



NORTH BARRINGTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018

Attendees: Angela Toscas Gordon, *President*; Ilana Forbes, *2nd VP Service*; Kristie Rogers, *3rd VP Special Programs*; Julie Kircher, *4th VP Family Outreach*; Sara Roach, *Secretary*; Austin Johnson, *Principal*; Jamie Lindsey, *Teacher Liaison*; Lisa Bauman; Paula Ermilio; Katie Grimm; Jackie Kardesh; Becca Patchak; Kimberly Saunders; Nikki Schriever; Betsy Thalheimer.

1. **Welcome/Call to Order:** *Angela Gordon*. The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m..
2. **Teacher Liaison Report:** *Jamie Lindsey*. The PTO Executive Board approved stipend checks in the amount of \$7,550, which were distributed the second week of October. Ms. Lindsey showed the meeting attendees a slideshow presentation of the items that NBS teachers & staff bought with their stipend checks. Flexible seating and dry-erase boards were some of the most popular items purchased.
3. **Principal's Report:** *Austin Johnson*.
 - a. *Hoops For Hoops*: The school was able to purchase three 9 ½-foot adjustable-height hoops for our playground through this fundraising effort. We not only had enough money to get the hoops, but also the padding!
 - b. *Family Movie Night Follow-Up*: What a huge turnout! This event showed everyone that people want to be at NBS!
 - c. *Halloween Party Procedures*: In order to ensure that NBS knows what guests are in the building on Halloween, all parents and other guests must sign up on the Sign Up Genius for their child's class. Mr. Johnson's e-mail to NBS parents sets forth the details.
 - d. *MAP Testing, Grade 2-5*: The window for Fall MAP testing is October 26-November 16. The teachers can pick any dates within that window to test their students, depending on where it fits best in their curriculum.
 - e. *NBS School Profile*: We are working on revising NBS' online school profile, including a section about the building's history. This will be published online when completed.
 - f. *Blueprint 220*: The District has formed a Referendum Advisory Committee, which will help narrow down which parts of the master facility plan should be the focus of the referendum. Check the website <https://www.barrington220.org/Page/19472> for the minutes of these meetings. The District also conducted an online survey of District 220 parents and will also be conducting a phone survey with citizens living in the District 220 boundaries. 60-70% of voters do not have children attending schools in the District. Jackie Kardesh suggested that the District publish a brief "Ambassador Toolkit" for parents looking to convince their friends and neighbors. There are three possible "tiers" of renovations that will be proposed in the referendum. Changes

made to NBS could include kitchen upgrades, a sensory room in the back of the school, a road connecting to Miller Road from the parking lot, and an additional Kindergarten classroom. On the Blueprint 220 website, citizens can view a photo of the master plan for NBS.

4. President Report: *Angela Gordon* at leinadeneg@aol.com.

- a. *Hoops for Hoops:* T-Shirts coming soon! The moral of the Hoops For Hoops Story (besides that adjustable-height hoops ROCK): tell us your ideas for PTO events! NBS Dad Andy Haley came up with the Hoops for Hoops idea!
- b. *Barrington Giving Day:* BGD is a 501(c)(3) organization that invites families on the free and reduced lunch program in the 220 School District to a Giving Day event where they receive food, warm coats, blankets, toys and other much-needed items. In previous years, BGD provided help to over 1,000 families, including 3,000 children & senior citizens. NBS has a long history of participating in this charity. Our own PTO member Betsy Thalheimer is on the Barrington Junior Women's Club Giving Day Committee. This year from November 1 through December 7, a collection box will be set up in the NBS lobby to collect new or gently used hats, gloves and mittens, but other items will be accepted as well. See what is needed at <http://www.barringtongivingday.org/donate/>.
- c. *Halloween:* The Halloween parade is Wednesday, October 31 at 12:30pm. Room parties will take place immediately following the parade. Your Room Coordinators will send a detailed letter outlining the schedule and plans for the party. This year we can decorate early, so if you are a decorating volunteer, please arrange a convenient day/time (either Monday or Tuesday after school) with your classroom teacher.
- d. *Hero Breakfast, November 9:* This year's flag-raising ceremony will occur before school in the NBS Gym (new this year), with our Veteran guests, our Cub Scouts and our Girl Scouts. The NBS Choir will sing the National Anthem (new this year). The PTO extends breakfast buffet invitations to the Veterans, our local Police Officers and Fire Fighters, our bus drivers, and (new this year) Dawson Builders. The NBS Student Council will act as our student ambassadors, and will help serve and clean up after our heroes. Please look for a Sign Up Genius in the next two weeks for food, drink, and serving/cleanup help.
- e. *Next PTO Meeting, November 19:* Dr. Harris, Barrington 220 Superintendent of Schools, will be our guest speaker. If you have questions for Dr. Harris, please forward them to Angela at the e-mail address above, or look for a link in next week's newsletter.
- f. *5th Grade Mile/K-4 Run Today:* Come to Ron Beese Park to spectate the 5th grade Mile Race and the K-4 Half-Mile Race. The 5th Grade girls' race begins at 4:30. All eight District 220 elementary schools will be represented.

