

NPE PTO MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2012, 7:00

NPE Library Media Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Angie Henry, NPE PTO President. In attendance were Mr. Kern (Principal), Lori Burks (Vice President), Mary Imel (Treasurer), Jill Canda (3rd Grade Teacher), and 10 members.

Minutes from the May 15, 2012 meeting were read and approved.

Mary Imel, Treasurer, reported a combined bank balance of \$41,697.97 as of 8/21/2012. A new internet based system offered through PTO Manager is now being used. The program is very user friendly. The report was approved.

6th Grade Celebration: Erika Twyford – A committee has not been formed but a few ideas are being discussed among parents. Possibly separate from other award programs, offer a slide show, allow time to sign yearbooks, offer lemonade and cookies only, a local florist is willing to donate flowers for the students to wear, hold in high school gym. Mr. Kern requested the committee meet with him before making any definite plans.

Box Tops: Lynette Hulet, Codi Strong – Families will be asked to collect Box Tops, Tyson A+ Tags, and Campbell's Labels for Education again this year. The committee is getting organized and plans to pick up items on the following dates: 8/31, 10/5, 11/16, 12/21, 2/8, 3/15, and 4/26. Monthly treats will be given to the class at each grade level who turns in the most items. A party for the overall class winner is tentatively planned for May. Mary Imel suggested someone coordinate with local food pantries to gather Bonus Box Tops they receive from merchants. Kori Murphy suggested a reminder letter to families requesting items be trimmed BEFORE turning them in to teachers.

Discover Indy Coupon Books/Brax Spirit Cups – Jennifer Bain, Lori Burks – NEW FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR! The fundraiser will start on Sept. 5 and will run through Sept 18. Orders, money, and unsold product are due on Sept 19. Kids who sell \$100 worth of product will be invited to go to the Silly Safari Party on Friday Oct. 26 from 3:30 to 5:00. Top 3 sellers will receive prizes. School goal is to raise \$15,000 to help with electronics for the school. DiscoverIndy books could be delivered as early as Friday, Oct. 5. Brax Cups will come in after fall break. Brax Cups will sell for \$15 for a set of 4 and the coupon book will sell for \$25. Each student will be sent home with a coupon book and cup. Unsold items are to be returned to the school.

Market Day: Jessica Moore, Natalie Young – Introductory letters are going home with the first month's order forms this week. The fundraising goal for this year is \$2,000. Sales are scheduled for September through June with the exception of March with flyers being sent home on a monthly basis.

McDonald's Family Nights: ?? – The New Pal McDonald's is offering Tuesdays as School Nights again this year! Becky Burrin, the manager, is holding a planning meeting tomorrow, 8/22, at 5:00 for interested local schools. The PTO earned \$1,860 last year through this non-labor intensive fundraiser. We need someone to attend the meeting and coordinate NPE representatives on a monthly basis (5:00-8:00). Also looking for some creative ideas to get families to attend. During open discussion, it was suggested that Mr. Kern work the drive-thru as he did last year and teachers be offered \$ for the

classroom for attending and/or having the most students attend. Coupon books and Spirit Wear will be available during sale times.

Movie Night at Legacy Cinema: Jessica Moore – NEW FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR! I am going to contact Legacy Cinema to find out the details of the fundraising events they offer. We hope to schedule at least one movie night for NPE students during the school year. Several parents commented they think this is a great idea!

Room Parent Coordinator: Trice Greene – Lots of parents have signed up to help with holiday classroom parties. As of 8/17, volunteers for Pre-School classes, Mr. Meo's class, and Mrs. Floyd's class are still needed. We will continue to look for parents for these classrooms. A Room Parent Meeting is set for 9/13 at 9:30 in the NPE Cafeteria to talk about holiday party ideas and snacks. Three holiday parties are scheduled again for this year: Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Mr. Kern suggested the PTO work with Aramark, the new food service, to coordinate treats for parties. Aramark is already aware of food allergies within the school and offers age appropriate items. Katie Couse (sp?), Aramark Food Director, is the contact. Angela Phillips noted that last year's 6th graders seemed to waste a lot of the provided snacks.

Spirit Wear: Missy Ackerman – Karen Guedel of Guedel Design/New Jerseys (local family) will be offering spirit wear to NPE students this year. Missy and Karen are looking at designs later this week. The kick off is tentatively planned for right after fall break with apparel arriving in December, in time for Christmas.

Student Directory & Website: Jen Popp – PTO website is up to date. Committee chairs, please take a look and let me know of any needed changes. A list of people who signed up to help with each committee will be sent to the committee chairs. I would be happy to help with email distributions thru PTO Manager. Just send me the content and I can send out the email or set you up to send emails directly. I can be contacted at jpopp@npepto.com or by calling 513-4459. I will set up event dates on our Facebook page soon.

The Student Directory will be created from the InfoSnap Registration. Once that list is received, we will evaluate how many families agreed to share their information for the Student Directory and then send home a form if necessary.

Teacher Appreciation: Missy Ackerman, Lynna Rooks – Monthly dates are set to honor our teachers throughout the school year. We had our first breakfast cart of the school year on Friday. It was a huge success. Future treats will be provided on non-donut days.

Yearbook: Angela Phillips, Kori Murphy, Janet Mann – Planning to meet with InterState Studios in the next week or two to sign a contract and determine important dates for the school year. Angela and Kori noted a couple minor changes being considered for Breakfast Club and Dragon Flyers, but the layout will stay the same for the most part.

Carnival/Auction: ?? Angie asked for input regarding the pairing of Auction with Carnival and dates for the event. Getting donations from corporations and local companies is a lot harder than it used to be with today's strained economy. Would other options or different dates improve the event? During open discussion, suggestions included a Pasta Dinner, entertainment (choir, d.j.), or offering only a

silent auction. No definite decisions were made. The April date offered a great turnout last year and is reasonable with regards to weather and school I-Step testing.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Super Student t-shirts? Prior to the meeting, one of the teachers asked if the PTO still provides "Super Student" t-shirts. With no existing inventory, should more t-shirts be purchased? Mr. Kern offered that t-shirts are no longer needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012 AT 10:30
NPE CONFERENCE ROOM**