



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

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

Approval of Minutes: Jen Eifel motioned for approval, Lanie Mason seconded. Motion approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: It was reported that the current balance was \$22,891.09, as of February 13, 2017. The budget was thoroughly reviewed by attendants, including Kindergarten field trip, Rev Track, Kindle refund, Story Reader at Open House, and purchases for next years' Running with the Hawks prizes. Dori Koz motioned for approval, Jen Eifel seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business:

Hawk Madness Fun Fair

March 3, 2017 from 5pm - 7pm.

-Volunteers are coming along and are similar to ones who were at 2016 Fun Fair; however numbers have dwindled from last year's at this point. Still have plenty of time to ask for new volunteers.

-Raffle items are also coming along well, North Grove Facebook page will continue to show reminders to all that can send in raffle items and baskets. Next week a paper reminder will go out to parents, as well as continued e-blasts.

North Grove Groove 5K

May 6, 2017 at 9am

-Going to be starting plans for the run!

Teacher/Staff/School Requests:

-First grade teachers Katie Allison and Lisa Hoffhines have requested two All-in-one Boom Boxes. Students will use the audio players throughout the school week for various lessons. The amount requested from the PTO was \$276.98. Dori Koz motioned to approve \$276.98 for two all-in-one boom boxes, and Jen Eifel seconded. Motion approved.

-Technology-Liz Kerlin has requested a Green Screen Kit that includes backdrop and lights for the technology department. Students will be able to be part of digital images that the green screen can provide. The amount requested from the PTO was \$95. Jen Eifel motioned to approve \$95 to purchase a Green Screen Kit, and Lanie Mason seconded. Motion approved.

Principal's Report:

-Soccer goals are in and will be installed as soon as ground is thawed enough to have anchors put in.

-Grippers for climbing wall are in and will be installed later this week, students will be able to climb starting next week.

- Peer Buddy tee shirts have arrived for their field trip coming up.
- A parent donation of \$500 from their company was sent in that made the Book Walk happen. Every child that came to the Open House received one book!! How generous and appreciated!
- Sneaky donations from parents (cash donations to teachers to help out the classroom/school) happen all of the time at North Grove! So appreciated!!
- Running with the Hawks Spirit Week next week will be fun!! Grey Day, Sleepy Day, Wacky Day, Career Day, Wear Something You've Created Day.
- Principal for the Day and RWTH Pizza Party at school next week, too! (Thursday)
- "One School, One Book" is back, starting March 2nd. The whole school will be introduced to the new book and each child will get a book at the all grade assembly!
- Young Authors participants will be recognized at assembly on March 2nd, as well.
- A Community Reader will be in the library each morning to read the chapter from the night before. Students can go to the library zone to listen to the reader if they missed their reading or to just listen in to our very exciting readers!
- March 6th PARCC testing for 3 weeks.
- Five Year Vision and Goals Information
 - student achievement.
 - technology -we have met goal of technology in the classroom for each grade due to the 38 recently purchased Chromebooks!
 - increasing communication between grade levels at staff meetings
- Coming up...video highlights:
 - over the summer, North Grove website will be worked on to support short videos
 - Parents, send lists of questions that you want to know, can show answers on a short video
 - Rising Star will be working on this
- For next year: 2 parent support nights a year
 - provide information that is important to know (example: different ways of doing math that is being learned at the school)
 - balance of information that parents really want to know and what the school wants parents to know
 - personal invites to parents who are not at the school often, everyone should be part of the discussion
- Growth Mindset
 - always get better...or you're going backwards.
 - keep trying, put forth effort, then you will succeed. It's okay to fail, as long as you practice and try.
 - looking at work ethic and how to influence a population of kids who give up too soon.
 - great books that really look at the growth mindset in school, home, relationships, sports, etc.
 - mindset of constantly growing and moving forward

Adjournment: Jen Eifel motioned and Dori Koz seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.