5. Secretary Report: *Sara Roach* at s-roach@att.net.

- a. *Approval of Minutes of the September 17, 2018 PTO Meeting:* Kimberly Saunders made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2018 PTO Meeting. Julie Kircher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. *E-Team:* The PTO has a presence on the social media sites Facebook and Twitter AND NOW INSTAGRAM! Follow and "like" us! For more in-depth coverage, look to the weekly PTO Newsletter.

6. 1st VP Fundraising Report: *Angela Gordon for the absent Amy Vanderbergh at amykballet@gmail.com.*

- a. *Fall Fundraising:* The Genevieve fundraising deadline has been extended to October 24. Follow the directions on the envelope packet to set up online ordering.
- b. *NBS Dines Out:* New Dines Out Chair Rebecca Patchak reported that the ever-popular Culvers Dine Out will take place on October 30 from 5-8 p.m. Kids can wear their Halloween costumes!
- c. *Book Fair & Lunch with a Loved One:* The Enchanted Forest Book Fair is coming November 12-16. You can enjoy lunch with your child and then check out the book fair in the library. A loved one can be anyone loved by your child (friend, neighbor, grandparent, etc.). Please note that each grade will have a separate day for this event due to space constraints in our school, but the lunch time will be from 11:00-11:40 each day. An RSVP will go out to participate in this event. The Lunch with a Loved One schedule will be released soon, as well.
- d. *Mod Pizza for Barrington Giving Day:* Betsy Thalheimer reported that if you eat at Mod Pizza on October 17, 20% of your check will go to Barrington Giving Day. A delicious way to give!
- e. *Grand Dental Deal:* Grand Dental sponsored our recent Family Movie Night, and even volunteered at the event. Now Grand Dental will donate \$50 to the PTO for every new patient from the NBS community between now and December 31, 2018. Visit www.granddentalgroup.com to make an appointment.
- f. *The Blue Jean Ball Adult Social.* February 23, 2019 at Makray Golf Club. The Blue Jean team is working hard. There is a bin in the front lobby to collect used denim, to be used for prize pockets at the fundraiser and other decorations. Please contact Amy or Ilana (ilanamorgan@gmail.com) if you have any corporate match donation opportunities or any sponsorship leads. New this year will be a "donor wall" recognizing sponsors of the new playground equipment, as well as a new auction website, OneCause.

7. 2nd VP Service Report: *Ilana Forbes at ilanamorgan@gmail.com.*

- a. *Recycling & Harvest Basket:* Volunteer at the Recycling Station and spend lunch with your student. This year, we have already recycled hundreds of pounds of lunchtime waste that will be kept out of landfills.
- b. *Meet the Artist:* This program is looking for in-class volunteers for Ms. Lindsey's and Ms. Tuzzolino's classes. Contact Angela Gordon at leinadeneg@aol.com to volunteer, or see her after the meeting.

8. 3rd VP Special Programs Report: *Kristie Rogers at rogers.kristie@gmail.com.*

- a. *Staff Hospitality:* The hospitality team has baked 132 cookies for 22 Staff birthdays so far. All Staff receive a half-dozen cookies in the month of their birthdays. The Hospitality team is also busily prepping the Staff Fall Conference Dinner on October 17. We still need three people for cleanup, so please sign up on the Sign Up Genius if you can help.
- b. *Tasty Tuesdays:* The first Tasty Tuesday was a hit with PLUMS!

9. 4th VP Family Outreach Report: *Julie Kircher* at tkirkir@aol.com.

- a. *Family Movie Night*: Friday was a HUGE success! Over 300 NBS'ers showed up. Congrats to our new Family Fun Chair Jackie Kardesh, who recruited a sponsor for the event (Grand Dental) and recruited Grand Dental staff to volunteer at the event!

10. Adjournment. All attendees were encouraged to take free Genevieve items as a parting gift!
Angela Gordon adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.