

Northvail School PTA Minutes 02/12/2020

President Cindy Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in the All-Purpose Room.

Attendance was taken by Corresponding Secretary, Ila Kessler.

Ila Kessler also reported on correspondence that was received:

Thank you to the PTA from Mrs. Walsh for the baby gift.

Treasurer's Report - Jhalak Kapadia:

Northvail Checking: \$29,790.53

Northvail Money Market Savings: \$5,589.88

Northvail Raffle Account: \$6.32

Student Council: \$596.23

Old Business:

Pizza Bingo – Ila Kessler/ Maureen Hornecker: Pizza Bingo made about \$350 between pizza and snack sales. Discussion was held over how to improve attendance at event as in year's past.

International Day – Cindy Collins: International Day has been cancelled because of lack of volunteers. Hopefully next year will be a success.

School Counselor Appreciation Day – Pooja Shah, reported by Cindy Collins: Mr. Breiten received a gift card from PTA and the children made cards for him.

3rd Grade Mural – Tanya Thoutreddy, reported on by Cindy Collins: There is an idea for the mural. Tanya will reach out to the 3rd grade parents soon. The plan is to paint the mural at the end of March.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

Cultural Arts/ Reflections - Vice President Desiree Lambo McGhie, reported by Cindy Collins: The Sky Dome was a success. Pictures were posted on Twitter and Facebook. The children had a lot of fun.

Fundraising – Yashika Gondhi, Vice President, reported by Cindy Collins: Tomorrow night is Dine Out at Buffalo Wild Wings. The flyer went out for Hershey Park tickets.

5th Grade - 5th Grade Chair, Diana Mazzarella, reported by Cindy Collins: Fifth grade parents should be sending the committee 3 pictures of their children. The cost-per-student second installment is due mid-February. There may be another movie day. March 20th is the 4th & 5th grade social – it will be Mr. Hromoko's last DJ event.

Standing Committees:

Read Across America Week of March 2nd - Natalie Chin: NJ Manufacturer's has volunteered to come back to Northvail to read to the students. Parents will be able to check with their child's teacher to schedule a time and book to read to the class. There are half-days that week.

Half-Day Lunch – Angela Maione: There are 4 dates in March for half-day lunches for conferences (March 4th-6th) and on March 16th. So far, the collection is going well.

Snack Sales – Trish Weiss reported on by Cindy Collins: Snack sales will be organized with the half-day lunch sales. The volunteers will monitor the sales.

Spirit Days – Cindy Collins: Student council came up with a list of spirit days they would like to see. February 21st will be Beach Day for a “summer in winter” theme instead of Grade Color Day.

Hospitality - Tanya Thoutreddy, reported on by Cindy Collins: The dinner for teachers during conferences is scheduled for March 5th.

Student Appreciation – Pooja Shah, reported on by Cindy Collins: Water pouches with the Northvail logo have been purchased for the students. There have been 50 set aside for incoming kindergarteners to receive during the kindergarten social.

Ice Cream – Cindy Collins: We have new volunteers and so far, the sales have been going very well. Volunteers are always welcome.

New Business:

Board of Education (BOE) Meetings/ Northvail Website – Cindy Collins: Please consider attending meetings and please check the Northvail website for updates. Please follow Mr. Martens on Twitter (@NO_OWL_PRIN).

Book Fair – Rhadika Seth via Cindy Collins: Week of March 8th. The teachers will be contacted to sign up for their slot so that flyers can be sent home looking for volunteers to come during their child’s visit.

Smencils/ Erasers – Cindy Collins: Erasers were also ordered this year. Limited to one set per child for initial sale. There is no due date, but it is first come, first serve.

Baking Contest including 50/50 – Christine Skupienski, reported on by Danielle Blair and Cindy Collins: There has been 41 kids that have signed up to bake. It will be broken up into four groups (2nd & 3rd, K & 1st, 4th, 5th). Children who have already signed up and paid for baking do not have to pay to be tasters. There will be judges from the school, SKIP teachers, Board of Ed members, and other members of the community. The mayor and his daughter are also judging. Judges arrive at 3:45 pm, and will be judging between 4-5pm. Volunteers are needed to help set-up.

Nominating Committee – Cindy Collins: There are positions open for next year, including: Treasurer, 5th grade chair, half-day lunches, Hope for the Holidays, Ice Cream, Book Fair, and many others. There will be a booth for the Nominating Committee at the baking contest. Without people to help, the budget may have to be reduced because of lack of fundraising.

Discussion was had over how to get more participation and membership.

Parent’s Night Out – Cindy Collins: Kendra Von Achen discussed being able to reserve private space at Recess – Saturday/Friday nights would not be available. More information will be gathered and Parent’s Night Out will be potentially held on 3/26.

Important Dates

2/10-14 Smencil/Eraser Sales
2/14 Spirit Day: Wear Red/Pink
2/17 School CLOSED
2/21 International Day (during school)
2/21 Spirit Day: Beach Day
2/29 Baking Contest
3/2-3/6 Student Appreciation Week
3/2 – 3/6 Read Across America

- 3/2 – 3/6 Dr. Seuss Spirit Week
- 3/4-3/6 Early Dismissal/Half Day Lunch Snack Sales
- 3/5 Serve Teacher’s Dinner during Conferences
- 3/9 – 3/12 Book Fair
- 3/13 Spirit Day: Blue & White /Northvail Sportswear Day
- 3/17 Spirit Day: Wear Green
- 3/20 4th/5th Grade Social (evening)
- 3/28 Adult Trivia Night (Possibly 3/26)

Board of Ed meeting dates

Thursday, February 13, 2020	Parsippany Hills High School	
Thursday, February 27, 2020	Central Middle School Cafeteria*	
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Dr. Frank A. Calabria Education Center*	Tentative Budget Adoption
Thursday, March 26, 2020	Dr. Frank A. Calabria Education Center*	
Tuesday, April 14, 2020	Dr. Frank A. Calabria Education Center*	
Thursday, April 30, 2020	Dr. Frank A. Calabria Education Center**	Public Hearing & Adoption of Budget
Thursday, May 14, 2020	Dr. Frank A. Calabria Education Center	
Thursday, May 28, 2020	Parsippany High School**	
Thursday, June 11, 2020	Parsippany Hills High School**	
Thursday, June 25, 2020	Parsippany Hills High School**	

All meetings start with Closed Session 6:30 PM, Regular Meeting 7:00 PM *Budget Discussion **Student and/or Staff Awards

Board Elections - Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Adopted: January 7, 2020

Next scheduled PTA Meeting – Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m., All Purpose Room

Note: All Officers, Executive Board and Committee Members must become members of the PTA and pay a membership fee of \$8.00. Thank you!

Adjournment - Cindy Collins, President: Time End: 7:55 pm