTES**

Northern Heights Elementary PTA  
General Membership Meeting  
January 17th, 2017

### Opening Co-President Toni Ladner

Toni called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and welcomed attendees.

In Attendance: Melissa Yuryevich, Annique Quinn, Amy Baker, Meredith Mitchell, Erin Swanda, Jenn Tuininga, Becky Candini, Lisa Hawes, Quinn Reno, Julia Fife, Pam Pottle, Sharon Newbold, Jennifer Hebert, Kristin Jowett, Sjana MacSwan, Sabrina Yarsley, Ayn Witman, Brandon Witman, Krissy Norton

### Guest Speaker: Steve Clarke: Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Here to create a dialogue about what needs, concerns and hopes we have for our school and the district. Discussed Teacher/Student classroom ratios. Discussed PTA Fundraising by school level. Discussed funding for Pay to Play. Discussing district boundaries and re-drawing the lines. Discussed building safety in terms of security. Discussing start times in reference to the elementary schools and afterschool care. Discussed school lunch quality.

### Review of General Minutes

Krissy Norton moves to approve the November minutes. Seconded by Jenn Hebert.

### Treasurer Update-Meredith Mitchell

Covers November 1st to the end of December. 4th grade fundraiser made a profit of \$1400, they shouldn't need to fundraise for 5th Grade. We had the Pacific Science Center come which was paid for as part of the assembly budget.

### 5th Grade Update-Krissy Norton

First parent meeting on 1/24 at 6 PM in the Library at NH. Budget is around \$2000 and have lots of events planned for the end of the year. Facebook group is NHE Class of 2024. Parent involvement is needed to complete these events.

### Science Fair-Melissa Yuryevich for Sara White

Science Club will be after school to help students with their science fair. The goal is for the students to complete their projects in the 5 meetings at the school which will be run by WWU students and parent volunteers. Supplies will be provided to students whose families need help. There is no cost. The science fair will take place March 2nd 6-7 PM

### Book Fair Report- Jessica Sidhu

Went VERY well. Were able to get lots of teacher books, books for Mrs. Pottle's bus project and for the Library. The sales were the highest they have been in a long time.

### BoxTop Update-Sjana MacSwan

February 17th is the final date for this drive. Contests will be divided between K-2 and 3-5. Please check expiration dates.

### Yearbook and PACS-Sharon Neubold

Tara Hollands is volunteering to help with Sharon as well as 6 other people. They will be \$12 and start pre-sales in February.

PACS- Classes for high school were the main discussion.

### Board Report

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 24th @ 6PM - 5th Grade Parent Meeting in the Library

February 1st- Science Club Begins

February 17th- Movie Night

March 2nd- Science Fair

Spring Event-March 9th will be a Luau theme. Headed by Jessica Sidhu and Roxanne McCloud.

### Principal Update-Pam Pottle

Discussion with staff regarding the school garden start up. There have been two parent meetings and is still in the logistical stage but no decisions have been made. Concerns about commitment and funding as well as the long term picture of the garden.

The last movie night had some behavior issues and disrespect regarding proper usage of school grounds after school. When the school puts on a family event please attend as a family. A letter is going home regarding expected behavior.

Thank you to the second grade staff for attending the meeting.

Discussed the Mobile Response Team in regards to our school's tragedy and the loss of the Echevarria family. A team of 10 come into our school on the first day back. Our children are resilient, well supported and have been helped with the grieving process. Tommy the therapy dog helped the children immensely and we are in works to bring him back for monthly visits.

We are in discussions how we can honor Logan and Kenzie properly.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM