

PTA Meeting Minutes - November 6, 2023

Durham Nockamixon Elementary School

Location: Durham Nockamixon Elementary School, 41 Thomas Free Dr. Kintnersville, PA 18930

Attendance: Stacey Finney, Marie Collie, Lorrie Campbell, Katelyn Bowers, Julie Greco, Christina Crews, Jamie Guzzo, Kristy Love, Maureen O'Brien, Christina Crawford, Zach Ziegenfuss, Laura Breininger, Rebecca Curry.

Meeting Called to Order By: Stacey Finney, President at DN Elementary Library 11:48 am.

Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Deposited all the money except for school store money which will be deposited today. \$7640.11 in checking - \$6093 in savings. We are doing well money-wise.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Collie - Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled, we start on Thursday, November 9th, then the 16th and the 21st. Students have a half day on the 21st. Parent-Child Reunification safety drill - ALICE - will happen on November 21st - more information to come. Pickup will be a little different. Car riding parents/family will have to park and pick up your child - buses will run as usual. This drill gives staff the opportunity to practice the procedures, if anything should happen, where the children and staff would need to evacuate the building. November is a busy month with report cards and conferences. Report cards will be released on Wednesday through the school portal. The Halloween Parade was awesome! Kudos to all DN staff who worked on the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters program. We are thrilled to be in year 2 with the high school/kindergarten student matches and will continue to expand in other schools. We also sent faculty members to Hershey for the recognition event.

Old Business

Halloween Parties - Success! The weather was great for the parade and we love to see the kids all dressed up. Parties were well-planned, organized and the kids had a great time. One of the teachers mentioned that parents can be ambitious in activities and what they want to get done in such a short amount of time. It may depend on what the activity is, but some multi-step activities were difficult to get completed. They suggested we do a whole afternoon celebration - to start after recess for the activity, then have the parade and party with food and games afterwards. Let's talk about trying to keep it simple for the kids. Thank you for letting us have the parties and parade.

Spirit Wear - We sold 85 items, made \$130. The next Spirit Wear Sale will be in February for spring.

End of Marking Period - The PTA provided pretzels for students. Many thanks from teachers. A teacher mentioned that some kids aren't eating pretzels due to dietary reasons but they end up watching the

other kids eat rather than enjoying a snack. Can we give those kids a choice of food item or school store voucher? The school nurse would know who would have an allergy and that information is confidential. Stacey will talk with the school nurse and investigate/reevaluate other options.

Positive Behavior Bus Rewards - The PTA is helping to give rewards to students who are being behaved on the bus by donating funds for rewards.

New Business

Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner - A lot of people have already signed up. Sign-up genius went out today. Thank you Jamie Guzzo for organizing! Setup is at 4 pm. Thank you to the teachers for spending the extra time to help the parents!

Thanksgiving Teacher Gratitude - We are giving the faculty and staff a little something to say thank you. This will be set up the morning of November 20th in the faculty room. Surprise!

Holiday Classroom Party - Will be the day before the holiday break, December 22. Kids have a half day, we will do the 9:30 am sing along, then have the holiday parties, lunch and then home. Parties will be from 10 am - 10:45 am. Please keep it simple - one food item or something that goes home with the kids to eat. Goodie bags should be non-food related items. Whatever the homeroom parents coordinate is ok. Please coordinate with the homeroom parent if you wish to send anything into the class for the party.

Holiday Shop - Week of Dec 4th - where will it be hosted? Mrs. Collie will let us know sooner to the date. Dec 6, 7 & 8 - maybe in the Art room? We could hold the sale the 7th, 8th and Monday 11th if we need to find more room. If we plan on Dec. 6, 7 & 8, the Art room works because there's no art on those days. Setup would be on December 5th after school. To be confirmed.

Key Club Holiday Event - We were contacted by PHS Key Club to do an event for the students. Kris Dangler - more info to come. It would be one evening during the week. PHS students would be at the school and kids can be dropped off for some fun activities to allow parents to get shopping or wrapping done.

After School Clubhouse - Clubhouses will run Jan 31, Feb 7, 14 & 21 with a snow date of Feb 28th. 3:45pm - 5pm. Rachel Cozze & Katelyn Bowers will present more at our next meeting. Some clubs have been slime club, cooking club, book club, Harry Potter, soccer, discovery, etc. Have kids sign up early as clubs fill up quickly. If you have any ideas for clubs and want to volunteer to host a club, let us know! The district runs their after-school clubs in March.

Spring Book Fair Dates - Spring: April 15th for setup, sale will run April 16th - 18th. Will it be a BOGO sale? To be confirmed. Fall dates: September 16th for setup, sale will run 17th - 19th. We can tweak

the dates for the fall sale if these don't work but please let us know soon if they need to be changed.
PSSA's are the following week.

Requests:

Include link to PTA website on newsletter alerts.

Include After School Clubhouses info and requests for volunteers in the next newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:36 PM

Minutes Respectfully Compiled and Submitted by: Julie Greco, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, December 4th, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the DN Library