

Nishuane PTA Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Link to meeting recording and chat log:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pj3w4htdkjp721m/AAD8kNENGaYFg5CWtqZm2yAZa?dl=0>

Agenda

- 1) Intro/Welcome
- 2) President's Welcome – Reggie Valentine
 - a) Best Year Ever
 - b) Volunteers Volunteering to Recruit Volunteers to Volunteer (Join!)
 - c) Teachers, Parents, and Students (of course!)
 - d) Fundraising and Community Outreach
 - i) At least 3 community events (i.e. free) for 1 fundraising event
 - e) Nishuane Committees (Volunteer...please)
 - f) Communication and Collaboration
 - g) Volunteer Openings – sign up via SignupGenius
 - i) Spirit Wear
 - ii) Public Health
 - iii) Holiday SNAP Teacher Gifts
 - iv) Photography
 - v) Community Events
 - vi) School Tour
 - vii) Questions? Email Susan at info@nishuaneppta.org
- 3) Principal's Welcome – Frank Sedita
 - a) Curriculum and assessments are in full swing
 - b) SEL Committee themes of the month: Respect, Gratitude
 - c) Students are excited about Book Fair

- d) Outdoor lunch (more tents coming!)
 - e) Cast of Characters tomorrow, Oct. 29, 2pm. Students can wear costumes in school as long as it's not a distraction.
 - f) Red Hawk Nation and Parent Palooza through SATp
 - g) PTA – SATp collaborative partnership
 - h) Gym will continue to be indoors (distanced and masked)
- 4) Approval of last meeting minutes
- 5) Treasurer's Report – Jessica Liebson
- a) Total in bank \$72,771.44 as of 10/25/21 (not including Explorers revenue estimated \$12k)
 - b) Profit FY: \$19,700
 - i) Explorers
 - ii) Movie Night (Hillside/Nishuane)
 - iii) Spirit Wear
 - iv) Mums sale
 - v) 1st day school boxes
 - vi) Membership
 - vii) Amazon Smile
 - c) Spent/Funded FY: \$12,000
 - i) Tents, outdoor tables/benches, mics for all teachers
 - ii) Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast, 1st day decorations
 - iii) Teacher lunch
 - iv) Teacher stipends
 - v) Fees (Zoom, Shopify, etc.)
- 6) Strategy – Mallory Coleman
- a) Mums sale – made about \$400 after expenses
 - b) Next – poinsettias and wreaths from the same nursery
 - c) Working with Alison and Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds on 5K
 - d) Nishuane lawn signs
- 7) Teacher Liaison – Marissa May
- a) Thank you from the staff for the PD Day luncheon, headsets
 - b) Great to see everyone at the Book Fair
 - c) Looking forward to beautification, Grow Lab

- 8) Explorers – Rachel Rajaram
 - a) In the middle of the 1st session
 - b) Planning winter and spring sessions to give more opportunities to take different classes
 - c) Fall session – have made about \$12k
- 9) Committees and Events – Susan Gardner Zartman
 - a) PTA Committees
 - i) OneNish! – Nicole Chalfoun
 - (1) Goal is to directly support families in need at Nishuane
 - (2) Thanksgiving Drive (Grocery store gift card) and Holiday Coat and Gift Drive
 - (3) Also want to support other needs throughout the year (additional school supplies, Explorers scholarships, etc.)
 - (4) Last Sunday we hosted a playdate at Nishuane Playground ~ 40 families
 - ii) GrowLab – Justine Walsh
 - (1) About 2/3 of the classes have representatives. Monthly hands-on class project, time coordinated with science class. Always outdoors, by the stumps/swings
 - (2) Volunteer event this Saturday 10am – prepare the vegetable garden ready and mulched
 - iii) Book Fair – Alliah Agostini Livingstone
 - iv) Public Health – Jessica Estriplet-Jiang
 - (1) Works with our community to discuss public health topics relevant to the whole family
 - (2) This month's focus: Mental health awareness
 - (3) Each month will be a different topic. Sending survey on potential topics
 - (4) Monthly newsletter
 - v) Hospitality – Diane Tehranian
 - b) Hillside/Nishuane Family Movie Night
 - i) Partnership with Hillside on Movie Night was a great success
 - ii) Huge Shout Out to the Miranda-Woodley Family for providing and setting up the 20 ft. movie screen and projector.
 - iii) Nishuane raised \$1,100!
 - c) Scholastic Book Fair Oct 25-29
 - i) Goal is to sell 625 books and profit \$5,000
 - d) Upcoming Events
 - i) Nov 1: OneNish! Thanksgiving Drive starts

- ii) Nov 18: PTA Meeting
- iii) Nov 20: Family Trivia Night
- iv) December: Holiday Gift Drive
- v) Spring 2022: Fireball fundraiser with Hillside
- e) PTA Membership Update
 - i) 191 members
 - ii) Goal: 200
 - iii) PTA Membership is \$10/person via MemberHub

10) Communications – Anita Fee Willis

- a) Nishuane News
- b) Facebook groups
- c) PTA Website
- d) School website
- e) Class Partners

11) Adjourn

- a) Next meeting is November 18.