

The NSMS PTSO meeting covered several key points. The sixth-grade social is scheduled for October, with RSVPs required for planning. The school store is open monthly, accepting Venmo and cash. PTSO membership costs \$25, crucial for the \$28,000 budget, with \$15,000 hoped for from the revamped Vikingthon event. Due to Boosterthon's poor performance, trip funding for grades 7 and 8 was reduced to \$3,500 per grade. Upcoming trips will be day trips instead of overnight due to cost and logistical issues. The seventh and eighth grades will have two-day trips, with student input on locations.

Action Items

- Post the meeting minutes on the NSMS PTSO website.
- Provide updates on the 7th and 8th-grade day trip plans once more information is available.
- Post the PTSO budget on the website for parents to review.
- Reach the ice skating rink to finalize the 7th-grade social date.
- Email the photographer's contact information.

Sixth Grade Social Event Planning

- The sixth-grade social event is scheduled for October, and RSVPs are requested to plan for snacks and water.
- The website NSMs-PTSO.org has a link for RSVPs; the minutes will be posted here and included in the weekly email.
- The school store is open on the first Friday of every month. It offers merchandise and accepts Venmo and cash payments.
- Encourages everyone to join the PTSO and pay the \$25 dues to help build the budget.

Budget Overview and Boosterthon Revamp

- discusses the \$28,000 budget, emphasizing the importance of paying the \$25 dues to maintain financial stability.
- The Boosterthon event did not perform well last year, leading to a revamp called Vikingthon, a separate day for generating student excitement.
- The Vikingthon aims to raise \$15,000, a significant portion of the budget. It will be managed through the website, with options like PayPal and Venmo.
- Due to the Boosterthon's poor performance, the budget for school trips has been reduced to \$3,500 per grade from \$5,000.

Details on School Trips and Social Events

- Each grade level receives \$3,500 for school trips, with the sixth grade receiving an additional \$750 for their social event.
- The seventh grade gets \$1,000 for their social, and the eighth grade's social budget is redirected to their graduation celebration.
- The PTSO covers various expenses, including supporting clubs, faculty luncheons, and general accounting.
- Mentions the need for Boosterthon to perform well to avoid cutting back on other budget items.

Questions and Answers on School Trips

- One Zoom participant inquired about the trips for seventh and eighth grades, and the PTSO explained the high costs and logistical challenges of overnight trips.

- The decision was to replace overnight trips with day trips to make them more affordable and manageable.
- The seventh and eighth grades will have one fun and one academic day trip, with student input on the locations.
- The exact locations and dates for these trips are still being finalized, and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

Final Remarks and Additional Information

- discuss the importance of including student feedback in planning the trips to ensure they are enjoyable and educational.
- The PTSO will continue to support these events with financial contributions and logistical support.
- Express their support for the new approach to school trips, including student choices.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder about the upcoming sixth-grade social event and the importance of RSVPs.

Questions for the Board to consider

- How can we encourage more parents to join the PTSO and pay the \$25 dues?
- How can we ensure the Vikingthon fundraiser is a success and meets the \$15,000 goal?