

NETTELHORST PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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Agenda for NPTO Board Meeting on September 9, 2025- 6:35pm

- I. Approval of prior meeting minutes- Approved
- II. Approval of meeting agenda- Approved
- III. President's Report
 - K-2 curriculum supplements
 - i. Shift to science of reading/phonics in reading, have some needs
 - Need- teachers having access to high quality decodables to use in the classroom
 - a. \$18,860 for decodables for instruction- fiction and non-fiction texts for each classroom, 6 copies of each title + ELL teacher + Special Education teachers for pull-out students
 - b. In class libraries- K & 1st decodable libraries for students to read independently- \$5,333.49
 - c. Dropping Knowledge- Heidi- Martin Literacy
 - d. Grand total- \$24,193.49
 - i. Scholastic and Amazon links, cover changes- Motion for \$25,500- Approved
 - Positivity Project- SEL Curriculum 5th-8th Grade
 - i. Getting kids to stop and think about scenarios in a positive manner
 - ii. Rolled out Week 0 with the teachers
 - iii. Corey is the implementation specialist for the school, receiving training and able to train
 - iv. Cost \$3,795 annually, may be able to move into the school budget in the future
 - Motion to approve- approved
 - Coaches Stipends
 - i. OST Funding came through, \$4,000 short this year (\$22,000- covers Robotics, sports, etc.), ask for now would be to continue to cover the parent stipends. Currently \$1,000 for a Football stipend- motion to approve- Approved
 - Novels: [Here is the link](#)

- i. Through Josh \$12, if NPTO orders would be \$8, 7th & 8th graders will get to hear the author speak (8th graders heard her last year)
 - ii. Weaving into the Civics curriculum, tells the story on the Road to Freedom (author was the youngest person on it)
 - iii. 75 copies- \$618
 - Corey will look up if able to purchase directly through the publisher- \$750 to cover- Approved
- Thank you- Bend the Arc
 - i. Thank you to NPTO for sending Josh
 - ii. PD this summer helped reignite belonging, will notice in the Sentinel updates
- Therapy Dogs sponsorship level
 - i. All set up for once a month, 8x over the year
 - ii. Every kid will get to see them
 - iii. Become a sponsor- \$500- motion to approve- Approved
- 2 Nettelhorst positions, bill will be coming, likely around \$193,000, similar to past few years
- S. Dilla Thomas school visit- Chicago Hip Hop historian, has his own bus, all staff will get to go, Bronzeville trip- \$2,500, but Josh will cover from his budget
- Playground update-
 - i. Josh, Mags, Kelly, and Anne Dodge met with the district
 - 2 phases, back playlot is phase 1, front playlot is phase 2
 - \$1.3M already allocated, through monies from Alderman Lawson & Senator Feigenholtz (\$500,000 is tied up for 18-24 months, leaving \$800,000 available for phase 1)
 - CPS will bring some money to the table, need to know how much from CPS
 - Last estimate was \$2M, Josh will have an update next week
 - Josh has a breakfast with Tom Ricketts and Cubs charities this month, Mags to speak with Blackhawks charities
 - Suggested donation from Haunted House fundraiser, possibility
 - CPS engineers still need to look at the designs, Paul suggests the idea of selling bricks to businesses and families
- Support SEED- pay for first dinner in October
 - i. Mr. Lopez reached out to Mags, potluck for their monthly meetings, asking for NPTO to cover the first dinner, less than \$500.
- NPTO mixer
 - i. Reaching out to a local spot to ask them to host so we can find volunteers/recruit
 - ii. Get to know your NPTO
- Curriculum night- slide deck/presentation- September 18
- Festival or the Arts- Beer tent/ sticker contest update
 - i. Beer tent is all set
 - ii. NPTO tent, need more help Sunday
 - iii. Check in at info booth in the morning
 - iv. Allison picking up the volunteer hats, will put hats in the closet

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Expenses- end of year celebrations, class parties, expenses for Stampede, LC comms retainer
- Into Staff, Curriculum, Technology, and Facilities- D'Agostion's, Stallion Stampede donations

- V. Fundraising
 - Helping Hands-
 - i. Scheduled for November 3-21 (last year was 4 weeks but the last week was quiet)
 - ii. Banner will be shipped and needs to be hung
 - iii. Design for community benefit- with its own individual QR link
 - 2D Halloween Fundraiser
 - i. Kevin sent a lot of info, 20% back via link
 - ii. Week of Halloween
 - Stella's fundraiser
 - i. 20% back of all funds first Tuesday of every month
 - ii. Push the messaging in future
 - Minted- Paul will set this up, Mags will get approval
 - Just Salad- Becky sent the sponsorship levels, top sponsorship + 30% back once they open, would like us to do staff catering, possibly packaged cookies for Parent Party
 - Dags night- this Thursday- communication about that
 - Qdoba- tabling for now
- VI. Community Events
 - Movie Night in the Back Lot -
 - i. Needs to be on a weekend- Possibly October 4? Could be tied in with the costume exchange (drop off on movie night). Sun sets at 6:26pm (could set time for 6pm arrival, start at 6:30pm).
 - ii. The plan would be as follows:
 - **Time:** We need to be mindful of time - last year, we had people come at 6:30, with movie starting around 7:15ish (it was dark enough for projector)
 - **Movie selection:** We can either pick the movie or have the comms team do a social media poll. Can either either download movie, or NPTO buys it
 - **Equipment:** NPTO purchased screen and projector; Speakers and mixer from Jesse, or use schools system (with support from Mr. Padilla)
 - **Setup:** Use plugs in the kindergarten classrooms, and thread through the windows. Tie down screen using stakes & bags (sand) or using the window bars
 - **Food:** Popcorn machine, needs to be manned by folks outside the events team. Last time we set up a deal with Craveworthy Kitchen where people could get a discount if they mentioned Nettelhorst.
 - **Rain?** In case of rain, do it in the auditorium? Or have a rain date? Make sure we have a plan with Corey/Josh.- could use the auditorium
 - Costume Exchange -
 - Thinking through the logistics, collecting them on October 4, stored in the Multipurpose Room, and will have costumes available for kids before the parade who don't have.
 - Haunted House
 - Kirsten- Haunted House during October 25th during Lakeview Trick or Treat
 - Treat for younger, Trick for older
 - In the gym- glow in the dark party
 - Suggested donation, community based, college students
 - Per Josh, Mrs. Proudfoot may still have materials from past Halloween nights, dance, glow sticks, etc. + possible costumes from potential swap
- VII. Communication Updates
 - Photos and Bios for new members- send to the communications email
- VIII. Room Rep Update

- Emailed former reps, targeted classes to ask for

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.