Norridge District 80 PTA – Meeting Minutes March 7, 2023

**Agenda -** Call meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Principal’s Report by Mr. Biedke for Giles**

- Thank you to the PTA for the conference night dinner.

- IAR will take place March 13-17. Students will follow a special schedule. March 20-24 will be for IAR Make Ups.

- If you have not submitted Dental forms, please submit prior to May 15th. This is for 6th grade only.

- Friday, March 24th will be early dismissal. The following week is Spring Break.

- Spring Picture Day is April 6th.

- Athletics: Final sessions are girls soccer and boys volleyball.

**Principal’s Report by Dr. Rabiola for Leigh**

- IAR Testing began the week of March 6th. This is for 3rd and 4th graders.

- Friday, March 24th will be an early dismissal. The following week is Spring Break.

- Spring Picture Day is April 5th.

- Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

3/23 - Second grade reading night

4/13 - First grade reading night

4/27 - Third and Fourth grade fine arts night

5/2 - America Night (3rd/4th)

5/4 - First and Second Fine Arts night

5/18 - Kindergarten Round Up

6/6 - Preschool Celebration

- Question was brought up about early release Wednesdays and the number of SIP days on Fridays. Mr. Biedke shared that when we began early release Wednesdays, the Friday early release dates were reduced.

**Last month’s minutes were approved by Natalia Zanayad.**

**President’s Report:**

- We have 230 members which caused our PTA to receive “Platinum Star” status. We will get a banner for this.

**Treasurer Report by Jennifer Adams**

As of 1/31, the balance in the account was $41,180.52.

Jen passed bank statement and QuickBooks summary to be signed and approved by the members. These are categorized by categories.

**Drop Off Line Updates:**

- Jen shared that Leigh seems to be moving much faster and smoother. The cones and police presence are very helpful.

- Giles seems to be more of a dangerous situation. People are speeding through that second (left) lane.

- Mr. Biedke will contact the police department to try to have a squad car monitor this. He is trying to work with the village to get a grant to get new stop signs that light up, etc.

- **Field Trips Questions:** Parents shared that they would like to see students going on field trips again. Principals will meet and discuss procedures, follow up with staff and get back to us.

**Committees:**

**Room Parents**

- The Culver’s Fundraiser was a great turnout. We raised $621 and that was only 10% of sales. We were super close to getting 20% of sales so we may try again once more this year.

**Assemblies**

- Nikki reached out about the Premier Showcase which is on Wednesday, 4/26 in Schaumburg. They preview a ton of different assemblies. She is unable to go but we could potentially send another parent or staff member. Amanda McPhillips and Katie Markoutsakis will be going.

**Book Fair**

- March 9-17th during conference weeks. Amanda sent out a sign up genius. We have some volunteers but could always use more. There will not be a fair at Giles but we will look into having one in the Fall at Giles.

**Parent’s Night Out**

March Madness Event at Shoeless Joe’s - March 19th. Tickets will be CASH ONLY the day of - $20 tickets ahead of time and $25 at the door. We are talking about doing a 50/50 raffle as well.

**Daddy Daughter Dance -** April 21st. Preschool through 5th grade will be invited. Katie M. also volunteered. Natalia created flyers, $25 per couple and $5 per additional daughter. Forms are due April 6th. There will be an additional fee of $5 per daughter for any forms turned in from April 7-14th. For a photobooth that prints the photos, it is $500. There is also a “selfie station” on Amazon for $300.

**Mother Son Dodgeball –** Friday, March 10th 6-8 PM We will include Preschool through 5th grade. There are 170 people registered.

**Spring Fundraiser Flower Baskets**: Nicole G. will be leading this fundraiser.

**Teacher Appreciation** - May 8-12. Giles has 45 staff members and Leigh has 80. We will have an update next week.

**Boosterthon** – May 19th was not available. We will try this event in the next school year.

**School Supply Kits:** We will move forward with this. Parents would have to order kits by July 1st.

**Field Day -** Leigh is June 2nd and Giles is May 31st

**New Business:**

**- Community Kindness Day:** Saturday April 29th throughout Norridge and Harwood Heights are both included.Two ideas: community clean up and/or senior assistance center provides meals on wheels for residents in Norridge and they have possibilities of ways to help as well (birthday cards, etc.) We could have an arts and crafts station for families to make cards. We are leaning towards birthday cards/care items for the senior center. We can have one station to put items into care packages and one station for making cards. Dr. Rabiola will look into whether or not we can use the indoor space for this event.

**-** Amanda McPhillips asked to form Giles Athletics Committee. Dan McPhillips volunteered to chair this committee.

She also asked about signs for drop off areas.

Dr. Rabiola has requested the other $1000 for PBIS

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**