



**North Grove PTO
March 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: President Erica Snodgrass called meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Approval of Minutes: Dori Koz motioned for approval, Kandy Bowman seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: It was reported that the current balance was \$27,675 as of March 13, 2017. The budget was thoroughly reviewed by attendants and it was noted that the money for soccer goals, climbing wall, and yearbook has not been taken out of the budget, at this time. The bills for those items will be coming soon. Dori Koz motioned for approval, Lanie Mason seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Hawk Madness, held on March 3rd, was a success! 370 kids showed up with their parents and families! We had an amazing amount and group of volunteers help out this year. A shout out was given to Dori Koz in the meeting for going out and getting great additional raffle prizes! They were so beneficial to the success of Hawk Madness. Our gross profit was \$5,096 and the net profit was \$3,142.86! Extremely successful and lots of fun for everyone involved!!

New Business:

Hawk Heroes for 1st graders was going to be coming up the next day, March 14th. Always an exciting day for students and their hero!!

North Grove Groove 5K will be coming up on May 6th at 9:00am! PTO President, Erica Snodgrass, has fulfilled all of the requirements needed to get the groove on its way! More to come on this topic soon.

PTO Officer Elections will be discussed at the next meetings.

Teacher/Staff/School Requests:

-North Grove School grades 3 - 5 have requested money to assist them in taking their students on a field trip to see Annie Jr. It was explained that many other schools have done this with their students for years and it has been a success! If all goes well, teachers would like to make it a yearly trip. The date would be on April 28th from 9:30am - 11:30am at the Egyptian Theater in Dekalb. The amount requested from the PTO was up to \$920. Gina Ranieri motioned to approve up to \$920 for what is needed for this field trip, and Lanie Mason seconded. Motion approved.

-Jeff Hillmer requested continued money for the 5th grade students to see a presentation of Generals Grant and Lee. The amount requested from the PTO was

\$200. Last year the PTO approved money for this presentation and it has been reported that it was very successful and the students enjoyed the live interactive experience with the actors. Gina Ranieri motioned to approve \$200 for the 5th grade presentation, and Jen Eifel seconded. Motion approved.

Principal's Report:

-Spartan's Read: *Kenny the Dragon* is sparking interest and great discussion! Instead of hunting for posters around town this year, please send a picture of your family reading together. A poster will be made at the school showing students' pictures that are grabbing those family moments with each other.

-Community readers in the morning library zone have been going well. However, the mayor was reading at the school last Friday when there was a "Practice Emergency Fire Drill". Even though it was a surprise, everything went smoothly! Staff really came together to be there for the students. Instead of a stressful situation, the staff and students were wearing smiles and making the best out of it. The mayor got to see just how great North Grove School is in surprise situations! Way to go!

-Kindergarten registration is happening next week. Be sure to register!!

-PARCC testing is running smoothly, great teacher support, students doing well and staying focused.

-Board of Education will be having changes next year. It will affect North Grove students. Buses will run students to and from their home address only. There will be e-blasts sent out with this and other important bus information, but it's important that all parents and staff keep updated on the changes that are happening within the district. Be sure to tell others, so that everyone gets the message.

-Not doing Spring Pictures this year. Not enough orders; only 46 last year! The disruption truly outweighs the advantages at this point.

-Climbing wall is up and being utilized in fun and creative ways! Students are having a lot of fun with it!!

-Book Fair coming up! Buy one get one!! Looking forward to ways of drawing attention to it. Any ideas for ways for the students to get excited about it, please pass it along! Looking for something different this year.

-Advising parents to attend district meetings. Many changes are happening and they may affect you.

-North Grove is moving ahead with Math Night next year to help parents learn the new strategies that the students are learning.

-Thank yous were given to the PTO for putting on a successful Fun Fair. Low stress and lots of fun!!

-North Grove's first Senior Return!! The staff is beginning to decide what they'd like to do for them! More information to come.

-Next year...online registration!! New responsibility on parents...be patient, and give feedback.

Adjournment: Jen Eifel motioned for adjournment and Gina Ranieri seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.