January 9, 2024 - Meeting Minutes

PTO 1/9 Minutes

VP Lee called the meeting to order at 7:15 due to technical difficulties; Ms. Janelle to follow-up to clarify issues with meeting link; VP apologized for issues.

Attendance at this time was 15.

Principal Joy led the group in an opening prayer.

Treasurer provided an update on current account balance and noted upcoming expenditures for spring events.

Haneefah provided an update from the fundraising committee. Raffle drawing will be held live on FB or Yt and recorded and shared. Tickets are still available for purchase through Friday. The drawing will be held at 9 am.

Feb fundraiser will be a chocolate sale and the committee is also considering a daddy/daughter, mother/son dance. They will be sending a survey out to parents to gauge interest for that event. The committee is seeking feedback on ideas for additional fundraisers.

VP Lee asked for further details on the chocolate fundraiser regarding shipping and online ordering. Haneefah remarked that they were still looking at several options regarding the sale.

The next item was the safety committee update by VP Lee. Lee remarked that the committee had not made much progress due to the holiday break but they expected to have an update at the next meeting.

The Community Night event information will be sent out in a future email as details are still being ironed out.

Principal Joy noted several positive staffing changes in 2nd grade and kindergarten for this year. Additional students are joining after school programs has increased including after care and NHA has hired an additional staff person for aftercare. This person will also be assisting in recess and kindergarten. There may be additional changes with specialty teachers in future, but NHA is currently fully staffed.

Work has happened with the school fire system due to several old smoke detectors. The updates require changes to the entire zone of alarms/detectors. Parts have been ordered and work will commence once all parts have arrived/ expected next week.

Exciting field trips planned in the coming semester.

Progress has been made in terms of providing the school ability to block certain web sites for classes or age groups. This is expected to be implemented in the coming weeks. P. Joy requested that parents email D. Mohammed with the URLs for any specific sites that they would like to ensure their students are not able to visit during the school day.

Due to the technical issues creating late arrivals, Haneefah provided a recap of the fundraising committee update.

Shreen Morrison explained the update sent via email regarding the Morning Greeter program. The program is set to begin January 29th and parents are invited to sign up for certain time slots to serve and parent engagement hours will be provided for that service.

P. Joy asked for assistance on 1/28 for a school fair where NHA will be represented. She would like to train a few parents to do the school fairs for her, would prefer at least two parents. There are 4-5 fairs per year. She would like volunteers to attend on 1/28 to be trained to attend future events.

VP Lee asked whether the online system for tracking hours is still available and P. Joy confirmed it was. An attendee asked about school-wide BHM programs. P. Joy said the D. Muhammed is setting something up for a schoolwide assembly but is still waiting to hear back from the speaker. There will also be a performance component. Info will be provided through the FYI.

NHA will also be purchasing a new camera which improves ability to livestream events like that so parents can view it online.

Total attendance reached 31.

VP Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

