



## May 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Erica Snodgrass called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jen Eifel motioned for approval, Kandy Bowman seconded. Motion approved.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

It was reported that the current balance was \$16,448.37 as of May 15, 2017. The budget was thoroughly reviewed by attendants, with a focus on the expected budget for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Ideally the budget should be between \$7,000 and \$9,000. Gina Ranieri motioned for approval, Kandy Bowman seconded. Motion approved.

### **Old Business:**

North Grove Groove- There were 125 walkers/runners this year! The weather held out, even though there was quite a bit of wind. The DJ was amazing and he has shown interest in coming back to do it again next year! It was appreciated that the police department sent 4 police officers to oversee the race. It was helpful to have them there to block off the running area from traffic and be encouraging to the runners. Thank you, Sycamore Police! Raffle tickets were color coded to the prizes. They were a hit, worked great, and helped the morning go smoothly.

Teacher Appreciation Week- The event was well received from North Grove's well deserving staff!

### **New Business:**

Hawk Heroes- 5th Grade Hawk Heroes Breakfast was scheduled to be Tuesday, May 16, 2017. There was a special thank you to Gina Ranieri, Kandy Bowman, and Valerie Cranden for all of their hard work and dedication to Hawk Heroes. It is such a well-attended school event for all grades and North Grove students look forward to it each year! Thanks!

### **Teacher/Staff/School Requests:**

Summer Reading Program- Carol Untch reported on the upcoming program and she, along with North Grove School, requested money to pay for sunglasses to use as prizes for the student participants. The amount requested from the PTO was \$150. Lanie Mason motioned to approve \$150 for the purchase of sunglasses for program participants, and Jen Eifel seconded. Motion approved.

5th Grade Spartan TV Jr Participation- Spartan TV has asked for a donation to help fund them in bringing their activity to elementary schools. North Grove 5th Graders participate in their activity and are referred to as Spartan TV Jr. North Grove School has requested \$250 from the PTO. Gina Ranieri motioned to approve \$250 for a donation to Spartan TV, and Kandy Bowman seconded. Motion approved.

Whitney Wheeler spoke for the school and requested money for additional guided reading books to use and store in the bookroom. The Pioneer Valley Books' Pawprints Collection would serve all students at North Grove School by offering books from a variety of genres from Levels A-M, as well as include lesson cards, prompting cards, and lesson extensions. The amount requested from the PTO was \$2,970. After a discussion considering the budget,

Jen Eifel motioned to approve \$2,970 for additional guided reading books, and Gina Ranieri seconded. Motion approved.

Carol Untch spoke for the school and requested money for additional guided reading books to use and store in the bookroom. The Booksource Collection targets 3rd-5th grade, but can provide enrichment extensions for primary students. The levels are from N-V, in sets of six, and can be used for guided reading groups within the classroom. They can also be utilized by teachers in special education classrooms and reading support groups. The amount requested from the PTO was \$1,999.92. After careful consideration, the request for \$1,999.92 to purchase the Booksource collection was tabled.

### **PTO Officer Elections:**

Erica Snodgrass was voted unanimously as President, Lanie Mason voted unanimously as Vice President, Kristin Perez voted unanimously as Treasurer, and Lisa Hall voted unanimously as Secretary. Congratulations to the 2017-2018 school year officers!

### **Principal's Report:**

-Thank you's were given to the parents for helping out the school through volunteer work, time, donations, and money to the PTO throughout the school year.

-Thank you's were given to the PTO and parents for all of the work that went into Staff Appreciation Week.

-Students enjoyed seeing Annie Jr. and each were able to attend for free through the school and a little help from the PTO.

-Melissa Doty will be the go-to person for resources when it comes to being a Room Parent next school year.

Room Parents will become a more collaborated effort by parents rather than one parent taking the lead. More to come on this topic at the beginning of next school year. Thank you, Melissa!

-Intruder Drill was different from last year's drill, due to the school implementing ALICE. It went well and was a great practice, but it was a wet day!

-Hawk Heroes is coming up May 16, 2017.

-5th Grade Awards Day Friday May 19, 2017.

-Wednesday, June 5th will be the "Cheer Out" as parents and staff line up outside to cheer on the 5th graders moving on to the middle school next year. It's always a very emotional day for parents, staff, and students!

-Brand new registration online. Looking forward to the change even though there will be some small issues along the way. Register before June 2nd, 2017!

-The "Brain Fuse" Program, through the Sycamore Public Library, is a free online tutor that parents can check out! Use it all summer long to keep the students engaged!

**Adjournment:** Lanie Mason motioned for adjournment and Gina Ranieri seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.