

## **PTA Meeting Minutes - September 11, 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, Rachel Cozze, Jamie Guzzo, Laura Cantwell, Danielle Tundro, Valerie Restrepo, Melissa Chill, Maureen, Karina Applegate-Sinclair, Maureen O'Brien, Jill Williams, Rosie Zalek, Brittany Steck, Kristy Love

**Meeting Called to Order By:** Stacey Finney, President at DN Elementary Library 6:35 pm.

#### **Reports:**

- **Principal's Report:**

- 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start!
- Thank you to Tumolo Family and PTA for landscaping outside of school. Tumolo family removed the large bushes that were flagged as a hazard and the PTA donated and planted new plants.
- Families love the Welcome Back sign and many took pictures with their kids.
- Summer reading logs have been returned.
- New banners in the hall reiterating school expectations are a welcome addition.
- We did not have to dismiss half days due to hot weather because we have A/C in rooms.
- Water refilling station was added to the second floor.
- Office hours - call the bus line if need/have bus info.
- Drop-off/pickup is moving along but we need to pick up the pace. Try not to get out of the car to get kids in/out of the car. Practice loading/unloading from the car at home. Goal is to be done with school let-out by 3:45 pm.
- Preschool program is an awesome addition to our school - lots of excitement. Furniture is coming this week. Very excited about being the preschool hub for the district.
  - 14 students enrolled. We can go up to 17 with a teacher and an aide. Looking for a teacher and aide - hoping to fill the class to 17 students.
  - 8:15 - 8:30 drop-off, 2:30 is the end of the preschool day. Spots are labeled for Pre-K pickup/drop-off. Entrance is in the back of the school to separate flows of traffic.
  - 5 spots designated to Pre-K.
- Very excited about the games painted on blacktop outside for students during recess. This was several years in the works.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Checking - \$8,000
- Savings - \$6,000
- Insurance for the year has been paid.
- There are still some teacher reimbursements to be sent out.
- Need to obtain bank cards for Katelyn & Julie

## Old Business

- **Kindergarten Orientation Gifts** - Welcomed Kinder families & gave DN water bottles to K families.
- **Plants** - Purchased plants and planted them out front of school. Bucks County Nursery helped with plants.
- **New Digger** - New diggers put in for kids for recess play. No more rust!
- **Welcome Back Sign** - A few years going, love it. But might not come back next year due to business closing.
- **Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast** - Hosted breakfast, teachers and staff provided positive feedback. Bagels, pastries, yogurt parfaits and a parent donated beautifully handmade cookies & cupcakes.
- **Scholastic Dollars** - Going back to teachers this year.
- **Spirit Wear** - 85 items sold and we made \$170. We will have another spirit wear sale in Spring.

## New Business

- **Membership** - Sign up and be a member! \$10/individual - \$16/family. Post link on facebook
- **Clearances** - Get clearances in! Contact Deana or Sue Keoff for clearance information.
- **Teacher Supplies** - We will continue to reimburse teachers up to \$100 for supplies.
- **Back to School Night** - Tomorrow! PTA will have a table set up for welcoming parents.
- **Fall Community Event** - DN Family Night this Friday! We will have a DJ, face painter and a balloon artist. There will be an ice cream truck, hot dogs, chips, water, raffles for sale. 2 Raffles - DN Gear & Candy Raffle. If you can donate candy, please bring it to school by Thursday.
- **Book Fair** - Huge event! Next week, Tues, Wed & Thurs. Classes go down individually. Can send cash, check made out to DN PTA or ewallet. Volunteers are still needed. Kids love it! Family night preview is Wednesday 6-7:30pm.
- **Box Tops** - Download the Box Tops app! Find Durham Nockamixon Elementary in the app. Scan your receipts/individual items. They're adding new items all the time. Do not send in clips, they have all expired. Everything goes through the app now. Can provide a short tutorial on how to use the app at Back to School night.
- **Room Parents/Halloween Party** - Run program same as last year. Ok to reuse communications from last year. Halloween, Holiday & End of the Year Parties. Craft, Games & Snacks. Halloween party - Tuesday 10/31 - 2:15 parade - outside, weather permitting, and all families are welcome. 2:45 - 3:30 party.
- **Birthday Celebrations** - Birthday treats by PTA - parents buy an item from the school store rather than treats/cupcakes. Give parents the option to purchase goodie bags from the school store for kids' birthdays?
- **School Store** - First Friday of every month.
  - We try to have some theme items depending on the month/season.
  - We try to keep everything \$1 & under. Limit of 3 things per child. \$5 max.
  - Recommend putting money in a bag with their name on it.
- **Committee Chairs**
  - All committee's have chairs!
  - Taking off from Raise Craze this year.
- **Late Fees** - If RSVP for an event comes in late, there will be a fee for late additions.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:30 PM

**Minutes Respectfully Compiled and Submitted by:** Julie Greco, Secretary

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 2nd, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the DN Library