

Nokomis PTO Meeting Agenda

March 8 , 2022

6-7 pm Via Google Meet

I. Welcome

- A. Call to order: Kari calls the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
- B. Present: Mary V. (parent), Kari C. (parent), Briana E. (parent), Katie M. (parent), Jenny S. (parent), Meredyth K. (parent), Abby (principal), Amy B. (teacher), MorChia (teacher), Adrienne (parent),

II. Minutes

- A. Review and approve minutes from the February meeting. Katie moves to approve the February minutes. Kari seconds the motion. Minutes are approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. Balance:14,404.11
- B. -\$1000.00 Gaga Pit
- C. -\$91.08 CH Olympic day
 - 1. They got medals and treats
- D. +450.00 Fun Run Sponsorships
- E. +49.45 Amazon smile deposit

IV. Committe Reports

- A. Communications/Outreach:
- B. Events:
 - 1. Website updates: Adrienne
 - a) Review of the website:
 - b) Proposed changes: Remove the Donation header (Pros: gets you into the website faster, can access sidebar and get into content faster (stuff from Abby's newsletter such as important dates, covid guidelines. Cons: Potential lost donations, Much busier)
 - c) Do we need a separate media release for the PTO?
 - d) Abby—we can be more proactive at the beginning of the year and get a joint release in the fall?
 - 2. School gear update-Katie
 - a) We had 18 responses—everyone who answered is interested in gear—mostly t-shirts, sweatshirts, long sleeve t-shirt,

stocking hat, 1 person wants color options (not just black and gray)

- b) We need to decide if we want to do it or hold off. Or push the survey even more.
- c) Do it like North—people order and they make it on demand (they print as the orders come in) OR have the sale open for a given period (3 weeks) and then print it. This would probably save money. (Bonfire is the vendor for this)
- d) We can have it open for a month and advertise and see how it goes and then go from there. Repeat in the fall?
- e) Let's send home a paper in the Friday folder.
- f) Is there a Spirit Week when we could wear their Nokomis gear? Maybe during field day? Or during Fun Fair?
- g) We could purchase some extra (if there is funding) to have on hand and sell at the Fun Fair. As long as we don't have a ton of extra to store. Maybe do hats (non-sized things)
- h) Back to School Night—have ipads available for parents to order (or have QR code ready for them to scan on their smart phones)
- i) Katie will work on getting it set up—with logo and pick items and touch base before it gets live. We can do lots of colors.
- j) Get the website ready, send home a flyer, then the sale goes live.
- k) Run the gear sale from March 21-April 15?

3. Directory:updates-Mary

- a) Parent Directory-shareable (in Shared Drive). Looks like something you can print.
- b) We might need to put in a flyer/Friday folder to push it more?
- c) We can try to push it closer to the end of the school year. Can we send it as its own text so parents can click on it on their phones?
- d) Kari will write a little blurb, MorChia can translate it into Hmong, Abby can translate it into Spanish. Send it out after spring break.

C. Fundraising:

1. Fun Run on April 13. Kari (PTO) and Kristie (CH teacher

- a) Sponsorships secured from KwikTrip and the PTO's credit union (City and Country)= total of \$450. We've applied to Target, too, but haven't heard yet.

- b) Flyer (Kari shared) with information on how to donate money for the Fun Run with Venmo info. Pledges due on April 11.
 - c) Kari and Kristie (CH teacher) are working on the details.
 - d) Kids will get Pledge Forms in their Friday folder
 - e) Need a Sign-Up Genius set up to get parent volunteers to hand out water and a snack when the kids are done.
 - f) Do we need a rain back-up date? (Next date: April 14)
 - g) Can we get a firetruck and police car to come?
 - (1) Meredyth can get a contact for who to reach out to.
2. Fun Fair-May 20th. Partnering with the team at school. They will let us know what they might need.
- a) There is a committee that represents all the grade levels.
 - b) Fall Festival was from 5-7pm.
 - c) Timeframe: May depend on if there is food. If there is pizza or a food truck available, then you could have it start at 5pm.
 - d) Silent Auction–Kari can help with the online auction again. You can do 20 items for free, but you can pay \$30 to do up to 200 items. Every classroom will have a basket. PTO can do a themed basket.

V. Other updates:

- A. Gaga pit has been purchased
- B. Working with teachers at school to get soccer goals, balls and anything else we may need.
- C. Garden–Kari and a committee made of school staff will get raised beds and plant seeds/seedlings this spring.
 - 1. We will definitely need PTO help this summer–for weeding, watering, harvesting. We hope that kids can harvest in the fall, too.

VI. Teacher requests

- A. E2 asks for support with the Fun Fair.

VII. Upcoming PTO Dates

- A. April 13th-Fun Run

VIII. Principal Updates

- A. The School Board is meeting tonight to vote on a mask resolution. If it passes, masks will become optional when Ramsey is in the low zone. We'll wait and see where the vote lands. The school will communicate

about the results. The school is beginning to have conversations about how to talk about this with kids—families will do different things.

- B. Safe Routes to School (in partnership with Harding)—get money for consulting (MNDOT, city, county) to look at neighborhood to see how to make the route to school safer. Abby just found out that the proposal was accepted!
- C. We need bike racks—applied for a new grant and we were approved for that as well!

Next meeting: April 12th, 2022 via Google Meet or school