

NETTINGHAM PTA MINUTES

February 27, 2024

Approved September 24, 2024

7:06 p.m. | ZOOM *Meeting called to order by* Denise Salamanca, PTA President

In Attendance

Exec Board Members: Denise Salamanca, Caren Dankin, Sandy Sims, Nicole Juarez, Kristin DeMary, Ms. Durand

Approx. 9 PTA members: Donna Lam, Audra Koplowitz, Sharon Dowling, Diann Kohler, Tracy Wright, Maureen Lamberti, Barbara Ceccarelli, Amy Beversluis, Lila Roldan

Approval of Minutes / Business

Pledge Of Allegiance

MOTION made by Denise Salamanca to approve but abstain from reading the PTA meeting minutes from January 23, 2024. Seconded by Tracy Wright. No objections. Motion filed and approved.

MOTION made by Denise Salamanca to approve the Treasurer's Reports from December 2023 and January 2024. These are available on the Money Matters section of the PTA page. Seconded by Nicole Juarez. No objections. Motion filed and approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE VOTE

MOTION to elect the Nettingham Middle School Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

Open roles: VP of Parent Relations, VP of Communications/Secretary, VP of Finance/Treasurer

The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying and taking recommendations for filling these positions. Ideally, the Nominating Committee is formed each year with one parent from each elementary school – Brunner, Evergreen, and School One.

The three members that are being nominated for the committee are Sharon Dowling representing Brunner, Audra Koplowitz representing Evergreen, and Tracy Wright representing School One. Motion is seconded by Diann Kohler and Donna Lam.

The motion to elect Sharon Dowling, Audra Koplowitz and Tracy Wright to the Nominating Committee is filed and approved.

President's Report Denise Salamanca nettinghamPTApres@gmail.com

Thank yous –

- Thank you to Lauren Lockwood and Liz Doyle who ran a successful 7th Grade Social on Friday, January 26th. We had a total of 120 7th graders registered for the event and it went very smoothly! The students enjoyed pizza, snacks, games in the cafeteria, and basketball and DJ Socks in the New Gym. Thanks to the 15+ parents that donated snacks prior to the social and donated their time to keep an eye on the kids in the different areas or to serve pizza and snacks! We could not have run this without the volunteers!
- Thank you to all that helped make the 5th Grade Social on Friday, February 9th a very smooth event! We had a total of 181 5th graders registered for the event, possibly our largest ever. Thank you to the 20+ volunteers that donated snacks prior to the 5th Grade social and donated their time to keep an eye on the kids as they were able to experience their first middle school social!
- Thank you to Maureen Lamberti, Amy Beversluis and Sharon Dowling, our 8th grade committee chairs, who ran a fun and successful 8th Grade vs Teachers Volleyball Game this past Friday February 23rd. We had over 125 students and parents in attendance and although the students really did an amazing job, the teachers worked well together to bring in a win! Thank you to the Nettingham teachers and staff, including Dr. D and Ms. Durand, who volunteered their time and played a great game! Thank you to the volunteers, both adults and high school students, that helped to make this event run smoothly.
- Thank you to Deserie Foster for coordinating and running our Winter Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser. This is our second year running this at the middle school, and we surpassed our levels from last year. Almost 1000 catalogs were delivered and

then distributed to each homeroom teacher. Deserie managed questions, online orders, and paper orders, and then had the task of closing out the initial online sale.

- Thank you to Damaris Espinal for stepping up to take the position of Scholarship Screener for the SPF HS Scholarship Foundation!

Membership Update

- As of today, we have 331 PTA members, which is an increase of 20 members from the last meeting! Our goal for the year is to reach 350 members (we had 373 last year). As a reminder, if you volunteer to help with an event, you must be a PTA member for insurance purposes.

VP of Parent Relations Sandy Sims nettinghamPTAparentrelations@gmail.com

- Room Parents hosted Valentine's Day parties in all 5th grade classrooms. Thanks to the room parents that helped coordinate these parties.
- All Room Parents should Save the Date for Monday, June 17th which is the 5th Grade Field Day. This event is coordinated by one of our 5th Grade teachers but the game stations are typically run by the Room Parents. This event is typically in the morning from 9am - 11am, but detailed information will follow along with a sign up genius from Mrs. Litz for volunteers. If a room parent cannot make it they are welcomed to find another parent that can take their place.

