

November 20, 2019, NRAC 5-8 Boosters

6:34 pm start time.

Jen Toth, Lee Armbruster, Bonnie Taucher, Steve Hosler, Donna Stano, Lindsay Phipps, Nancy Hedberg, Jamie Whitehead, Sandy Bennett, Jill Papesch, Chuck Maurer

Principal Report:

- E mail was sent out about the grants.
- Bulletin board for hallways to be placed. Matt Yunker approved them and said he would put them up.
- Storage room – we have a cupboard for our booster group. It is full and cannot share the space.
  - Under the stairs Council items have been going missing, plates, silverware, etc.
  - Will look into lockable storage units if needed
- Thank you for dinner. Lee has been in discussion with Erica Thompson for the November Pies and Christmas Plan. Conference room is saved.
- Rachel's closet is done. There is a space approved by school, and a plan for a backup shed has been created.
  - Girl had milk spilled on her clothes was able to use closet to help her out.
  - Will now offer fancy dresses for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance. Give donations of formal wear to Jen Toth
- Lee talked about awards two staff have received.
- Exciting News for April 4
  - Sustainability Award from Sandy Hook Promise paid for Jordan to attend the Summit. They came to see our school, very impressed. They will be doing their 2020 Sandy Hook Summit also on April 4 at our school.
  - This is a national summit.
- Manning is passing School Safety Bill. We are already in line with the conditions of the bill.
- Jordan won a \$2500 You Belong Grant (Nord). Sandy Hook Club surveyed the students about safety in our school. Lee did this survey in 2011 so will compare the data collected.
- Next year, 1 Book 1 School. Public Library along with grade 3-8 NRAC and Ranger High Tech, will pick a theme and find an age appropriate book. Will be \$10,000, writing grants and will be asking for money from council and booster groups
- New School Board Policy: Any money collected in the building has to be counted and deposited by the school staff into the school account, then a check written to a booster group. This is an accountability thing. We have some ideas to help make it work.
  - All money collected by a school staff, needs to be counted by the teachers, then again by Nancy in the office, then deposited to the school. School would then cut the booster group the funds. There will be a delay in getting the money.
  - OR the boosters can collect the money.
    - Money delivery day, we have to collect the money, cannot have the teacher's.
    - Need to create a workflow for collecting money. The Booster Group needs to take the responsibility to collect the money.
    - Online paying.
    - Locked Booster Box???

- Lee said to ask Mike Verlingo about the box. It takes away the money away from staff.
- We are upset that we found out now and have to change workflow.
- This puts a burden on the Teachers and Nancy.
- Jen Toth motioned to buy a lock box, seconded by Sandy. Lee needs to go through the process of getting it approved and bolted to the school. If approved, Bonnie will order.

#### Treasurer Report

- Current income (we had three deposits, missing where from).
  - \$834 spirit wear
  - \$6407 triathlon deposit, the bank transition \$53 short.
  - \$49 deposit, was an adjustment as it came from last year, placed into contingency
  - \$14.75 from amazon
  - Made \$13,811.32 on Triathlon so far, still have a deposit to make.
- Expense
  - Triathlon Shirt Payment given to Mr. Hosler
  - Citizen for Better School

#### Teachers Report

- None in attendance

#### Updates from Council

- Bond did not pass.
- Collected PTO/Council Booster January 10 for Holiday Party
  - PTO/Boosters will pay for catering, cash bar
  - John Christ Winery
- Next meeting January
- Grades  $\frac{3}{4}$  will be putting mats under the water fountains
  - 4 mats are \$1200.
  - Bonnie recommended submitting a grant form for 5-8 fountains.

#### Committee Coordination Report

- Activity Nights – Cafetorium and Gym
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade –Amy Eldridge
    - Dec 6
    - Crafts – escape room, indoor snowball fight, and much more
    - 630-8 pm
    - Cost \$2 presale \$3 at the door.
      - E mail will be sent out over the weekend.

- Jill Papesch, Sandy Bennett, Lindsay Phipps, Nancy Hedberg can be available in the AM to collect money/forms.
      - Decided to do baskets going into each studio. Jill and Lindsay will come by every am to pick up the basket. Any stragglers will be counted by teachers and sent thru Nancy.
      - Marla will DJ event.
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night– Jaimey Noll Whitehead
      - Glow in the Dark
      - Needs to be latex free.
      - Jan 24
      - \$2 pre-sale \$3 at the door.
      - Marley is DJ night.
- Student Dances – Cafetorium Only
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – three theme will be voted via google doc.
- Art Show – April 4, school will be shared with the Sandy Hook Summit
- Box Tops – turn in any time. Lindsay Phipps will be combining efforts as we are one address
  - Coke is also being tapped into to supplement. We are behind budget for box tops as their system has changed.
  - Need to separate  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{5}{8}$  in address to get both sides treated separately.
  - Post office will be contacted to verify if we can do a Suite to make us different identity.
- Candy Grams – Jen Toth and Jaimey Noll Whitehead
  - Feb
- Dodgeball – Nancy Hedberg
  - March 13, 2020
- Scholarships –Kelly Haney, Shannon Dillon, Nancy Hedberg
  - Discussed criteria
- Spiritwear - Steve Hosler
  - Back to school \$1386 for 3-8.
    - 693 shirts sold
    - \$834 to 5-8 Booster
  - Christmas Sale going on right now
    - 172 pieces sold, \$344 dollars so far
    - Closes Sunday 11/24/19 at Midnight
    - Posted on other school Facebook sites
    - Will be delivered to different schools
- Staff Appreciation - Erica Thompson
  - Conference Dinner – Arturos pizza, salad, cookies
  - Thanksgiving Pies – covered with donations
  - Dec 19 – Cookie Exchange – will be asking for donations
  - Valentine Day treat
  - Conference Dinner
  - April Mailbox

- Staff Appreciate week – donut and cookies, lunch and breakfast
    - Fragapanes has discounted rate for pre ordered donuts
- Staff Grants – Donna Stano
  - Have been distributed, need responses by Dec 1.
  - Discussed Criteria
  - \$6000 maximum allotment for all grants.
- Talent Show – Marci Saxon
  - march
- Triathlon – Jen Toth and Bonnie Taucher
  - See above for deposit.
  - Pizza party 12/6
  - Teachers will do classroom winners, treats given to each studio.
  - Shirts to be dropped off as well tonight
- New Business
  - Teachers did not hear about the winners, Melissa did send out the winners, there was a miscommunication. Lee will re-send out the winners list.
  - Christmas Party at John Christ with Ranger Council and other PTOs.
  - Bonnie and Jen are looking for ways to collect money to keep out of the schools.
    - Website that you have for your unit. Any collection can be done through this website. There is a fee involved.
      - Can send out to family
      - Tickets can be done this way as well.
      - Annual fee, \$0.30 per transaction and then a percentage taken out as well.
      - Good for the larger collection events like Triathlon and Dodgeball.
    - PT Board
      - Can use High Tech Academy as reference and get a year free.
      - Create a website.
      - Collects money and tracks payments
      - Waiting to hear about transaction fee
      - \$100 per year. Free first year.
    - What about Pay School – can we align with that?
      - Add fee into the cost of whatever we are selling.
  - Is there volunteer recognition being planned for the end of the year?
    - Not done last year, Lee will look into that.
  - Thanksgiving Cards for USO, Seniors, Police and Fire Dept. will be dropped off next week.
  - Upcoming events listed on the agenda.

751 pm Adjourned.