



Amanda H North PTO Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 / 9:00 AM / PTO Office

BOARD MEMBERS

Nicole Keswani - PRESIDENT
Shannon Strauss - FIRST VP
Bethany Vriesman - VP MARKETING
Danielle Freeman - VP EVENTS
Jessica Sandoval - VP VOLUNTEERS
Mallory Darcy - VP STAFF SUPPORT
Jocelyn DiRienzo - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
Amy Martin - RECORDING SECRETARY
Megan Hartsfield - TREASURER

COORDINATORS

Tara Tsagouris - SPIRIT NIGHTS
Amy Lewis - SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS
Adine Howard - SENSORY
Susan Lam - ROOM PARENTS
Jacob Court - WEBMASTER
Jacob Court - SPIRIT WEAR
Tamara Gilbert - BEAUTIFICATION
Crystal Michalak - GREEN TEAM
Jaede Olrich - STUDENT APPRECIATION
Jenny Antolik - STUDENT APPRECIATION

MINUTES

Meeting is called to order at 9:00 by President Nicole Keswani. Board members in attendance include Nicole Keswani, Shannon Strauss, Danielle Freeman, Jessica Sandoval, Mallory Darcy, Jocelyn DiRienzo, Amy Martin and Megan Hartsfield. Coordinators in attendance include Amy Lewis, Adine Howard, Susan Lamm, Jacob Court, Tamara Gilbert, Crystal Michalak, Jaede Olrich, and Jenny Antolik.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Nicole Keswani

A couple new sponsorships came in last month, silver and bronze. Fifty-five Sounds tickets were sold for that spirit night and we will get a cut from those. A new place for a spirit night is coming up next week at BoomBozz, who will give 30% back to the PTO. The Invest lunch is on 9/27 from 11-12:30, we need 6 volunteers to cover classes. Mallory, Jessica, Jocelyn, Shannon, and Susan all volunteered. Nicole will leave to go and pay at the restaurant. We are at 56% students invested so far, and when we reached 60% last year we offered a popsicle party for the kids. Do we want to do that again if we reach a certain %? We decided if we beat last year's percentage we will do this again. This year we are doing PTO grants instead of wishlists. We have several applications already turned in.

- Ryan for Art: Wire racks to display art
- Ashby & Hoy: for whole grade, looking for book sets for 1st grade
- Gladdish: buckets and drums
- 4th grade team: bags for transport between classes
- Milford: seat sacks
- Richardson: flexible seating, cool down corner



- Casey: chair pockets
- Richardson: magnetic white boards for math
- Gifted teacher: looking for math curriculum
- Vanhook: wobble stools for kids who can't sit still

Total right now is \$1,800 to approve all of these items. Nicole motions to approve. Danielle seconds, all approved.

Weeds are crazy again outside the school. Green team is looking to schedule another school clean up. Dead trees are being replaced in October by the county. Danielle is reaching out to a landscaping company to see if we can get help in maintaining the grounds.

BUILD A COYOTE - Danielle Freeman

Danielle says 256 coyotes were ordered. \$2,100 in coyotes were ordered and 150 lbs of fluff were ordered for about \$500. We will use the rows of cafeteria tables to come in to build. Families will enter at the cafeteria, we will have the stuffing prepackaged. The unveiling of the mascot will also be that night. The costume is in, but the tail still needs to be attached, otherwise it is ready for the unveiling. 6:00-7:30 to build the coyotes. We will give a few options for the naming - ways to tally the votes was discussed. We will use a google form to have all kids vote during the school day. The 4 options will include "Courage, Cosmo, Cliff, Cobalt." Jill will take care of the voting and announcing. 5 Ladies Donuts will be there in the parking lot. Sensory area will be outside the cafeteria in the hallway. Michael Hale will be there for a photo op. He will need a power source and be set up in the cafeteria as well. Set up music outside as people come in - Jill has a speaker and a playlist set for us. The fluff is coming on the 15th and we will need to separate it into bags. We did not order any extra coyotes, so we need to check off as they pick up. We should split up by alphabet to help move things along quicker. Use posts to help with signage.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Megan Hartsfield

The treasurer's report was presented by Megan Hartsfield including review of cash flow, budget, and assets for the July financials. The PTO account is at Regions Bank; the account number is on file. Bank accounts and statements were presented and reviewed by the board. Motion made by Amy to approve financial statement; seconded by Danielle; all in favor. Accounts will remain on file with the Treasurer.

INVEST UPDATE - Jocelyn DiRienzo

187 Bronze; 34 Silver; 54 Gold; 9 Bronze Family

We are 42 short of last year. The cut off for the winning classroom is Sept. 23rd. The first music program is 2nd grade to let us trial the early entry. Some families invested at different levels for their different kids - if they invested one child in Bronze and the other Gold, will they be allowed early entry for both? This was discussed, but no clear cut decision was made yet. It is not reserved seating, it is 5-10 minutes early entry in the front doors (not the typical gym doors).

The PTO cart is set to start in January. The coyote cash from Invest will just be used for the cart, and kids who have left over coyote cash can use it at the cart as well. Mrs. Iggy will communicate with the teachers to let them know the kids can save their left over cash after their pack parties. Jacob is making our coyote cash and will also come up with tickets that room parents can help out to fill in for the items they are looking to buy from the cart. We will do the cart during recess.



INDY SPIRIT NIGHT - Jocelyn DiRienzo

The weather is not looking great for it right now with the tropical storm coming through, but we are still going ahead with planning as of right now. We will make the decision that day if we are a go. We will tailgate, Indy band/cheerleaders will walk the students down to the field, and parents can pick them up from the end zone. In order to organize as much as possible and avoid chaos, Jill has a staff member with each grade level. Students not picked up from the end zone are walked out to the gate with Jill. Some parents may want to run on the field with their kids, and we are looking to Indy to make sure that is okay. Kids will then go sit with their parents after the tunnel. Jill will have the bull horn and the grade level signs. Jocelyn will get the PTO games to bring.

TEACHER APPRECIATION - Mallory Darcy

Sept. staff birthdays get Sonic drinks this Friday. Lunch is on 9/25 and will be a tailgate theme with K and 1st grade helping.

SPIRIT NIGHTS - Tara Tsagouris

Andy's spirit night this Thursday. Must show a flier or one on the phone.

SPIRIT WEAR UPDATE - Jacob Court

It is all out. A few problems have been reported and Jacob is working with the spirit wear company to make them right.

ROOM PARENTS - Susan Lam

We have 5 that are not tier 3 yet, and Susan will talk with them at the room parent meeting. Many still need to fill out the volunteer form too. Room parents cannot collect money to make a group gift.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS - banner, lost and found, general meeting

Jacob is taking care of the banner. Lost and Found is not out of control yet. We need to introduce ourselves and our jobs on the board at the meeting.