

NETTELHORST PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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Emilie Knieriemen - <i>Teacher</i> Aurora Proudfoot - <i>Teacher</i> Yasmeen Muhammad - <i>Principal</i> Dr. Joshua Marburger - <i>Assistant Principal</i> Rotating Representative - <i>Local School Council Member</i>		

Minutes for NPTO Board Meeting on October 10, 2023 at 6:30pm

The meeting took place at the Nettelhorst Community Kitchen and via Google Meet. It was called to order at 6:33pm. Attendees present were: Kim Brown, Wayne Miller, Allie Murrow, Josh Marburger, Maria Crammond, Anne Dodge, Seema Radhakrishnan, Mags Hefferon, Matty Eyer, Erin Christensen, Shannon Fitzgerald, Erika Olson, Christina Hayford, Jessica Zadaka, Emilie Knieriemen, Tim Whitney, Laurie Cunningham, Kelly Schoenfelt, Cathy Dimou, Andrea Jacobs, Josh Beaton, Laura Zanfardino, Donna Jun, Maria Luxen, and Sarah Sommerfield. The September meeting minutes were approved and the current meeting agenda was approved.

President's Report (Anne/ Seema)

1. Quick Intro of the board members.
2. Welcome Lakeview High School PTO Reps - see below for Lakeview HS PTO highlights, they were also all Nettelhorst alumni parents.
3. Support migrant families at Greeley School - list of supplies and Amazon wish list was sent from Ms. Proudfoot. All items were purchased except for socks. May need volunteers to assemble backpacks. They plan to get the backpacks to Greeley school next week. Toiletries and household items can be taken to Alderman's offices as well.
4. Looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to organize opportunities - expected commitment is 2 hours a month. Looking at the 4 people who have signed up to help in the last month. Sarah Sommerfield volunteered to coordinate volunteers! Thanks Sarah!
5. Room Reps had a party this week at the Optima Lakeview. Mr. Hill has room reps! Shoutout to Sarah and Cathy for getting room reps together. Still need one 6th grade room rep.

Treasurer's Report (Wayne/ Tim): see attached. Moving charges from the beginning of school.

Community Events (Christina/ Jessica)

1. Walk & Roll to School Day debrief: 100 families attended! A lot of families walk. Bike rack coming, waiting on CDOT. The kids enjoyed the obstacle course on the front playlot afterschool. It was a little windy, but the kids had fun.
2. Teacher Conference Lunch (10/26) - they will look at the volunteer list. Waiting for the district to tell us the times for lunch, noon or 3pm. Will reach out to the room rep team to ask for volunteers for setup/cleanup. Looking at new food options, besides D'Ag's. Teachers don't complain about free food (Marburger).
3. Open Gym (12/9, 1/21, 2/10, 3/10): Keep the gym open for people to come, Ms. Gereaux working on some fundraising for coaches. Looking at donations to go towards this.

4. Parents Night Out - thinking about partnerships with Mr. Lopez.
5. Grade-specific events - email for room rep team to email the grades - Cathy to alert the room reps NPTO will fund one event for the year per grade up to \$499. Keep it to one transaction for ease of accounting.
6. Principal Appreciation Week (10/16-20) (Kelly) Collected hearts from about half the classrooms and a few more coming in. She will reach out for volunteers to assist with the balloon volcano installation on Sunday.

Communications Update (Erika/Kim)

1. Fundraising communications strategy: Stop messaging families after they have donated. Segmentation breakdown on last year's donations (\$10-10,000). Maybe we can ask them to donate +\$10 from whatever they donated last year. 30+ people who have wanted to volunteer and need to find a way to get them activated.
2. Community feedback: Curriculars and Lunch is what people want to talk about. Why don't people take free lunches? How can we destigmatize school lunch? Everyone in CPS gets free lunch and free breakfast.
 - (Marbuger): We are back with Aramark vendor this year, kids seem to like the food better. They are taking feedback. Marbuger and Muhammad are working with a student council feedback group - lunch came up as an option. Student's interest in improving school lunch. More kids than ever are eating the school lunch.
 - Pre-K Mom: Question to Marbuger: Have students do food reviews? They can hear it from their peers how good the food is.
 - (Marbuger) We have morning announcements. We can move to having a recording of students.

Fundraising (Shannon/ Marc)

1. Helping Hands runs Monday 10/16 - Friday 11/17- goal of \$150k for tech and teaching positions. What we do with donations from families and the community can be seen at NettelhorstPTO.org. Last year we raised about \$130k. Distribution of donations are wide (\$10-10,000). Some people donate their time, and their skill sets. Graphic designing, accounting, etc. Strategy for getting out word on Helping Hands and Parent Party? Email, social, newsletter? More requests for individual skills for auction? How do we reach more people to maximize donations?
2. Nettelhorst yard sign sales in mid Nov before Thanksgiving break - will have volunteer sign up for four time slots before/ after school. Two sided foam board, can go in a yard or in a front window. They will go to Helping Hands donors of a certain level, and also sell them after school. We will have our brand recognized in the neighborhood.
3. Assemble the Parent Party committee in late October - anyone interested in event planning, design, auction, teacher liaison should join - meet once a month and setup Friday before the event! 8-10 people to assemble the parent and staff party. Need to bring LSC for approval. Tentative date is Saturday, February 24th, 7-10pm. Anyone interested in event planning, auction, liaison with teachers on auction items, decorating, fundraising, etc should reach out to Shannon to be part of the committee.

Open Discussions:

1. Do we have a Parents of Nettelhorst Linked In? See what parents do. How we can tap into special skills. Anne mentioned that we can have another volunteer to help with Social. Reach out to Stephanie Vasconcellos.
2. (Seema) Succession planning is very important. Anne and Seema moving on after this year, we want to make sure NPTO keeps going. We want there to be turnover, new faces, and fresh energy.
3. Need one more 6th grade room rep. Erika wants to do all the classes?

