**Northview Elementary School**

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

Thursday, October 13, 2023

7:00 PM

Location: via Zoom

**Number of Attendees:** 33

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm ET by Raven Bennett Wilson, President, PTO. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Hosting was shared between Raven and the Nana Adu, PTO Vice-President.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **Upcoming Events:** **Presented by Raven**
  + The T-Shirt Contest winner will be announced on October 16. Families were thanked for their creative designs and participation in the contest.
  + Trunk or Treat will be held October 26 4pm – 6pm. An email was sent with a sign-up genius. So far 9 families signed up to decorate their trunks and 20 signed up to donate candy.
  + The November PTO meeting a Q &A session for administration will be held. More details to come.
  + Family Game Night will be November 16th at the school. (Corrected to the 17th
  + Chipotle fundraiser will be on November 17th (corrected to the 18th)
* **General Announcements: Presented by Nana**
  + The PTO is working with United Bank to support upcoming events such as food for the family game night
  + Last month meeting notes will be posted to the website soon.
  + Lets welcome the new treasure Ms. LaAndra Jones. She greeted everyone. The budget will be presented next general meeting.
  + Mrs. Barber-Hussie was welcomed as the new teacher representative. She was not in attendance.
  + The PTO is no longer using Facebook. Connect with us on the Band App. A QR code was provided on the next slide, attendees were given time to scan the code.

Note: Band code link and how to connect with the PTO was posted in the chat.

* **School Events: Presented by Raven**
  + School is closed October 20th
  + This Saturday is the Fire Prevention Day and Open house is 11-3pm at the school and Northview Elementary Night at D.C. United
  + Come to Northview October 21st for Civics 101, learn election process basics
  + Book Character day is October 27th, children must bring the book that contains the character they are dressing as and the costume can not be scary. The fun day includes a student parade around the school.
  + There will be an early dismissal on November 3rd. School is closed November 10th. Thanksgiving break is the 22nd to 24th.
* **Family Resources: Presented by Raven**
  + iReady is a reading app that is accessible through Clever with student’s account.
  + Dreambox is a math adventure app accessible through Clever with student’s account.
  + Reading buddies is free on YouTube. A great reading resource for younger grades.
  + Nurse Flo posted a link on ClassDojo for guardians to register for in-school dental visits for students.
  + Families were encouraged to contact their student’s teacher if the Clever password is needed. Also, visit Class Dojo for valuable updates.
  + Come meet the new superintendent Millard House II during scheduled Town Halls, in-person Charles Flowers High School on October 18th or virtually October 23rd.
* **T-Shirt Contest: Presented by Nana**
  + The T-Shirt designs were presented, and families were provided time to vote. A link was posted in the chat box for attendees to select a t-shirt design on a google form. The link will also be emailed to Northview ES community and posted on ClassDojo.
* **School Administration Updates: Presented by Mrs. Mathis**
* Diagnostic tests are still being reviewed, they will be provided in the first week of November.
* Families were encouraged to connect with teaches to keep positive lines of communication open.
* Teachers are creating a weekly grade level newsletter.
* There was a students responsibility assembly held earlier today for 4th and 5th graders. Visitors talked about treating each other kindly and other civic behaviors. Families were reminded to monitor cellphone usage and check the content of messages. Students are participating in group chats that are not always positive.
* Northview ES needs volunteers to revitalize the library space. Shelve books and help students sign out books.
* The school is looking for a new guidance counselor and a few teachers. Families were encouraged to spread the word that substitute teachers are needed and for those interested to contact the school.
* The Bookfair will be from October 30th to November 2nd.
* A link of parents to complete the PGCPS volunteer forms and background check will be posted to Class Dojo.

* **Closing remarks: Presented by Raven**

Attendees were thanked for their dedication and spending this precious time with the PTO. The Band QR code slide was shown again and link posted in chat. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th, 2023, at 7pm ET.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm ET.