

NETTELHORST PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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Minutes for NPTO Board Meeting on November 14, 2023 at
6:30pm

- I. Approval of prior meeting notes approved
 The meeting took place at Marc Frost house and via Google Meet. It was called to order at 6:37 pm. Attendees present were: Wayne Miller, Tim Whitney, Mags Hefferon, Shannon Fitzgerald, Marc Frost, Christina Hayford. Remote Anne Dodge, Erika Olson, Kimberly Weisensee Brown, Kelly, Dr. Joshua Marburger, Coach Hannah and Sarah Sommerfied

- II. Approval of meeting agenda- approved

- III. President's Report (Anne/ Seema)
 - 1) Helping hands and board donations- Everyone please donate
 - 2) Playground-Anne-we've moved to a final layout option, and we'll have preliminary sketches to share in a month- architect provided few scenarios for the entire back area and have several proposals and Yasmeen reviewed and they have chosen. Rendering will be soon to take back to everyone likely in the next month or so. Draft form and recommendations can be made still at the time, Turf and playground will be outlined in the area. No cost available yet. Christine- if there are benches that can be built possibly by the parents would that be a possibility. Her husband has offered to lead the carpentry.
 - 3) CPS Budget roundtables; CPS facing a \$390M budget deficit. We don't know how, yet, but this will affect us at Nettelhorst in AY 2025-2026- due to the end of the covid relief funding. What does this mean for us, how do we answer questions, what role do we have? Josh has not been to any of the round meetings yet. Do not have any idea as of yet. Many variables and we will need to

reply on NPTO. 650 estimate with pre k enrolled this year. Not exact number known at right now but enrollment has increased. Ask likely still will be \$250,000

- 4) THANK YOU to all the hard work everyone has put in this last month.
- 5) NPTO stipend for non-staff coaches- cannot find as many staff available to coach, trying to find outside community members. Last year started volunteer parents and community- 2 fall, 2 winter, 2 spring, PNO helped funded fall and half of winter. \$2000 was raised from PNO. Open gym funds -\$341 November to go to gym
- 6) \$560 request for cooking class- 5th and 6th next 7th and 8th cooking meaningful meals. Turning in receipts and CPS will no approve Jewel or Amazon, now doing Aldi but if she cannot find it there has to go to Jewel. Last 3 weeks has been \$40. Estimated \$600 for the rest of the year. Tim- health and nutrition bucket and there is \$1100. Approval for \$500-600 Anne, Marc second and approved. Motion passed
- 7) Better Together Garden purchase- raised beds (2) 4x8 for all outdoor ed at the school. Submitted a grant in conjunction with earth day. If we do not get grant construction of raised beds as part of earth day event. Earth Easy- whole kit for \$1161.90. Can come out of outdoor classroom unallocated bucket Motion – for \$1200 Tim raised motion second Shannon. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Wayne/ Tim): see attached. Standard fees coming through, meeting snacks, Laurie fees, balloons for principle appreciation. \$1100 from first day supplies. Donation in October, checks are being deposited. New bucket for coach stipends. Shannon -check on paying vendor for 5%APY 2 CDs through bank of America saving account one \$200k 7 months and \$200K 13mon and staggered so it can make some money but will. Dags bill not on budget so check

V. Fundraising (Shannon/ Marc)

- 1) Helping Hands Update- started a week later. 170 donors last year 190 donations are lower. Just crossed 50k Shannon reached out to bigger donors 15 given but less than last year reached out to 40 giving is down 4%. They want to participate but don't want to maybe give more later. Teachers wishlists and teachers gifts. One stop fundraising next to focus on one event. Need to see final numbers. People are participating and not lower than previous years. Estimate 75K, ? paper thermometer outside the school. Younger families more motivated and put near door one last year was near chicken coop. And if neighbors would be encouraged to give. Community is low. We need to go to partners to get the donations. Issue is that it is recession and donations are down over all. Fundraiser through Play- one day 10% of the proceeds go to Nettelhorst. Monthly partnership it needs to be once a month. Dags is working well.
- 2) Yard sign hand out /selling on 11/29 and 11/30- 150 signs made. Signs cost \$15.
- 3) Save the Date: Parent Night Party 7-10pm 2/24/2024- approval at CYC. Can tease it for January. Pull together a committee. Tim asked if we should increase price

of party. Last year raised \$20k so may be hard to ask for higher price then also auction items may not make as much after the cost of the child care etc.

VI. Community Events (Christina/ Jessica)

- 1) Teacher appreciate lunch debrief- expensive due to amount and they ran out of food and there was no left overs. This will be done again in the spring. Maybe tap into different place ie bagel.
- 2) Open Gyms- 56 kids 33 families more than half showed up and stayed the entire 3 hours. Counting how many kids in the gym at a given time the youngest came first and got a little crazy at the end. 25-30 kids at a time. May be able to up the number. 9-12 were the time. Could sell more tickets next time. Availability is issue. First aid kits and ice pack. Not bring there own equipment. Prek to 3rd Want to do a survey to see if older kids would want to participate if they could. Sensory hour or possibly fitness room to use. Looking for volunteers for next one. Feedback they enjoyed it. Sold out by Thursday. Lots of parents had never been in the gym before. December keep prek to 3rd?
- 3) Science Night (Maybe March)- possible fundraiser- enlisting parents to do a skill ie make slime, robotics etc. PNO focus on STEM and one focus on sports. Extra event though out the year.
- 4) Parent Share Out: AI Discussion- Casey Hudetz- Henry's dad does AI work. Parent seminar on direction of AI and impact in education. In regards to middle school mental health discussion last year. How do we address parents who want to educate: Anne- there is a LSC parent education committee to assess it/ triage it. Casey should talk to Anna regarding this.

VII. Communications Update (Erika/Kim)

- 1) Consolidate all fundraising as going towards Helping Hands- Kim- last week of helping hands. Excluding people who have given.
- 2) NPTO to join LVECC- we are members. Called them and got the updated login. Sent it out in their communications Helping Hands
- 3) Mailchimp prices increasing- increasing \$10/month
- 4) Add online merch to accept Lakeview Holiday gift card- we can have online merch store accept lakeview holiday gift card. Finding ways to reach people in other ways except emails. Stephanie does all the social media Erika does website. Hard to reach all people. Text may help. Communications is the how. Outdoor tv to communicate out side of the school. Add to holiday crawl. Pass along e blasts from a person as an influencer in a group to pass along information

The next board meeting will be December 12 at 6:30pm at Matty's house. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

