

NPBS PTSA 2024/2025
General Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024 @ 7pm
NPBS Media Center

Board Members Present: Amy Lepre, Molly Stassfurth, Geri Fletcher, Kathryn Biber, Diana Ettinger, Elizabeth Lee

General Members Present: 14 general members

Meeting Called to Order at **7:03pm**

Welcome and Pledge

May Minutes - E. Lee

- Approved by 2 general members, Jennifer Neiderhoffer and Julie Fitzgerald, - thank you!

President Updates - A. Lepre

- Installation of Officers
*Introduction of new officers:
Diana Ettinger, Treasurer
Kathryn Biber & Geri Fletcher, VPs
Elizabeth Lee, Recording Secretary
Molly Springer, back as Corresponding Secretary
Amy read the official declaration for new officers serving a 2 year term.*
- BOE Candidate Forum
This Thursday, 10/10 at 7pm in the Media Center. There are 5 candidates for 3 spots. We received a ton of questions for candidates to speak about. Ms. Maccia will video the evening and will share with the community.
- Front Circle
Seems to be going well. When the weather starts to turn and there are less bikers and more cars, we will head back out there to remind families of the traffic rules.
- New Pioneer Pathway.
This has been in the works for a few years. When the bricks got damaged from the roof project, we redid the path and everyone's brick is brand new. We will reopen sales soon as a fundraiser. Thank you to Apex Landscaping who worked hard to get it repaired before the start of school.
- Senior Committee (M. Deluca)
Thank you to all who helped with the umbrella fundraiser. It was very successful. We are working on another fundraiser to raise funds for the Project Graduation event. The event can get expensive so we fundraise to offset the costs.
- 2024-2025 Tricky Tray
The event will take place on Saturday, March 29th. Meeting will be next month after PTSA meeting. We will send Save-the-Dates out and a wish list on Amazon soon.

Vice Presidents - G. Fletcher

- Student Appreciation

On Halloween we will give out Skittles to all students.

- Homecoming Dance

Will be held on 10/30 for all four grades. Neer Nation came up with the theme, "Mama Mia" and PTSA will help with decorations, DJ and photobooth. Semi-formal dress. 7-10pm. There is a conflict with marching band practice so they will be offered a discount ticket for \$5. Band members can come to practice dressed for dance.

- Teacher Pop-Up

First one was "Friends" theme. Next one is 11/15, "Pie" theme. We will ask volunteers to bake and donate all kinds of pies for teachers and staff.

- Gave out swag to students.

Vice Presidents - K. Biber

- Membership/Directory Update

\$20/family and \$10/teacher 225 families, 32 teachers. Teachers are eligible for mini grants to get money towards anything for the classroom that they can't cover.

- Pollak Tutor Student/Parent Info Sessions (see slide for more info)

Parents are free. Student ones are \$20 as a fundraiser for us.

- 9th grade Breakfast

11/4 PTSA will provide bagels and giveaways. Freshmen will have an opportunity to meet and talk with Peer Leaders and Counselors. Freshmen can ask questions.

Corresponding Secretary - M. Stassfurth

Baby gift to Mr. Barletta

2 weddings

Donation to League of Women Voters for the Candidate Forum

Treasurer - D. Ettinger

- 2024-25 Budget

Not much to report over the summer.

August: Apex Landscaping payment

Some corporate donations in September and membership fees, umbrella fundraiser.

Roofing company check to reimburse for the bricks they broke coming in October

M. Deluca approved budget for this year.

Hoping Tricky Tray brings in a lot of money

Walls of Pride Special Project.

Grant came in to NPEF to pay and PTSA wanted to share the cost. Wall graphics will go throughout the entire building. Inspirational quotes, mission statement, logos, photos, etc...will transform the halls of the building. All the hallways will be repainted to add some green and gold to go with the graphics.

Very large project. A company will come in to install. Great for the community as everyone will

benefit. PTSA has earmarked money for this. The goal is for the work to be done during April break. The NPEF will try to fundraise the rest of the money, \$20K. Can be done in stages. We would love to get it done in one shot, but there will be a grassroots campaign to raise more money throughout the community. Admin feels it is important to motivate and teach kids. A lot more info coming out soon about this project.

Any questions?

Do you like the project? Yes!

Mr. Henry: *The goal of the project is to have a space that students and community are proud of. We recently added signage outside. Over the years we've renovated the media center and cafeteria. Data shows when students feel a sense of comfort in their space, it can lead to benefits for students including mental health. Will get feedback from all the different departments. Schools that have these express that their students enjoy it. Want to have an upgrade to our facility and we're excited about it. Ties into our district goals. Trying to do things in house so custodians will start painting when students are not in the building.*

Question asked about the estimate: *The total estimate is about \$54K but not committed to the final number. We will do the best we can with what we have. We have flexibility to tailor the project. Project most likely could not be part of the regular district budget.*

Question asked if this is a company that does this throughout schools: *Yes, it is.*

Question asked about renovating auditorium?

