**Northview Elementary School**

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) General Meeting**

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 2023

7:00 PM

Location: via Zoom

**Number of Attendees:** 41

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm ET by Nana Adu, Vice-President, PTO. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. LaAndra Jones, Treasurer, presented the treasurer report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Present by Nana**

* + 1. **Updates and Events**
  1. December Chat and Chew with assistant principal was cancelled. School administration will reschedule for a later date.
  2. Sneaker Ball tickets will go on sale via the PTO website next week.
  3. “First Fridays” volunteer initiative starts in January (more details presented later)
  4. The PTO will also staff the Media Center with volunteers
  5. Candy Grams will return for a second year in February
  6. Sneaker Ball is planned for Saturday, February 10th 5pm- 8pm at Norview ES
     1. **First Fridays’ initiative Volunteers**
  7. AM drop-off Assistance 7:15 am to 7:45 am (30 minutes)
  8. Lunchroom Assistance 10:30 am-11:30 am and 11:30 am-12:30 pm
  9. Floater 10:30 am-11:30 am and 11:30 am-12:30 pm
  10. PM Pick-up Assistance 1:45 pm – 2:10 pm (25 minutes)

**Note:** Lunchroom assistant and Floaters must obtain PGCPS background clearance.

PTO Meeting dates are Jan 11th, Feb 8th, Mar 14th, Apr 11th and May 9th at 7 pm via Zoom

* + 1. **Treasurer Report: Presented by LaAndra**
  1. Beginning balance as of October 1st was $874.29
  2. Total withdrawals were $409.50
     1. State filing $40
     2. State Taxes $150
     3. State Service fee $4.50
     4. Trunk or Treat Moon Bounce $215.00
  3. 22 persons paid PTO dues (2 Aug, 18 Sept and 2 Oct)
     + 1. 4 School staff and 18 families
       2. Reminder to pay PTO dues on the website
  4. Upcoming Expenses
     1. Sneaker Ball (committee meeting Thursday Jan 4th at 8pm)
     2. 5th Grade Dance
     3. Teacher Appreciation Week
     4. **School Updates and Resources: Presented by Nana**
  5. Congratulations to our official new principal Mrs. Mathis
  6. New free math tutoring through PGCPS registration is open until January 1st. Visit ClassDojo for more information.
  7. iReady is a reading app that is accessible through Clever with student’s account.
  8. Dreambox is a math adventure app accessible through Clever with student’s account.
  9. Reading buddies is free on YouTube. A great reading resource for younger grades.
  10. Sign up for PGCPS Family Institute Events. They are a broad range of topics from family empowerment to health and wellness. You can also recommend a topic.
      1. **Questions or Comments:**
      2. Are 5th graders visiting Camp Schmidt this year? Yes, they are scheduled to attend in April to allow proper planning.
      3. Is the school going to hire a replacement for the second Italian teacher and has Spanish been considered? The search for an additional Italian teacher has been in progress since the summer. Italian is a funded program that cannot at this time be changed to Spanish. Also, there would be conflict with the currently employed Italian teacher.
      4. What is the update on hiring a school counselor? There are not many candidates in the pool of applicants. County currently has 16 to 20 counselor vacancies. The school administration has numerous support personnel and plans in place to assist students in distress. There is a mental health clinician that comes a few times a week. Hazel is a new system used by the school nurse to make physician referrals for virtual meetings. Guardians are notified by school personnel and the Hazel system sends an automatic notification requiring a virtual mental health consultation. There is also a pupil personnel worker that provides sensitivity training, talk to groups of students with interpersonal issues and investigate students with multiple absences.
      5. **Closing remarks: Principal Mrs. Mathis** 
         1. Thank the PTO for hosting the Penguin Patch. Students were very excited and proud of the items they purchased for family members.
         2. She was not aware an afternoon crossing guard was not present. She has helped students cross the street. Encourages parents to work together on a collaborative effort helping students cross.
         3. Who runs the IEP and 504 program? IEP is run by a special education chair. The 504 program is led by Mrs. Hirshfeld and Mrs. Henry.