Navesink PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2016

\*Member attendance by sign-in sheet

\*Augusta D’Amico called meeting to order/ Pledge of Allegiance 7:34 (Last meeting’s minutes approved)

**Principal Report:**

-Mr. Altobello reminding all that Parent/Teacher conferences are Nov. 29th-Dec. 2nd

-Happy Thanksgiving from him and the staff

-During the Board of Ed meeting, Navesink School got recognized for our significant contribution (funds raised) to the Courtney Rose Foundation.

-Chrome Books arrived and will roll out after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**New Business:**

-Presentation from Emma McPolin regarding a “Book Club”. They would meet 2X a month in our library. The meetings would be about 1.5 hours long and they would view the movie at the end of the month (possibly at the Atlantic Highlands movie theater). Partnering with Angela Kluwin (supervisor) and other parent volunteers. Ideally 10-20 5th grade students would be in the club. Reaching out to Mrs. Newcomb for a list of books with movies for ideas. Would run January-June.

-Wish lists were discussed. Is there a way a parent/organization could donate a “lump sum” of money to be used towards an “on-going” list of needs for the school/classrooms? It was brought up what the PTA donates: Navesink Cares-for local students, Middletown Scholarship Program, Middletown Helps its Own, etc. There were ideas mentioned for Assemblies bringing awareness to the differences amongst students….”It’s ok to be different”.

**Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:**

**-**Spirit wear round 2 is underway. Orders due 11/30/2016

-Art ware was due and to be ready in time for holiday gifting.

-Ladies Night Out! Pinot’s Palette 2/9/17 Discussed having art items for auctioning off from the different grades- reach out to Mrs. Henderson. Also discussed having teacher experiences auctioned off. If it’s a silent auction, no permit is needed.

-Author’s visit to school 12/9/16: What Kind Of Dog Am I? Discusses self-esteem/true identity. Author coming to school to read the book, show movie, activities. Flyer going home. It will be 1hour for the K-2 and 1 hour for 3-5. Opportunity to buy the book signed $10 or PAW package which includes a stuffed animal and book signed for $15.

-Picture retakes 12/9/16

-Princess in Black Book release party at Barnes and Noble 11/29 @ 3pm. To include a craft table, lego building center, cupcake decorating, and a visit from Princess Magnolia!

**Committee Reports:**

-Fall Festival (Carrie Ercolino) was a success- $2500

-Theatre Week (Gillian Forest) running for 2 weeks, Grades 1-2/Grades 3-5. M-F 6:00-7:30 with performance of what was learned on Friday.

-Book Fair (Denise Jacinto) 12/5-12/7 running from 6:30-8:30 for two nights this year. Discussed having a “character” picture one night to help draw in a larger crowd for night shopping.

-Box Tops (Tonya DeLuca) Great first round

-Assemblies (Jodi Chassey)

-Library (Angela Kluwin) still looking for volunteers; guest readers especially for the K-2 grades. Sign up genius on line

-PTA membership (Melissa Rachinsky) The directory went out. 142 total for membership this year.

-Reading is Fun (Jennifer Oteri) Still write down all books read for the month and send in to her via email or through child’s teacher.

-Family Sports Night (Brenda/Mike Puskas) was decided to be the last Friday in Janurary (27th).

-Walk a thon (Desiree Ciammaniconi) Spring Time date to TBD. Possibly making it bigger than last year to include a “wellness day feel”.

-Night at Nicholas (Debbie Ericson)

-PIC update-handed out the meeting notes from November 1st. Also discussed VOOM Carpool with handout.

-Teacher Report (Denise Moyer) Gave a presentation regarding “Digital Citizenship”-being started with the 5th graders and then being brought to the lower grades eventually. Discusses your Digital Passports-common sense and staying safe on the internet. Would include 5 modules (weeks) Communication, Privacy, Cyberbullying, Search, Creative Credit. Mrs. Moyer suggested a device free dinner challenge for all. Family Media Agreement to be sent home K-5.

**Open Discussions:**

-Variety Show to be held in March with one night rehearsal/one night performance.

-Family nights during the winter: movies, bingo at the school. Can’t be a Friday. Mr. Altobello would need to be present.

January 25th next meeting; Call to adjourn by Augusta at 8:53.