



Amanda H North PTO Board Meeting

APRIL 7, 2025 / 9:00 AM / PTO Office

BOARD MEMBERS

Nicole Keswani - PRESIDENT
Shannon Strauss - FIRST VP
Bethany Vriesman - VP MARKETING
Danielle Freeman - VP EVENTS
Tara Tsagouris - VP VOLUNTEERS
Mallory Darcy - VP STAFF SUPPORT
Jocelyn DiRienzo - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
Amy Martin - RECORDING SECRETARY
Megan Hartsfield - TREASURER

COORDINATORS

Tara Tsagouris - SPIRIT NIGHTS
Amy Lewis - SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS
Adine Howard - SENSORY
Susan Lam - ROOM PARENTS
Jacob Court - WEBMASTER
Jacob Court - SPIRIT WEAR
Tamara Gilbert - BEAUTIFICATION
Crystal Michalak - GREEN TEAM
Jaede Olrich - STUDENT APPRECIATION
Jenny Antolik - STUDENT APPRECIATION

MINUTES

Meeting is called to order at 9:00 am by President Nicole Keswani. Board members present are Nicole, Shannon, Bethany, Tara, Mallory, Jocelyn, Amy, and Megan. The teacher representative in attendance is Mrs. Iggy and the administrators present are Principal Justus and VP Johnson.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Nicole Keswani

- Nicole got a phone call about the school being bad mouthed. We are representatives of the school and need to be positive about the school. This is unacceptable.
- Kroger rewards are \$361.61 for this quarter.
- The PE teachers are working on volleyball poles and will let us know what they want. They may try to make them themselves and would just be looking for some supplies.
- The Nashville Sounds want to do another spirit night with us, we just need to pick a date. Nicole will pick a date and let everyone know.
- The PE department is asking for inflatables for field day. We will take it out of miscellaneous (about \$800) because it was not budgeted for this year, due to inflatables having been banned last year. Nicole motioned to approve this expenditure, Danielle seconded, all approved.
- Field Day: PE teachers are looking for parent volunteers for some stations. They want popsicles and not Andy's ice cream. We will do May 2 (PBIS cart day) to use Andy's sponsor exchange for the custard for the kids.



- May 21st is 5th Grade Promotion: Last year we ordered three cakes and only used one and a half. We talked about doing cupcakes this year instead to make it easier. Promotion will be at Amanda North this year instead of Heritage Middle School.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Megan Hartsfield

- The treasurer's report was presented by Megan Hartsfield including review of cash flow, budget, and assets for the March financials. The PTO account is at Regions Bank; the account number is on file. Bank accounts and statements were presented and reviewed by the board. Motion made by Jocelyn to approve financial statement; seconded by Nicole; all in favor. Accounts will remain on file with the Treasurer.

COYOTE CARNIVAL - Danielle Freeman/Jocelyn DiRienzo

- We need the grass to be mowed again before the event. Megan volunteered her husband to come up and help mow.
- If we have to move inside, inflatables will be moved inside the gym. We will need to move rugs from around the school to the gym to protect the floor. If we have to move all inside, we can use hallways and the cafeteria.
- McDonalds is donating gift cards. We have candy for other vendors to hand out as well.
- We have about a dozen vehicles secured for the touch a truck portion.
- Friday morning we need all available hands to set up at 10:00 am until about 1:00. All board members volunteering should come back again as soon after 4:00 as possible.
- We are asking the administration for 7 walkies to help with better communication this year. Danielle and Jocelyn will get everyone's assignments to them by the end of the week.
- We should start the rows of parking in the field when we come back at 4:00.
- Tara said student volunteers are filled up as well as the teachers' sign up. The parent sign up is slower, but we should still be okay. Adine offered to help with parking, which is always a concern area.

TEACHER APPRECIATION - Mallory Darcy

- Teacher appreciation lunch potato bar went well this month. We are doing the teacher work room for this month's appreciation and not lunch. We are hoping to have it complete by the beginning of May.
- There are a lot of appreciation days coming up. Mallory is looking for some help. We have snacks for the teachers for the week of TCAP. We need the 15th, 16th, and 17th - board members have volunteered to help those days and have communicated with Mallory their availability.
- Teacher Appreciation Week - May 5-9th - Theme is: "Teachers are like really good books. They can change your life forever."
 - Friday - May 2: Set up the Giving Tree in the main hallway (outside the cafeteria). - Each grade gets a branch, each student is given a leaf to write something nice about their teacher.
 - Sunday - May 4th: Chalk the Walk



- Families meet at ANE @ 4:00 to write encouraging greetings for teachers to see Monday morning. Bring sidewalk chalk.
- Monday - May 5: The Very Hungry Caterpillar
 - Martin's BBQ lunch (trade)
 - Parents: bring in fruit & veggie platters, dessert and drinks
 - Kids: bring a book to donate to your classroom library.
- Tues - May 6: If you Give a Mouse a Cookie, she'll probably want a Swig drink to go with it..." -
 - Cookie/Dessert Bar (parent contributions)
 - Swig drinks (or dirty soda bar, parent contributions)
 - Kids: bring in school supplies for your teacher
- Wed - May 7: Chrysanthemum
 - DIY flower bar
 - Starbucks coffee bar
 - Cupcakes to decorate (donated by Robin)
 - Kids: Come up with your own original idea for your teacher - End of the year gift day
- Thurs - May 8: Dragons Love Tacos
 - Taco Bar - Mojo's a possibility and/or parent contributions)
 - Students - Draw a picture for or write our teacher a thank you note.
- Friday - May 9: Cat in the Hat
 - Trucker hat bar; Mallory wants to purchase the hat press and we will do it ourselves. Each teacher would choose a blank hat or belt bag and 3-5 patches to be pressed on. The hat press would come out of the event start up budget line so that we could use it for future fundraisers/giveaways.
 - Students bring in a favorite snack or treat for your teacher.

PBIS CART - Shannon Strauss

- May 2nd is the last PBIS cart day. We still have a lot left over, so we don't need a full restock. Kids will need to make sure they hold back at least 15 to have for pack parties (May 21).

SPIRIT NIGHTS - Tara Tsagouris

- Martin's was postponed due to weather - rescheduled for the 17th from 5-8pm.
- Andy's on, May 6th, is the last of the year.
- Titan's check came in \$430 from our January spirit day at the game.

FIELD DAY - Nicole Keswani

- PE teachers are meeting this week and will send out exactly what they need from us in terms of volunteers and supplies next week (after we get through Carnival).

GENERAL MEETING - Nicole Keswani

- Nicole will give a year's review, Megan will give an overview of the budget, Jocelyn will talk about events and Mallory will talk about what we did this year for TA.



- We will hold elections.

MISCELLANEOUS - Nicole Keswani

- We are thinking about what we need in terms of office supplies from the remaining budget. We need more paper, labels, envelopes, and paper clips for sure.

The meeting was called to a close at 9:55 am by Nicole. Amy seconded, all approved.