

NBJH MINUTES November 9, 2016

Motion to Approve by Joanne Mock. Seconded by Michelle Kruse. Approved

President's report

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- many 8th graders went to Washington DC for the annual trip. Enjoyed the sights and got a special viewing of the African American History Museum
- sign ups for Parent/Teacher conferences opened on November 2. Conferences will take place on Monday and Tuesday November 21 and 22
- Discussion by Dr. Meek re: possibility of doing a surgery re: conference sign up and possibly changing to October.

Council Report

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- Music Parents Club needs a President for next year. Contact Susan Schuler if interested.
- Internet safety program will take place in January or February at NBJH (probably) by grade levels and will offer optional parent programs as well.
- Website coordinator position needs to be filled.
- Dr. Horvath spoke extensively about standardized testing within the district and district 28 students overall perform well compared to other districts and states. Many tests are administered at various grade levels.

Dr. Hewitt

- State of 28 presentation

Executive Committee Reports

VP Directory--Margee Gustin

Nothing to report

VP Membership--Trish Smith

327 families and 30 faculty contributing to membership.

Corresponding Secretary--Carrie Hakel

Ordered staff gifts

Recording Secretary--Kim Grief

Nothing to report

Treasurer--Michelle Kruse

Most activity this month 2200 in free will and membership. Cash deposit skewed because of spirit wear deposit but not paid invoice.

Teacher Liaison--Becky Heller

Staff News

Laura Cohen (6th grade LA) and Melissa Newhouse (6th grade World Languages) have recently announced that they are expecting babies in the spring. They join Stephanie Linton (EL) and Lauren Mulkerrin (6th grade Student Services), who made similar announcements earlier in the school year.

A memorial service was held yesterday for Bev Kreiss's mom, who passed away last month. Bev is a long-term sub covering for Brenda Nowitzki (7th grade Social Studies).

Other News

With nine people attending, NBJH was well represented at the Northfield Township Articulation Day last Friday. The topic was "Creating a More Inclusive Environment for Diverse Learners."

The NBJH Book Award nominees have been selected. LA classes are coming to the LRC this week to hear book talks about each of the 16 nominees. The LRC has copies of the books on hand to check out. The Northbrook Public Library has a shelf of the books, too. Another option is to order books for purchase and pick up them during parent conferences.

The NBJH 2016-17 Charity of Choice is Heartland Animal Shelter.

Ten iPod Touch 16Gb units have been ordered for NBJH for Google Expeditions and other school-related endeavors. Google Expeditions also requires a tablet (for the teacher) and viewers for each unit. The tablet has been sourced from D28 inventory. Funding for ten Mattel View-Masters (about \$170 total) is still being sought.

Principal's Report--Scott Meek

- **First a look back at some recent events...**
- Many of our band and orchestra students participated in the Solo & Ensemble Festival at NBJH at the end of October. Thanks to all of our staff and students who helped make this event happen.
- Our fall benchmarking has been completed in the areas of reading, writing, and math as well as a social/emotional screener during the month of October. Our next round of district benchmark assessments will occur in February.
- Last Friday we were treated to a music assembly from GBN's top performing groups for band, orchestra and choir. NBJH was well represented among the GBN students.
- **As we begin to look ahead...**
- Online registration for conferences will remain open until Nov. 16th. Conferences will be held Monday, November 21st from 12-8pm, and Tuesday, November 22nd from 8am-1:00pm. Each individual conference is 10-minutes in length. Available spaces are limited for many teachers, so make sure to sign up if you'd like to have a conference with your child's teachers.
- There is no school on Friday in honor of Veteran's Day. There will be a special ceremony held at NBJH beginning at 10:30AM to honor those who have served and continue to serve our country. The NBJH Wind Ensemble will be one of the groups who will be performing.
- This Monday from 7-8PM I will host an informational meeting for 8th grade parents to discuss the high school transition process. For those who are unable to attend, I will be sending out info via e-mail.
- Friday, November 18th will mark the end of the first trimester for core academic classes and it also marks the end of term 2 for 6th and 7th grade exploratory classes. Just a reminder that we will shut down online access to grades at the end of the trimester as we run verification reports and prepare report cards. We plan to mail report cards at the end of the week after we return from Thanksgiving break.
- Terra Nova tests will be the first full week of December. We will conduct testing in the morning Tuesday through Thursday, December 6-8. We are looking to conduct any make-up testing within the following week of classes.

Committee Reports

None at this time

Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Kim Grief, Seconded by Joanne Mock. Approved

