



Attending:

Maureen Ferrick
Nicole Woods
Jenna Dickson
Monique Howard
Nicole Wincek
Marie Junkmann
Cari Raymond
Erin Denk
Melissa Schmidt
Kim Lane
Anna Marie Samaan
Wendy Nichols
Mandy Shulman
Dorie Gaty
Tracy Williams
Missy Brown
Jane Carlton
Molly Brown
Robin Decker
Cari Shamberg
Jenny Sciortino

8:45 AM: Meeting called to order

8:49 AM: Motion to approve minutes from April
Seconded

Superintendent: Dr. Larry Hewitt

- Strategic Planning has been working on website since September. Terrific team of 30 people (teachers, admin, board members, etc). Went through a thorough process (sent out surveys) and it was helpful. We used information that was shared.
- Dr. Hewitt went over Navigate 28, Empower Every Learner
- Looked at schools around the world and narrowed down 5 goals. Goals 1 & 2 are all about students. Goal 3 is about staff. Item 4 is about family community connection. Goal 5 is about having resources needed to improve our schools. We are blessed here in Northbrook. Not all states fund schools by property taxes. We work that way.
- We had 2-3 high school kids who sat in our meetings. They were helpful.
- Learning first initiative (also known as the iPad project). We are trying not to focus on the device. The device is the tool. Will be able to take photo and video with apps that work with it. The rollout at Lane Tech High School showed the new iPad. It was amazing. We will start at K, 3rd and 6th grade. This is based on a book Learning First, Technology Second.
 - o Nicole asked how much time they would be on the iPad. Dr. Hewitt said it will be age dependent (younger children will have less screen time). What we design in the curriculum will impact it too. We will track minutes per day and make sure it doesn't become inappropriate. Dr. Hewitt said we have a tech coach. We are adding an instructional technology coordinator (80-85% of their time will be in the classroom). Ginny said screen time in isolation is ok. It depends on what you are doing. The quality of the activity drives the use.
 - o Monique asked how will we measure if this is working. Dr. Hewitt said the board of education will be monitoring this with us. Probably quarterly or twice a year.
 - o Maureen asked how teachers will keep up with technology. Ginny said teachers are excited. Slower rollout will help. Our wiring is already finished. We are set and ready to go.

Wendy

- Wendy discussed the teams that met that took in the information to build this Navigate 28 document
- We are truly blessed in this district. The resources and finances we have are incredible
- We own every building

President's Report: Maureen Ferrick

New Officers

- Marie is now Treasurer
- Christine O'Malley is now Corresponding Secretary
- Nicole is VP of Room Parents
- Jane Carlton VP of Administration

HOH RUN

- Dorie said it was a great turnout, beautiful day
- Wendy said over 100 applications applied for the scholarship

County Fair

- Obstacle course this year
- No cotton candy. Dairy Queen instead (\$3 for ice cream)
- Not going to have meatheads or Little Louie's. No food
- Mr. Bartunek will be the DJ

PTO Calendar

- 2 evening PTO meetings (one in fall, one in spring)
- 2 service nights (another cultural fair)

Teacher Appreciation Week

- On day 2

Boosterthon Update: Tracy

- Everything has been ordered. Tetherball and 2 drop shots
- Balls in the bins, chalk, stencils
- Gaga pit arrived and will be installed for the k-2 playground
- Ginny said goal is to have it all up by County Fair

Principal's Report: Ginny Hiltz

- Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week
- New drop off working out pretty well
- Friday is Kindergarten screening (will talk about birthday signs)
- Calendar has been updated on the website
- Staffing for next year 3 incoming K classes. Teachers stay the same. 3 First grades. Feeney is moving to 4th grade. Adding a section of 2nd grade (16 kids). 4 current 2nd grade teachers stay the same. Job share (morning and afternoon) with Liz Weir and Jody Siglin. Keeping 4th grades. Hiring a new 3rd grade teacher. Keeping 4 4ths. Jerry Heart is moving to 5th. 4th and 5th are going to departmentalize. 2 teachers will pair up and share 30-40 kids. Your kids will still have a homeroom. But there are a group of kids they will travel with. New EL teacher. New OT. 1 year Spanish sub. New aides. Katie Trout is new PT admin assistant.

Teacher's Report: Kim Lane

- Nothing new, thanks for everything this week
- 5th grade had a great art adventure
- Teachers will add their favorite gift cards, etc. so we know what to buy them

Committee Reports

Art Show: Missy Brown

- 68 pre-orders for the art show & in good shape

Spirit Wear: Molly Brown & Jenna Dickson

- Going to change vendors this year. Semper Fi. Molly said some website inabilities but Melissa said we can add these items to our PTO website.

District Events: Monique

- Book Fair is next week. May 16, Wednesday 3:30 – 5:30 pm. May 17, Thursday from 3:30 – 7:30 pm
- District Fundraiser (all district 28 fundraiser). All parents getting together and hosting a fun night out. Starting to put together a budget and looking for locations. We need a committee. 1 or 2 people from each school to spearhead it at each level (we need around 8 total). January 26, 2019 is tentative date. Fundraising for teacher grants.

Cookbook: Nicole Woods & Marie Junkmann

- Cookbooks will arrive tomorrow.

Board Member Reports

Treasurer: Cari Raymond

- Budget committee met 2 weeks ago and then last week. We revised everything.
- Pizza is bringing in a lot of money (\$24k). But remember the expenses
- Our revenue for next year will bring in \$52k. We are budgeted to spend more than that (by about \$9k). Boosterthon allows us to do that.
- We will have \$76k in the bank at the end of this year.
- Motion approved to pass budget.

Corresponding Secretary: Marie Junkmann

- Nurses Appreciation Week this week. Present for Haley.
- Handling retiring teacher and aide gifts and other gifts, etc.

Vice President of Administration Melissa: Sign up genius coming soon for next year

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 10:30 am

Seconded