VP of Finance/Treasurer Caren Dankin nettinghamPTAtreas@gmail.com

- The treasurer report is updated on the PTA website.
- If anyone is interested in taking the Treasurer role next year, reach out to Caren for more details. This role requires only 3-4 hours a month.

VP of Fundraising Nicole Juarez nettinghamPTAfundraising@gmail.com

- Yankee Game fundraiser for April 7, 2024 game: Tickets are on sale now for \$60/ticket. This includes entry, a Yankee backpack and \$15 meal voucher. Section is 418 and will be on the same day and area as Terrill Middle School fundraiser. Tickets must be purchased by 3/6
- Bang Cookie fundraiser is coming up 3/10-3/23
- Dine for Dollars will be at an ice cream shop, details coming soon.

- The next book fair is confirmed for 4/22-4/26

VP of Communications Kristin DeMary
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- Minutes from each meeting are posted on the PTA website.
- Nettingham Facebook pages are a great place to ask questions about fundraisers or events, a lot of questions get answered quickly by the Nettingham community on these pages.

Committee Reports

- **Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser (Deserie Foster)** - The Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser officially ran through 2/16 to be eligible for free shipping to the school. This portion of the sale closed and we sold a total of \$8101, compared to our sales of around \$6300 last year. The online portion remains open through 3/17, but the order will be shipped directly to you and you will have to pay shipping. Delivery of the items purchased during the preliminary sale will be the week of 3/11. At this time, delivery to our school will be 3/11 with expected pick up by parents on 3/12. More information to follow.
- **Eighth Grade Committee - Amy Beversluis, Sharon Dowling, Maureen Lamberti** - Elective Selections are due to counseling by Monday, 3/4
- **Author Visits - Kim L'Hommedieu** - Alex London will be coming on 3/13/24 for all grades. Books will be available shortly to purchase on Givebacks and we will get them autographed before distribution.
- **Cultural Assemblies (Deserie Foster)** - Tomorrow morning, 2/28, all grades will attend a presentation by Darius Wallace. He puts on an inspirational show of overcoming adversity through the written and spoken word. He brings us back in time with the story of Frederick Douglass from his life as a slave as a boy to a power abolitionist as a man.
- **Hershey Parks Ticket Fundraiser (Sapna Llano)**: Discounted tickets are available for \$48. Information was included in recent e-newsletter. Purchase deadline is April 3rd, 2024.

- **Think Purple Week (Lauren O'Brien)** - April 15-19. Think Purple Week brings awareness to living drug and alcohol free. Some activities include door decorating contests, and assembly and dress up themes for the week.

Honorary VP/Principal's Remarks

Ms. Durand

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- Leap day is coming this week on 2/29 and will emphasize the ongoing saying "How will you soar today" with the extra day. Activities will include a scavenger hunt and trivia questions throughout the day to give each grade a chance to win a prize.
- 4th grade orientation is coming up run by the counseling department and 8th grade PAL's. 4th graders will have the opportunity to briefly sit in on classes and ask questions. 2/29 is family orientation for incoming 5th and 6th grades.
- STEM expo is 3/14 and is taking place at Nettingham this year.

Other Business

Upcoming Dates:

2/28/24 - Cultural Assembly: Darius Wallace

2/29/24 - 4th to 5th Grade Parent Orientation at 6pm and 5th to 6th Grade Parent Orientation at 7pm.

3/4/24 - SPFHS Electives Due Date for 8th Graders

3/5/24 - Nettingham Jazz Band performs at a Devils game at Prudential

3/5 - 3/7 - 4th Graders from all three Elementary Schools come to visit Nettingham

3/6 - District EEF Fundraiser - SPF Educators vs Harlem Wizards (tickets required)

3/13 - Author Visit Alex London

3/14 - STEM Expo @ Nettingham for Nettingham and Terrill students

4/3 - Hershey Park Ticket Orders are due

4/7 - Yankees Game

4/15-4/19 - Think Purple Week

4/22 - 4/26 - Spring BOGO Book Fair

5/3 - Color Run

5/6 - 5/10 - Staff Appreciation Week

5/11 - Spring Clothing Drive

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is April 16th at 7pm via zoom

MOTION to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Denise Salamanca and seconded by Caren Dankin