

North Salem Elementary PTO Agenda
October 24th, 2023

1. *Call to order*
Meeting began at 6:31pm
In Attendance - Amber Bentzel, Becky Miller, Shandell Kennedy, Lisa Griffith, Amanda Dunstone, Julie Vail, Trisa Warren, Chris Young, Maria Sartoris, Ashley Stauffer
2. *Introductions*
3. *Approval of Minutes from August 29th and September 26th, 2023*
May, August and September minutes approved
4. *Reading & Approval of Treasurer's report*
Treasurer's report was approved
5. *Agenda:*
 - A. *Muffins in the morning- feedback*
200-250 participants, great turn out and everything went smoothly, seems like families enjoy this type of event, two separate areas was helpful, potential donation box for those who would like to donate
 - B. *Read a thon*
One week left for Read-a-Thon, will probably not meet the goal, however with the variety of fundraisers, it does not have to be the main fundraising opportunity, lots of minutes read, meeting held with Read-a-Thon VP to discuss complications with the website and program - 5% will be coming back to the PTO due to issues with the website, clarification on whether in-class reading should count towards minutes
 - C. *Book Fair*
Book fair has begun and so far so good. So far we have sold about \$1,500 worth of books, PTO is providing free books to each student
 - D. *Trunk or Treat*
Mandy Cashman and Amber Lewis have been working hard to organize and plan the trunks. There are over 20 trunks setting up. A previous concern was lighting and we are attempting to provide extra light this year.
 - E. *Conferences*
Pricing out food options to provide teachers with food and drinks to get them through conferences
 - F. *Spirit Wear Sale*
Orders should be in by Thanksgiving, looking into any other companies
 - G. *Fundraisers- Current and upcoming*
Candle fundraisers are due on November 2nd, Pickup will be on November 20th
Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser looking to have it open toward the holiday season, we can offer digital and physical gift cards, potentially doing a dine out night
Moe's fundraiser - 23 kits sold
Plan a November dine out night
Another potential fundraiser - engraved cup sale
 - H. *Yearbook- Parent volunteer?*
Need a Yearbook volunteer to assist with Crystal and Barksdale staff- meeting on November 7th (Zoom or in-person)
 - I. *Treasurer In Training*
Hannah Shellenberger will be the Treasurer in Training to learn the ins and outs of the position
 - J. *Organization of businesses to reach out to for events*
Attempting to organize how businesses are contacted for donations to ensure that we are not repeating businesses, PBIS can work with businesses for community outreach

6. *Activity / Committee Reports*

7. *Grants- Starfall*

Starfall is an app being used with younger students in both ELA and math, schoolwide renewal is necessary to be able to continue to use it, approved unanimously

8. *Principal's Report*

NSE is focusing on best practices within classrooms and how to engage students and foster PROUD characteristics

Thank you for the Spooky Luncheon!

Thank you for the muffins for Muffins in the Morning!

Pictures from Barksdale should be in by the end of the week.

End of the marking period ends on October 30th and conferences are scheduled on November 1st, 2nd and 9th

Reminder of half days and no school in October and November

9. *Teacher's Report*

Mrs. Vail - Within our PBIS structure, we have monthly and quarterly rewards. In the past, students were required to have 10 Dojo points to attend the reward. The committee has been in discussion about raising the number of Dojo points needed, as we recognized that we are giving more Dojo points than before to recognize the positive behaviors that students show in class. The new requirements are as follows:

September- 10 points

October- 10 points

November- 15 points

December- 15 points

January- 15 points

February- 20 points

March-20 points

April-25 points

May-25 points

We also discussed the parent feedback that was provided from the last meeting about creating a PROUD Matrix for parents to use at home. We will look to incorporate this within our committees in the future.

The committee is always looking for ideas to engage parents and answer questions or provide information that would be helpful to them at home regarding PROUD. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please share them with the PTO or Mrs. Vail (jvail@doversd.org).

10. *Adjournment*

Adjourned at 7:24pm