

PTA General Meeting Minutes, 1/14/20

Northeast Elementary School Library

- Review December meeting minutes
- Vote to approve
- Sarah Seroussi, PTA President, asks for budget questions; Budget is reviewed by members
- Donna: Announces Recruitment for positions on Executive Committee for next year: Please contact Nominating Committee: Kim Hall or Abby Thomas
- Liddy Coyle announces January 29th meeting with Chris Malcom and Erin Croyle from the Board of Ed :
 - Purpose of meeting is and “Open Northeast District Information Meeting”
 - Topics will include the future of the capital project
 - Transportation
- Melissa Enns and Mackenzie Torelli present their research and tentative plans for making transportation to school and PTA events accessible to all families at Northeast:
 - Issue: Families can't get to events due to not having a car or not being able to use their car
 - Walking is often not possible due to distance, weather, strollers, etc
 - Solutions: Belle Sherman has a PTA-facilitated Ride-Sharing program which we could mimic
 - PTA volunteer coordinates it
 - Staff/teachers find need for rides among families
 - Excel spreadsheet of all events in the year is created
 - An email is sent asking that anyone with a car who is willing to offer rides provide a list of events they attend and how many seats they can offer
 - PTA coordinator connects directly the families who need rides with families who can offer rides
 - Pitfalls: advertising (at Belle Sherman they think they need more)
 - Solutions
 - Host an informational night
 - Facebook Group (another way to connect families in addition to the ride-share program)
 - Benefit: Community Building Component - get to know people
 - Other ideas (for rides and also general community/relationship building)
 - 15 minute meet-and-greet before Curriculum nights so families meet others who are in their childrens' classes
 - General Meet-and-Greet night/event
 - Use Welcome-back picnic as a time to meet families from the same grade
 - have color-coded name-tags by grade and set aside time at the beginning for meeting families from your child's class/grade
 - Blown-up map of the neighborhood and color-coded pins people can put in to show where they live
 - Post the idea of car-pooling other places?