

## PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 8th, 2018

**Location:** Amerman Elementary

**Board Members Present:** Laura Christensen Guthrie, Tanya Edwards, Michelle Garr, Christina Beattie,  
**Absent -** Kate Mitchell

### **Welcome (Laura Christensen Guthrie)**

- Meeting called to order at 9:07 AM

### **Board of Education report / State of Northville Public School District (Roland Hwang)**

- Roland joined us from the NPS Board. 3 open spots for the Board were voted in on Tuesday. Roland will continue on another term and Suzanne Lynn and Angela Jaafar were newly elected to the Board.
- Old Village ribbon cutting will take place at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 11th followed by an open house from 1:15 to 2:30 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Year end report from NPS is available. Highlights include 98% graduation rate, 58 national merit scholars and Leader In Me in almost every building. on-line at [https://www.northvilleschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=350500&type=d&pREC\\_ID=760495](https://www.northvilleschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=350500&type=d&pREC_ID=760495)

### **Guest - Christa Howley, Director Northville Education Foundation**

- Christa asked to attend our PTA meeting to raise awareness about who Northville Education Foundation (NEF) is and what they do. They raise money for Northville Public Schools. A misconception is that school funding is tied to the local income level/affluency of the residents. However this is not the case as school funding comes out of Lansing. Northville has a lower per pupil amount than other comparable districts. For example Northville receives \$300 less per student than Novi, approx \$2 million less. Northville receives \$3,000 less than Birmingham and Bloomfield, equating to approximately \$21 million less in funding.
  - Proposal A that was passed in 1994 is the driver of how funding is spread across districts. The other impact to the per pupil amount is funding for community colleges and universities comes from the education fund vs. the general fund. This may be easier to change than reversing Prop A, and something that if it takes hold across many districts NEF would get involved in.
- NEF helps funds programs such as Innovative Teaching Grants, Project Lead The Way, The Leader In Me, Parent Camp, and much more. Last year over \$9,000 was awarded in Teacher Grants, of which Amerman's Music program was a recipient.
- Christa supports that we donate and help fund our local PTA's first and then consider NEF in any extra charitable giving that you are able to give. All dollars stay in Northville.
- Please visit the NEF website for a lot of great info - <http://www.northvilleedfoundation.org>

### Principal's Report (Marco Marando)

- Bond update
  - Meetings are held regularly and bids will be sent out by the holiday's. Bids cover items such as flooring, cabinets and bathrooms
  - 1 student from each class, excluding kindergartners, were invited to meet with the architects and Mr. Marando. The students had great input on what they wanted in terms of air circulation, bathrooms, color schemes and were helpful in reviewing samples (touching and feeling and giving input)
  - The kids that participated LOVED it!
  - Cottages will be removed starting in the summer of 2019.
- Curriculum update
  - Assessing new resources for Math and ELA. This will help decide what is used going forward at a district level. The district is working to centralize more decisions and purchases to help control costs and have all the schools using the same resources so they have comparable data district wide.
  - The Office of Instruction is able to provide a list of what learning resources are used across the district, otherwise Mr. Marando can provide if interested
  - District hired 1 literacy coach to work across the 6 elementary schools. She is working closely with Ms. Lamana.
  - Two parent liaisons went thru the Leader In Me Training - Dave Hall and Dianna Shamus. Diana said she was very impressed with the training and there are a lot of great ideas and opportunities for our school. One item of interest was how we better align school and home. Thank you Dave and Dianna for volunteering!
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### Secretary's Report (Michelle Garr)

- September 12th meeting minutes presented for approval. *Motion to approve Tanya Edwards, 2nd Christina Beattie. Approved unanimously.*

### Treasurer's Report (Tanya Edwards)

- 990 for tax year 2017 has been completed and submitted to IRS. Thank you to Selik Wealth Management for providing at zero cost.
- Standards of Affiliation have been fulfilled for current school year.
- MemberHub - teachers helping with organizing families into Hub. Hubs are what drives the student directory so it's very important to have this information in Memberhub.
- Reviewed the budget for the 2018/19 school year. *Motion to approve Christina Beattie, 2nd Shannon Banchemo. Approved unanimously.*
- Review the actuals for the budget. *Motion to approve Christina Beattie, 2nd Tanya Edwards. Approved unanimously.*

### **Vice President's Report (Christina Beattie and Kate Mitchell)**

- **Committees:** Thank You to everyone who has volunteered. We will need help distributing the Buddy Bags from Invest In Your Child. Volunteers will be contacted.
- Trunk or Treat went really well and the PTA Board would like to thank Olivia Hawkins for chairing the event and for ALL the volunteers that made the event a success.
- Fall clean up went great, The PTA Board would like to acknowledge and thank Julie Yakupova **for leading this event and all those who volunteered!**
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Breakfast with a Buddy November 15 and 16 - Please sign up to reserve your spot and help the chairs determine how much food is needed.
  - Movie Night in December - Trying to set up a movie night in December, possibly The Grinch. More details forthcoming
  - Ice Cream Social - Rabbecca Plenchette is chairing the committee this year. There are some exciting changes coming to the event, including wristbands instead of tickets for the games, 2 food trucks are being secured and lots more! Stay tuned for updates through-ought the year.
  - Spirit Wear - Shannon Banchero is the lead on this. She has been working with Ashgrove Marketing. The link to order should be live in another week or so. Ordering will be done thru a link specific to Amerman. Products are being finalized. New Bobcat logo will be on the shirts. The logo was designed by Ms. Brooks.

### ● **Presidents Report (Laura Christensen Guthrie)**

- All school t-shirt design and competition has concluded. The front of the shirt design winner is Clive Smith, 4th grade. The back of the shirt design winner is Ananya Ilanchelian, 3rd grade. This year the PTA will cover the cost of the t-shirt for each student. The process for ordering and collecting shirt sizes for all the students in currently being developed. Stay tuned and look for more information shortly.
- Please provide your feedback if you would like to hear a specific topic at any of our upcoming PTA meetings. Email Laura Guthrie at [amermanpresident@gmail.com](mailto:amermanpresident@gmail.com)

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Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM

*Respectfully submitted by Michelle Garr*

*Next meeting - January 16th, 2019 at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM - MPR*