

NES PTA Board Meeting – September 6, 2018

Attendees

- Jackie
- Janine
- Jen Steiner
- Mrs. Daignault
- Mrs. Smith
- Amy
- Katy
- Mrs. Wilkins
- Monica
- Kate
- Yessi
- April
- Jen Sweeters couldn't come

Cheddar Up

- Register and pay for events online
- Using free version
- Upgrade version - \$30/month
 - 1 link for everything
 - Let's see if people are using
- So far have received \$150 in Event Sign Up and \$100 for BBQ
- Have been including in the flyers and in Bear Facts
- Going out in the Teachers Newsletter
- There are some fees – 3.5% + \$0.45 (for \$20, only paying an extra \$1.30)

Spacing out orientation forms

BBQ

- 5:30-7:00
- Need teacher sign-ups
- School Store and PTA Membership sign-up table
- Exact same as last year – food, DJ, etc.
- Final headcount to caterer by next Friday, September 14
- Maybe do something new next year

Cake Walk

- Free this year

Gobbler Game Night

- Free this year as we have some extra money
- Gym capacity is 550
- They don't want us to use the cafeteria fold-up tables and folding chairs
- Jen Sweeters to lead

Ice Cream Social

- Will also try to make free

Pumpkin Fest

- The Moons are not available
- Janine to lead with someone else – Jackie to send an e-mail
 - Co-chair – all day during school hours
 - Coordinate with high school volunteers
- Can't do bake sale
- Going to sell Fall/Halloween themed chackkis

Mother/Son Event

- Need someone to lead – will ask at the general PTA meeting

Marvin Faculty vs. Naramake Faculty Dodgeball

- January
- Likely Norwalk High gym
- Bake Sale
- Small charge for family to come

All Events – Have to follow the proper permit procedures

- In the school with food – Board of Ed
- Outside – Parks & Recs
- Allow enough time

Fall Book Fair

- Originally thought we weren't going to do
- Apparently dates have been reserved
- Jen has run a book fair at NECC
- December 3-7
 - Parent/Teacher conference night is December 6
- If we do fall and spring
 - Teachers receive \$5.00 gift certificate
 - Second fair bonus is 15% of the gross sales in scholastic dollars in addition to usual profit
- Agreed we would do this
- Katy to add back into the budget

Restaurant Night

- McTeacher Night – everyone seems for this, budget \$400
- Will do in the winter

5th Grade Fund

- Guaranteed \$3,500 from the PTA
- 5th Grade Fundraisers (Sky Zone, Valentine's Sales, etc.) could be an additional \$2,500.
- At Open House, having the 5th grade parents report to the gym prior to the classroom visits. Jackie and Jane to give a 10 minute talk. Will also send communication home.

Other Class Funds

- Telling teachers that they are getting a certain amount from the PTA
- If teachers need more, teachers' responsibility for asking parents for additional money.

Budget this year is (\$25,820.00)

That's the excess from last year

Silent Auction

- Jen Sweeters will tri-chair
- Maybe do the St. Ann's location (\$1,500 fee) and have outside catering (for example, JJ's catering company)

Teachers still get \$200 per person for supplies

- Submit receipts by April

Budget passed 😊

PTA Membership

- Forms went home today
- Completed forms will be held in the safe because there's \$
- Teacher Initiative
 - Mrs. Rumsey had 100% last year
- Magnets go to those who sign up first

Website

- April to update
- Staff changes from Pauline
- April to show Jane how to update

Fundraising

- Grandma Miller's Pies from Vermont are much better according to Mrs. Daignault
 - Made \$4,000 for a rowing club fundraiser
- Potentially an Octoberfest Parent Meet and Greet at O'Neil's
 - \$40 for a couple of drinks/appetizers

Dance – Discuss at General PTA meeting

Fun Run theme – STEM theme

- Last year's Fun Run came with a year long program with links / weekly videos if teachers want to use
- Jackie to find the information to share

Spirit Fridays

- Marvin – Spirit Fridays, no prize
- Change up the prize by having a bucket of prizes –
 - Extra 10 minutes of recess
 - Wacky hair day
 - PJ day
 - Extra 10 minutes of free play
 - Crazy sock day
 - Backwards clothing day
 - No homework night
 - Wear slippers to school
 - In class movie
 - Bring a toy to class
- Next Steps
 - Kate to share a list with Ms. Wilkins of potential prizes
 - Kate to get together Spirit Friday committee

Voting Year for PTA

- All executive board positions (Presidents, Treasurer) have to rotate
- Certain nomination times and committees

PTA Meetings

- Speakers – Sandy Hook Promise
- Monica can help identify speakers
- Different high schools have different pathways (i.e. Medical) – NECA. Could have the program lead come and talk.

School Store

- Some feedback to have some additional “girly” option
- Shannon has the catalog
- Could we have a limited time offer

Garden

- 21 beds
- Norwalk High uses it for cooking class – Mr. White
- Maybe 1 per grade
- Garden Club

Event Sign

- Jen running
- Going to put reminders in between birthdays

Room Captains – Janine keeping track of