

NEMS PTO Meeting Minutes

General Meeting
January 11, 2021

Location: Virtual

Meeting Time: 6:00p

Attendance: Sarah Disser (Co-President); Donna Bidlack (Co- President); Emily Alexander (Vice President); Roni Penn (Treasurer); Heather Kinser (Member at Large); Dr. Doug Miller (School Principal)

Call to Order- 6:06p

Order of Business:

- Meeting minutes from October and November were approved prior to meeting via email vote.

- **Principal Report-** Dr. Doug Miller
 - NWEA testing this week for all grades.
 - MLK Day is next week. No school Monday. The Diversity Team gave info to teachers about MLK Day.
 - Scheduling for next year has begun. Current 8th grade students are signing up for high school courses.
 - 8th grade DC trip has been officially called off for this year.
 - Papa John's sent an email re Dine to Donate. Emily is setting it up.

- **Teacher Report-** Alison Cole
 - There are new codes in PowerSchool to help parents know what is missing and what was not done well.
 - NHI is not handed in and will be automatically counted as a 50%. It's not zero because zero is so far from passing. 50% is still an F but it is only 10% away from passing.
 - LS is low score. Sometimes students do the work but get less than 50% on it. This will give students a 50% with the same reasoning as NHI 50%.
 - Students should understand that assignments are good practice for assessments, so they still need to do the assignments preferably on time but certainly before assessments.
 - This information will be in Miller Matters and will also be flagged in PowerSchool.

- **Budget-** Roni Penn
 - We currently stand at a balance of \$5,214.54.
 - We've paid 13 teachers their classroom allowances (\$325).

- We're still shopping around for a new bank.
- We get a check quarterly from FrontStream which represents a United Way donation from a Costco employee who chose us as their charity. We don't know which employee or how long it will continue.

- **Old Business-**
 - Presidents' Meeting- Plan for spring with both best and worst case scenarios. Consider additional fundraising in the spring.
 - Miller Gold- Total raised \$6,159. We're still waiting on the check for online donations from NSEF. Donna will follow up.
 - Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate and RTG Steaks- Raised \$460. Donna will get the check from Texas Roadhouse and deposit it.
 - Spirit Wear- Had to split profits with NSC. Our total is \$316.36. Still waiting for check from T&T. Sarah will follow up.
 - Staff Appreciation- Week of 2/1/2021 is school counselors (3), social workers (2), and psychologist (1). Will buy lunch from Texy Mexy with gift card.
 - 6th grade Flat Rock trip- Still technically a go but it's problematic being an overnight trip staying in close quarters. Need to consider something for the 6th graders to do in its place.
 - 7th grade field trip to Indiana State Museum- Unlikely to happen given hybrid schedule. Need to consider something for the 7th graders to do in its place.
 - 8th grade picnic- Also an issue because of hybrid schedule but more likely to happen. We need to get a committee and start planning.
 - Incoming 5th graders- Thinking about magnets for lockers from T&T. Sarah will contact.

- **New Business-**
 - Debbie resigned as secretary. We will put notice in the PTO Spotlight in the next Miller Matters, on the PTO webpage, and on social media. Will vote at the next meeting.

Adjourn- 6:41p

Next meeting- 2/8/21