

JB Nelson PTO Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2015

1. Call to Order and Introduction

Natalia Domovessova called the PTO meeting to order at 6:04pm in the LRC.

2. Minutes: Review and Approval of minutes from August 5, 2015 meeting

Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

3. Officers' Reports:

- a. President's Report – Natalia does not have a report but reviewed the purpose of PTO. It is a not for profit corporation with free membership. Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6pm. The purpose is to support the students. We sponsor and organize several events throughout the year. A calendar of events was passed out. We raise funds to pay for field trips and special purchases. All parents are members of PTO. The structure of the PTO: the board consists of president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, school principal and teacher representative.
- b. Treasurer's Report – Linda Widmer reported that the current balance in the account is \$16, 253.26.
- c. Principals' report – things are off to a smooth start. Still working a bit on drop off and pick up. Curriculum night is this Thursday. Watch Dog kick off is 9/10. Working on what classes need document cameras.

4. New Business:

- a. Classroom Giving Tree – Heather Tarmichael explained the giving tree. There will be items out for families to purchase for classrooms and specials teachers. The items will be out at curriculum night and any not picked up will go to the giving tree in the front hallway. We discussed adding a virtual tree for the PTO website. This would be good for parents that don't come in to school often. There could be a paypal contribution with a note to pay for the item for a specific classroom. We will wait to see what apples are remaining after curriculum night before setting up the virtual tree.
- b. Schwan's Food Home Delivery – This is a new program to JB Nelson this year. We are using this because Market Day has been discontinued. Campaign ID 22266 must be entered and the first 30 days of the campaign, the PTO will receive 20%. You may also purchase e-gift cards to give 40% to the PTO. The PTO set a goal to receive \$600 for the first 30 days. After the 30 days, the PTO will receive 5% of the sales. The order will be delivered to your home. You can pick the delivery date. If you are not home, they will provide a cooler free of charge. Because this is such a big change, there will be a separate messenger sent out with the details as well as a discussion at curriculum.

Reminders to order should still be sent out on a monthly basis to keep people remembering to order.

5. Committee reports

- Art appreciation – Erin Fornelli promoted art appreciation and the need for more volunteers for the classrooms. There are 20 posters and information available each year. The kids really love it. You can partner up and rotate months.
- Walk A Thon – going with an all online donation. Each family will have a site for donations. There is a fee but it is equivalent to what we paid with paypal. If a child sends out 10 emails, they will be put in for a raffle to receive ice cream from culvers for a year. There are a variety of prizes for money raised. There are 37 entries for the tshirt contest.
- Watch DOGS launch is 9/10 from 6-7pm. They can sign up at the meeting or online. The scheduling will be a little different this year. There will be watch DOGS days with 4-5 DOGS at the same time. It will be Wednesdays and Thursdays for a full day or half day. Pizza will be served at the launch meeting.
- Book fair – sign up genius will be sent out this week. Set up is 9/24, with the fair the next week. Late night social is 9/30 with donuts. Shauna will arrange for the donuts and the girl scouts to serve.
- Kindergarten parents night out – will be at Pal Joeys on 9/17.
- Katie is working on updating the website related to committees.
- Spirit wear sale will be in October this year. Orders due 11/6 with distribution of items on 12/7. Will try to do a glow in the dark shirt this year. We are considering doing a sale of used spirit wear in the spring. We will start collecting donations soon.
- Science night – looking for ideas instead of presentation from Mr. Freeze. Nalco chemicals would come in to present to 3rd graders. Maybe check with them? Northern Illinois University does a STEM event every October and maybe they have some ideas. American science and surplus are willing to set up and run a table.
- Facebook – please like us on facebook.
- Families can subscribe to the PTO calendar.

7. Old business

- a. Vote on the 2015-16 Calendar – Vote to approve the calendar passed unanimously.
- b. Vote on 2015-16 Budget: We need approximately \$12,000 in the beginning of the year and would like to end the school year with a minimum of \$12,000 "reserve" to cover the expenses that will come at the beginning of the next year. Vote on approval of the 2015-2016 budget passed unanimously.

8. Announcements –

- Room parent sign up will be out at curriculum night.

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- Compliance committee – Kim Tarver is the head of the committee. The committee will review our bylaws and update them. Kim and Katie will be working together. They will also come up with guidelines and procedures for each committee (electronic).
- Next PTO meeting will be 10/6 at 6pm. There will be sitters at each meeting. We may consider ordering pizza for future meetings.
- Effortless fundraising is going on. Please support JB Nelson!
- Movie night – considering a classic movie night instead of the newer movies.

9. Questions/Comments/Ideas

10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.