



Amanda H North PTO General Meeting

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 / 10:00 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 called to order at 10:06 by president Nicole Keswani. Board members in attendance include Nicole Keswani, Shannon Strauss, Danielle Freeman, Jessica Sandoval, Mallory Darcy, Jocelyn DiRienzo, and Amy Martin. Coordinators in attendance include Amy Lewis, Adine Howard, Susan Lamm, Tamara Gilbert, Crystal Michalak, Jaede Olrich, and Jenny Antolik. PTO members in attendance include: Sylvia Yoon, Kelley Knight, Sarah Dutra, Marina Kilburn, Robin Ellison, Christy Hale, Lia McComb, Sarah Runelt, Claire Britt, Emily Burgess, Melissa Myers, Kate Springer, Danielle White, Olivia Pramas, Ely Davis, Tina Kubina, and Penie White.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Nicole Keswani

All the Board members introduced themselves and talked about their role on the board and who is rolling off the board next year.

President - Nicole described role as overseeing all aspects of the PTO. She deals with all the paperwork and is the point of contact with administration.

First VP - Shannon talked about her role as filling in when everyone needs support. She is shadowing the president this year.

Invest - Jocelyn talked about the organization needed for this role. It is making sure t-shirts are ordered and handed out, wristbands for Coyote Carnival are handed out, handing out Coyote Cash, and helping with all the activities.

Room parent Coordinator - Susan Lam talked about being the liaison between the teachers and their room parents.



VP Staff Support - Mallory talked about building a culture climate and spoiling our teachers. The last Wednesday of every month she has a lunch/snack/treat planned. Every other month a grade level helps with the lunch items, the other months the PTO sponsors the lunch. She went over the schedule of these lunches.

VP Volunteers - Jessica talked about coordinating with all the board members for when they need volunteers to help with their events.

Recording Secretary - I talked about creating the agendas for the board meetings and taking the minutes during the meetings. These minutes are then posted for anyone to read.

Green Team - Crystal talked about it being a learning role that she is making up.

School Supply Kits - Amy Lewis talked about coordinating with the company and the teachers to make sure the lists are updated and help with distribution.

Student Appreciation Week - Jaede talked about it being a new role and figuring it out to make a fun week for the kids.

Beautification - Tamara works to make the school look nicer with planters, clean up, etc

Sensory - Adine talked about making all events inclusive.

Web Master and Spirit Wear - Jacob could not be here today.

Nicole talked about money brought in from sponsors. We shifted from wishlists for teachers to PTO grants that the teachers can present to Principal Justus for first round approval and then submit to us to review. Our funds are also being used to fund the PBIS program completely as well as teacher professional development. We have also given to Teacher Morale. We are looking to get the school a Gaga Ball kit and soccer nets as big purchases this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Megan Hartsfield

Nicole presented what Megan had prepared that went over the different ways we bring in income and our big expenditures.

INVEST UPDATE - Jocelyn DiRienzo

We have 187 students invested in Bronze, 9 Bronze Families, 34 Silver, and 54 Gold, for a total of 302 students (56% of the student body); if we get about 65% we would like to do a popsicle party for all students. The classroom at each grade level with the highest percentage will get to go off campus for lunch.

EVENTS - Nicole Keswani & Danielle Freeman

Build a Coyote is next Thursday from 6:00-7:30. Danielle has a sign up sheet for anyone interested in signing up to help at any of the events this year. Oct 18th is Movie Night. Hot Chocolate and Cookies with Santa is planned for December. The Coyote Carnival will be in April again this year, and we are looking to make it even bigger this year. Danielle rolls off the board after this year, so anyone interested in learning more about this position please see her and she would like to mentor anyone interested.

TEACHER APPRECIATION - Mallory Darcy

Mallory went over the schedule for the year with lunches being the last Wednesday of the month. She asked for anyone willing to help out with these lunches to contact her.



MISCELLANEOUS

We are looking to create some new coordinator positions next year, including a sponsorship coordinator and a one that will help with teacher appreciation with the special staff days that take place throughout the year.

Jill Justus talked about the PLC - Professional Learning Communities. We are trying to be a model PLC in 3-5 years. It is about a focus on learning (not teaching). The school is paying for some for these conferences, and the PTO has also donated a large sum to help send more teachers to these conferences. The school will also need to do a few fundraisers in order to buy curriculum and other things still needed for the new school. The school will have a Glow Dance Party fundraiser and also a City Savers coupon book.

Meeting called to a close at 10:39 am. The room parent meeting will start immediately.