

PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12th, 2018

Location: Amerman Elementary

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

Welcome (Laura Christensen Guthrie)

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Superintendent Report (Mary Kay Gallagher)

- Mary Kay is celebrating her 33rd year in the district. Last year the main focus was on the bond proposal. This year is all about construction and progress in our district on improvements.
- The district welcomed new staff across Northville and staff participated in professional development over the summer.
- Old Village School renovations will be complete in September and the board and Early Education will move into that space by the end of September.
- Main street school is slated to be sold and 4 homes on 5 lots will be developed there. A green space will be incorporated into that space.
- Hillside construction has begun and is slated to be completed in 2021.
- District is focused on flexible classrooms and studying the positive impact this is expected to have for the students.
- A literacy coach was hired and progress is continuing in the English Language Arts areas to improve literacy across the district.
- More on the bond/construction and all things NPS can be found at - <https://www.northvilleschools.org>

Principal's Report (Marco Marando)

- Amerman is the first elementary school on the schedule for renovations. This will begin in the summer of 2019 once school is out.
 - The media center and computer lab will become one open space. Chromebook carts will be added.
 - The HVAC system will get a total re-haul which will improve the ventilation in the building.
 - Bathrooms will be refreshed. The 2 bathrooms by the gym will be gutted and completely re-done.
 - There will be new flooring in all classrooms and new cabinetry.

- Office security will change. Plans are still be developed. You will now have to enter the office before you are able to enter the main school area.
- Cottages will be removed starting in the summer of 2019.
- At the end of last year the PTA funded \$500 for each teacher to purchase books. This was approx 70-90 books per class. Books will stay in the class as property of Amerman.
- Testing starts next week and will last for approx 3-4 weeks.
- Amerman welcomed 4 new teachers this school year. Mr. Hartnett 4th ALPS, Ms. Farmer Music, Mr. Wayne 5th grade and Ms. Segerstrom Spanish.

Guest - Suzanne Lynn, candidate for Northville School Board

- Suzanne is vying for one of the three open board positions, voting to take place in November. She is an 8 year resident of Northville and has an education and non-profit background. There will be a candidate forum where you can hear from all the School Board Candidates, this will take place Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 7:00-8:00 p.m., at Hillside Middle School - <https://www.northvilleschools.org/apps/news/article/913235>

Guest - Erin Maten, Northville Art House

- Erin gave an overview of the Art House, Northville's community art center and also spoke about the after school art programs at Amerman. There are K-1st sessions and 2nd-5th sessions taking place starting in October. Flyers will be come out in ListServ. There is also a student Art Fair in November, learn more about it and all the great work at the Art House at www.northvillearthhouse.org

Secretary's Report (Michelle Garr)

- June 7th meeting minutes presented for approval. *Motion to approve David Hall, 2nd Julie Malloure. Approved unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report (Tanya Edwards)

- The audit of the 2017/18 year was completed over the summer. We passed!
- Reviewed the budget for the 2018/19 school year. *Motion to approve Amy Ryan, 2nd Nikki Oleksinski. Approved unanimously.*

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

- Reviewed the list of open committees than need volunteers - If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Christina or Kate. Committees can be co-chaired and the PTA is here to help you!

Open Committees/help needed

- PTA Website
- Movie Nights
- MemberHub
- Advertising

- Scrips
- Reflections
- Birthday Lunch Table
- 5th Grade Party
- JES - Has leads this year but would like people to get involved so they can learn the role
- Landscaping - immediate need to weed and some light shrub trimming
- Summer Water Schedule
- After School Program
- Morning loop - 15 minutes and can be just one day a week
- Lighthouse parent liaison - contact Mr. Marando for more information

Upcoming Events

- Chess Wizards begins Monday, 9/24, in the art room 4-5pm, open to all students
- After School Art begins in October, on Tuesdays for grades K-1, and on Wednesdays for grades 2-5
- **Presidents Report (Laura Christensen Guthrie)**
 - New this year the PTA will be buying a shirt for every student to wear. We will have having a school wide t-shirt design competition. We're working in conjunction with Ms. Brooks to kick this off. More details forthcoming.
 - Fundraisers that require participants to sign-up. This is an EASY way to bring in \$\$ for the PTA to fund the wonderful programs for the staff and students.
 - Amazon Smile
 - Busch's MyWay
 - Kroger Community Rewards - Brought in \$2000 LAST YEAR! Ask your family to sign up!
 - Mighty Nest

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Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Garr

Next meeting - November 8th, 9:00 to 10:00 am