

North Grove PTO

1.11.16 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Erica Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Teri Caputo motioned for approval, Erin Elder seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kristin Perez read the Treasurer's Report. Our current account balance is \$21, 090.92. Teri Caputo motioned for approval of the Treasurer's Report, Lanie Mason seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

*Running with the Hawks – November 20th we held assemblies for raffle prizes & playground reveal. There was perfect weather for the installation of the playground. The zip-line being the crowd favorite and has been known to have lines "for days." Principal for the Day will be held on Friday, January 22nd. Chuck E. Cheese is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th. Top Team Pizza Parties date to be determined.

*Parent Teacher Conference Dinners Report – Amy Flewelling reported that everything went well for the dinners. The food and choices were all well-received by the teachers.

New Business:

*Hawk Madness Fun Fair – Friday, March 4th 5:00-7:00pm.

*North Grove Groove 5K – Saturday, April 30th 9:00am.

*Hawk Heroes Breakfast – 2nd Grade Tuesday, January 12th 7:30am.

PTO Requests

*Kindergarten Team requested funds for an additional field trip to Peck Farm. Option #1 was for \$1,338.40 which would pay for the field trip and transportation costs, asking the families for no money. Option #2 was for \$762.40 which would pay for transportation only, and asking families for \$4 per student for the field trip cost. Erin Elder motioned for the approval of Option #2, Jen Eifel seconded. Motion approved.

Principal's Report:

*We are entering our Benchmark 2nd round testing. MAP for K-5th (1st time ever for this age grouping), ISEL in Kindergarten, AIMSweb. Data Days are coming up in two weeks. The teachers go through each and every students data. The teachers do a great job with all of this. As a school, we rely more heavily on local data rather than larger scale data. MAP scores are in the system the very next morning.

*Young Authors deadline is January 22nd. This is a nice process, kids really take pride in this.

*Castle Challenge is now known as First National Challenge. It is January 29th @ NIU, DeKalb vs. Sycamore Basketball games. Pep Assembly at NG on Wednesday before.

*Open House is February 2nd, with collections for charities that we will be donating to for our Night of Giving. All Specials rooms will be open as well. We will also have Community Readers. We will also be introducing One School – One Book.

*Erin's Law – 3rd Year starts in February. Books are always available for preview in the office. 5th Grade will be different this year, adding the topic of technology.

*PARCC in March, only one testing session, so it will be a longer session than before, eliminating two testing areas.

*One School, One Book – activity where every single student/family will read the exact same book: The World According to Humphrey, by Betty G. Birney. This is in celebration of Read Across America beginning on March 2nd. Every student will get the book that day. Local businesses will have Humphrey Hamsters to aide in the "Humphrey Hunt." Students will have punch cards to be punched on finding Humphrey in businesses. Once they fill the card, they get the next book in the series: Humphrey Explores Winter. At Open House, we will preview the book and have a staff member dressed up as Humphrey. Mrs. Untch, along with 12 staff members, have organized this event for North Grove. Thank you!

Adjournment: Erica Snodgrass motioned for adjournment. Teri Caputo seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.