

NCE PTO General Meeting 8/14/24

Attendance

Renee Cook, Luke Bremer, Taryn Hassler, Lindsay Schmitt, Carrie Johnson, Sandi Fuller, Katelyn Stanley, Annie Barton, Jackie Hart, Gina Mertens, Jennifer Shelton, Kristi Boyd

8 parents/caregivers, 3 students

Welcome: Lindsay Schmitt

Meeting time has changed to 6pm. This is Everyone's PTO, all parents and teachers, whether they come to meetings or volunteer, or not are part of the PTO. Introductions of all members of the board.

Guest Spotlight: Renee Cook

- Students Speakers: 5th graders, Dillon, Brinley, and Teague to discuss how this year's theme ties into things they love about school
- This Year's Schoolwide Theme: "Tigers Lead The Way"
 - This theme has 2 priorities: *relationships* come first, when relationships work we will achieve high levels of *learning*.
 - Student Speaker Teague on Building Relationships - She loves focusing on building relationships with teachers and classmates through Community Circle talks. Community Circle- daily classroom talks used to reinforce school culture and build relationships
 - This year's theme will be incorporated in many different avenues throughout the school year, including One School One Book, schoolwide events, guest speakers and classroom talks. Book: "You

Can Change the World” by Brad Meltzer. Main idea is about how we can make an impact in our world now and in the future.

-Councilors, Student Ambassadors, Officer Mike, Superintendent Advisory Council all help with building relationships at school

- Tiger Traits; Student Speaker Brinley to speak on Tiger Traits: Tiger Paws - “Tiger Paws” where PAWS stands for **P**-We Take PRIDE In Our Learning, **A**-We Are ALWAYS Kind and Respectful, **W**-WE show Responsibility, **S**-We Are SAFE. Pride in Learning is her favorite trait.
- Meaningful Learning Experiences - Instructional Coaches, Learning Specialist, Media Specialists, Tech Assistant, Music, Art, PE, Technology, STEAM all enrich learning at NCE and lend to a well rounded education. SRO gives archery unit in PE.

-Student Speaker Dylan on Extracurricular Activities at NCE: last year he participated in STEAM club where he enjoyed learning about chemical reactions and making dinos fly. His favorite part of Music class was learning how to play the recorder.

-Teachers are learners and researchers; Professional Development Days allow staff to research, studying new curriculum, study NWEA data to adjust curriculum and plan enrichment ideas, learn about supporting Multilanguage learners, etc.

- PTO fosters relationships through fun activities

- Student Speaker Teague: The school carnival is her favorite PTO sponsored event.
- Student Speaker Brinley: Author visits are her favorite event.
- Student Speaker Dillon: Tiger Trek is his favorite PTO sponsored event; he likes getting prizes and running around with friends.

- Message through Book; We are all part of living history, history doesn't just go backward, it goes forward too. No such thing as an ordinary person, ordinary people to extraordinary things, every person's story is important and part of collective history.
- Basketball Jim Jones came NCE today; did basketball tricks with students and spoke on how to overcome obstacles in the face of adversity.

President's Report: Lindsay Schmitt

Overview of Last year: What did the PTO do for NCE this year?

- New mascot costume, new courtyard shade structure and "Indiana Landforms" themed interactive greenspace, NCE T-shirts for grades k,2 and 4, provided daily take home homework folders for all students, monthly staff hospitality treats and snacks, sensory room, climbing structure for younger grades, disc golf set on playground, payed for all field trip transportation, provided grants for classroom/schoolwide enrichment, "One School One Book" books, seasonal class parties, recess equipment, steam room supplies, all large yard signs, spring carnival, National Popcorn Day popcorn treat for students and staff, library books, fill and maintain planters in the front of the school, Glow dance, music carts, purchased books for all Kindergarteners to have,

159 school kits, 2000 cookies on meet the teacher night, staff pizza lunch for first teacher work day, treats in lounge, enrichment such as Basketball Jim, fall family picnic, Tiger Trek.

-We do all this through volunteers as well as money donations, and supportive staff.

- Largest fundraiser of the year is coming up: Tiger Trek
- Registration is 9/9 and Fun Run 10/3
- Every kid can participate and win class prizes regardless of how much they fundraise.
- Goal \$40k to fund robotic kits for STEAM room; NCE does not have the same kits that other schools in the district got. We will be able to get them in classrooms this year so all students are able to use.

Treasurer's Report: Sandi Fuller and Katelyn Stanley

Go over the '24-'25 budget

- Budget is broken down into the following categories:
 - 1) *Contribution Revenue*; which includes things like spirit nights, Kroger Cares, and community donations
 - 2) *Program Revenue*; Which includes Fundraisers. Tiger Trek is biggest of the year.
 - 3) *Operating Expenses*: includes line items such as website fees and tax preparation.

- 4) *Student Schoolwide Services*; which includes things like enrichment, campus enhancement, dances, transportation fees, and grants.
 - 5) *Teacher and Staff Supplies*; which includes line items such as classroom startup supplies, and funds throughout the year for specials teachers.
 - 6) *Student Supplies*; which includes things like shirts, homework folders, popsicles on field day, and popcorn on popcorn day.
- Budget Voted on by General Meeting attendees: proposed '24-'25 budget passed.

Committee Reports: Lindsay Schmitt

- Cookies purchased for Meet the Teacher; purchased 2000, ended up with 4000 from Kroger, extras were donated to staff, superintendent's office, fire and police. Cookies were much cheaper than ice cream that was done in the past and we ended up with surplus of funds that can be added to a different part of the budget.
- School Kits – Rachael Bonetti- 2 to 3 kits did not arrive on time but were there within the week. PTO upcharges \$1-2 on each kit, which earned \$950 including return customer bonus from the kit company.
- Picnic -Lindsay Schmitt- Happening on 8/20. Canceled last year due to excessive heat. Food Trucks to be there include Custard Dogs, Quesos, Smokie Blue BBQ, and Kona Ice, or families are welcome to bring own dinner picnic style. This not fundraising event, it is free unless you want to purchase food from food trucks. Hamilton East Library will have a table, where they will be signing up kids for library cards. All Pro Dads will have an informational table.

- Spirit Nights – Jill Cheney- Handels (20% of profits for PTO) on 8/26, Lou Malnatis in the works for September. Once a month Jill arranges activities/food for spirit nights to build NCE community relationships.

Closing Remarks: Lindsay Schmitt

- If you want to volunteer during the day or go to daytime school functions, must have level 3 background check. Make sure it's up to date, it's good for 2 years and good for all schools in district. There is a link for background checks in Noble News or email a secretary.
- Taryn Hassler will be giving a tour of the new courtyard installations after the meeting for all who are interested.

Upcoming Events

- Family Picnic 8/20, 5:30-7:30
- Staff Meeting; PTO Presentation 8/21
- Handel's Spirit Night 8/26, 3-10pm
- PTO EC Meeting 9/04
- Tiger Trek registration opens 9/9
- PTO General Meeting 9/14, 6:30-7:30
- Tiger Trek Kick Off Week 9/23-10/03
- Tiger Trek Fun Run 10/03