Mr Henry: *These things are very expensive. We want to work on it and have discussed it in depth. This summer we renovated our music rooms including technology, risers, and carpet. We put all new carpet down in the auditorium this summer. Our next project is to redo the seating. Mr. Ziegler has been a part of the process. With bigger spaces, it's bigger money.*

Question, is it decals or paint? *It's all decals but paint will be done around the decals. We have discussed where to move displays of artwork with Ms. Florencio. We want to make sure our student artwork is still displayed and we will find other spaces.*

Principal's Report- B. Henry

Welcome. Start out by thanking everyone for being here to hear about what happens at school.

Thank you to PTSA and the community for a successful beginning of the year. We love how the Pioneer Pathway looks. We had a lot going on in August, including paving in town, athletics. When the staff came in on the first day, they were so happy to see the pathway done. Teacher and staff pop-ups: staff loves them and are truly appreciative. Thank you to all volunteers who helped out with traffic on Pioneer Drive. We have so many students riding bikes which is fantastic. If you pull down Pioneer Drive, everything moves smoothly. Mr. Criscitello is our 2 minute warning bell. On days that it rains and poor weather, it will get more challenging. Please continue to pull down and help everyone get in safely.

8/29: *First day of school. Very happy with start of school year. We thank students, parents, and teachers. We appreciate support. Students are back into routine. A month in and we're off and running.*

8/30: *9 & 10 class meetings, 11 & 12 class meetings. We talk about safety, security and procedures,*

rules, and expectations. PTSA provided students with gifts.

Picture day, **9/11 Retakes are 10/29**

9/18 was BTSN, nice turn out. Teachers were happy with turn out.

Mr. C and advisors held club fair on **9/27** in cafe. Students run fair with at least 2 students per club. Students had opportunity to see clubs and ask questions. Successful event.

Fall play auditions. Show is **11/15 and 11/16**

Last week was PSAT for sophomores and juniors.

Last friday was football game against Middlesex. Wounded Warrior Night. 27 Marching Band seniors, band night, football team won. Special night for students.

Marching band had performance this past Saturday which was a success.

This week is Week of Respect.

Mr C: Introduced himself. First year as AP at HS

Week of Respect:

Ms. Noppenberger is Character Education Club advisor. A video will be revealed on Friday connected to the character ed theme. Hint: it will involve flowers. Using student input to continue the character ed theme throughout the year. Want to build momentum and lead up to Homecoming Week.

This Friday **10/11** is a half day with staff PD in the afternoon. NO school on **10/14**.

10/21 & 10/22 Koshi HS exchange visit from japan. 30 students will come to visit us for 2 days. Many teachers help out with visit.

10/23 HS open house, grades 5-8 parents will come visit 6:30-8:30 includes student run tours, Ms. Shadis and Mr. Henry will do a presentation then 10 department heads will present (including information about new courses) and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.

10/30 Homecoming Dance (not Halloween dance—semi formal), theme: “Mama Mia” Kids are excited about it.

10/31 Halloween and **11/1** no school because of Diwali

Mr. Henry gave a report on the current stats of our athletic teams.

Everyone is having a great season.

Thank you for your support.

Questions:

Is the paving completed on south street?

Yes, we believe it is done.

Question about unattended children by the snack shack

Mr. H: We have a tremendous amount of support from kids of all ages at the games. We only have a certain amount of game workers and we have increased people at the games. We have to focus on students in the stands. I've tried to supervise but there's only so many staff members. We have officers there. I know the challenges.

Question: Do we own or rent portable restrooms? *Rent*

Do we know the dates of playoff games?

This Thursday is away, next Friday away, following Friday home. They will tell us dates, we don't get to pick. Could possibly be 11/1 on our day off.

Question: I heard something about redoing bridge. Is there a plan for temporary bridge?

Mr. H will disseminate info. When he receives it.

Officer C sent out a bike safety letter but no mention of helmets, can you reiterate that?

Yes, we will work together to reinforce helmets. Bikers have to be careful and follow rules of traffic.

Amy: Officers try their best to tell bikers to wear helmets and bike safely.

Amy: Directory came out today to all members.

Debbie Merrick, Mental Health Committee:

QPR available for anyone 10/28, it saves lives.

Consortium coming up on 10/9, Technology and Kids, Summit HS

10/10, Navigating Anxiety in Children, Anxiety Institute, zoom

All info will be shared on FB page and newsletters

Meeting adjourned by A. Lepre at 8:07pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Elizabeth Lee