The next board meeting will be November 14th at 6:30pm at Marc's house. The meeting was adjourned at

7:45pm.

9.30.23 Financial Report

NPTO Summary of Funds
As of 9/30/2023

Buckets	8/31/23	9/30/23	Difference	Allocations	8/31/23	9/30/23	Change in Allocation	Notes on Changes
	\$212,891.24	\$209,553.05	-\$3,338.19	Water fountains; (\$1,300.00 more max for project \$1000/year for filters for 2020-21 and 2021-2022 school years)	\$1,390.00	\$1,390.00	\$0.00	
				Repair our Statue(Horse overage)	\$98.95	\$98.95	\$0.00	
				YM discretionary	\$73.35	\$73.35	\$0.00	
				Security system (\$3,000 for Aldine camera)	\$18,211.85	\$18,211.85	\$0.00	
				Bathroom renovation	-\$3,950.00	-\$3,950.00	\$0.00	
				Back playlot	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	
General & Undesignated				2019-2020 school year admin, community events and start-up costs;	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	
				2021-22 School Reopening	\$2,146.12	\$2,146.12	\$0.00	
				lice checks	\$681.51	\$681.51	\$0.00	
				Pride Expenses	\$1,496.93	\$1,496.93	\$0.00	
				Studio Equipment	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	
				Coaches	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	
				Fundraising Platform	\$101.00	\$101.00	\$0.00	
				Unallocated	\$134,941.53	\$131,603.34	-\$3,338.19	-20 Quickbooks Payments; -28.74 Google workplace; -762 D&O liability insurance; -1500 Communications retainer; -338 School fans; -20 LinkedIn; 575 Moving; -29.74 Festival of the Arts supplies; -84.71 Festival of the Arts reimbursement; +20 reimbursement for LinkedIn
Staff & Curriculum	\$314,942.49	\$314,942.49	\$0.00	Helping Hands 2022-23 expenses	\$129,474.92	\$129,474.92	\$0.00	
				Stallion Stampede 2022-23 expenses	\$124,305.87	\$124,305.87	\$0.00	
				Helping Hands 2023-24 expenses	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	+2000 HH expenses from Unallocated
				Unallocated	\$61,161.70	\$59,161.70	-\$2,000.00	-2000 HH expenses
Technology, Media Resources & Facilities	-\$5,427.57	-\$5,427.57	\$0.00		-\$5,427.57	-\$5,427.57	\$0.00	
Auditorium	\$13,704.83	\$13,704.83	\$0.00	Big ticket item reserve (e.g. fan)	\$13,704.83	\$13,704.83	\$0.00	
Health, Nutrition & Fitness	\$1,182.72	\$1,182.72	\$0.00		\$1,182.72	\$1,182.72	\$0.00	
Outdoor Classroom	\$7,376.88	\$7,376.88	\$0.00	Aurora Proudfoot (\$1,000/year thru 2022-2023 school recess Area)	\$424.49	\$424.49	\$0.00	
				Unallocated	\$6,952.39	\$6,952.39	\$0.00	
Chicken Coop	\$829.81	\$829.81	\$0.00		\$829.81	\$829.81	\$0.00	
Community Cares	\$726.01	\$576.01	-\$150.00		\$726.01	\$576.01	-\$150.00	-150 Jewel/Disco gift card
Parent Support and Education	\$118.49	\$118.49	\$0.00		\$118.49	\$118.49	\$0.00	
Sports Teams	\$2,310.11	\$2,310.11	\$0.00		\$2,310.11	\$2,310.11	\$0.00	
Special Ed	\$1,244.80	\$1,244.80	\$0.00	Allocated to YM for sensory integration	\$1,244.80	\$1,244.80	\$0.00	
Nettelhorst Baseball Club	\$1,110.01	\$1,110.01	\$0.00		\$1,110.01	\$1,110.01	\$0.00	
SEED	\$13.62	\$13.62	\$0.00		\$13.62	\$13.62	\$0.00	
Library	\$717.51	\$717.51	\$0.00		\$717.51	\$717.51	\$0.00	
125th Birthday Party Projects	-\$0.20	-\$0.20	\$0.00	Allocated to various projects	-\$0.20	-\$0.20	\$0.00	
Front Door Project	\$251.56	\$251.56	\$0.00		\$251.56	\$251.56	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$551,992.31	\$548,504.12						
checking	\$94,290.12							
savings	\$401,474.41							

Lakeview High School notes:

Here's what's going on in your neighborhood!

1. In both 2019 and then in 2022 LVHS teachers were recipients of Golden Apple Teacher awards (one in math, the other in arts). Fun Fact, the 2019 teacher's daughter chose to be a Wildcat, and is now a sophomore :).
2. Academically, Wildcats go far ([click here](#) to see where college acceptance letters are happening!) Parents know their children start in a school where there is a high freshman-on-track rate and a 94% graduation rate. Most appealing? The kids have the ability to create their own pathways with APs and Dual Credit classes.
3. What do kids love? The ability to choose their own pathways as they find their passions, not committing to a specific, dedicated program before high school. One unified school is a valuable vibe! A tech lover and an artsy kid (or a combo) will both find their places, but will not be in separate programs or schools at LVHS.
4. The high school sports experience is open to all, from those who are looking to see if it's their thing to those who know before coming they want to play on highly competitive, winning teams. LV has them all!
5. What do the parents love? That we're invited into all of this! We see the amazing, supportive work done by admin & teachers. The kids feel it. That's a win. We watch our kids thrive. Simply put, Lake View builds

leaders because they are led well.