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| <p>PTSO Board Meeting November 9, 2011</p> | |
| <p>In Attendance: Joel Stembridge, Nancy Mann, Laura Marks, Joan Hayes, Jenny Qian, Robin Maltz, Donna Stein, Bruce Blakely, Hildy Neumann, Lori Lass, Katy Holmes, Eileen Chodes, Milya Poe, Jane Ipsen, RJ Hayes, Jack Rice, Elaine Whalen, Hoa Nguyen</p> | |
| <p>Topic of Discussion –</p> | <p>Action taken or needed</p> |
| <p>Remarks by Joel Stembridge</p> | |
| <p>Introductory remarks from Joel; feedback on first homecoming event; game well attended; dance was wonderful and much of it was student organized and they chose the date.</p> <p>State mandated anti bullying curriculum being implemented; developed jointly by North & South. We are complying with what is required by the State. Rachel’s challenge counts as one of the trainings. There were strong responses to the presentation from staff & students. Initiated lots of good, complex conversations.</p> <p>Next week school-wide lock down drill with a “lock hold secure” component simulating danger inside the school.</p> <p>Girls football game – pep assembly which last year included some dangerous activities. Students are not welcome at school before 7am.</p> <p>Student reports – Jack Rice -- kids were closed out of electives, many electives were canceled. RJ Hayes – friends say there is lack of cafeteria tables. Jack Rice – majority of kids have third lunch and lines are terrible. Most students using cafeteria are freshman and sophomores.</p> <p>Nina Levin reported as treasurer; Surplus last year, some from Southfest which has been rolled into our budget. Dues revenue \$36k last year, this year we are at \$42k; Thanksgiving pie sale is ongoing; We make \$4 per pie and have sold around 150 pies; Hospitality budget – spent over \$2000 this year which was the entire budget last year. Board needs to come up with a budget and stick with it.</p> | <p>Parents should talk w/students about safe behavior</p> <p>Investigate getting additional tables & chairs to expand seating</p> |

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| <p>Discussion about payment of dues and the complexity of picking up directories at curriculum night. 50% of families give to the PTSO. About 1200 directories are printed and it costs about \$3,500 to print them.</p> <p>Laura Marks – new fundraising idea, we have partnered with a company that “upcycles” electronics & we get revenue. The money earned will go into the Booster Club, South Stage, and the houses.</p> <p>Nina Levin mentions that what is described is special interest fundraising which could be an issue later.</p> <p>A parent made the suggestion of perhaps a sliding scale for dues or ask for dues in the spring for the following year.</p> <p>Discussion of fees having gone up all around and sports teams asking for additional fundraising for uniforms etc.</p> <p>Nancy mentioned the “what to expect coffees”</p> <p>Jo Louis Allen is liaison and a co-chair for the Newton Sped PAC for South and everyone should feel free to reach out to her if their child is on an IEP or feels they should be. Suggestion that the PTSO put a bio of her in the newsletter so everyone knows to reach out to her.</p> <p>Nina Levin asks if the PTSO gets a refund from the photo company. Nina suggests that we inquire to find out where that money goes if in fact. Someone needs to check with yearbook teacher advisors and see how this works.</p> <p>Milja Poe gave a background on school in Finland and a film that will be shown November 30th called “The Finland Phenomenon” with a discussion afterwards.</p> <p>Parent question of why kids start at 7:30am. Parents have pondered this issue for years but it does not look that NPS can alter the schedule in the near term.</p> | <p>Need to explore better way to distribute directories.</p> <p>Board needs to evaluate how proceeds are distributed and tallied.</p> <p>Board to determine when dues will be requested, spring or fall</p> <p>Board member to follow up with teacher advisors to find out if we should be getting a refund from photo company.</p> |
| <p>Meeting adjourned 9pm</p> | |
| <p>Respectfully Submitted, Elaine Whalen PTSO Secretary</p> | |