Zoom PTO meeting May 20, 2020 @7PM

7:00PM Approval of the minutes of Eva and 2nd by Kellie O’Connell Langs

Joanne's Update

* Thank you to the board for ongoing support and during last distribution on and the t-shirts, the kids loved them! The staff was thrilled about our baskets, and new staff has commented on what a great community NFS is.
* Construction crews came in on Monday. Priorities are safety, space and air quality. New duct work will create good airflow.
* We are close to end of year, encourage kids to keep on working.
* 1st week of June, school wide spirit week. Please post pictures of your kids participating. June 4th a parade leaving NFS at 9:30 and each staff member has “adopted” a 5th grader. The route will be in the newsletter next week. 5th grade moving up day will be later in the day. Still working on details. Friday will be a half day.
* Open for questions, all responses are from Joanne. 1) Eva Marino asked about next year? It is uncertain and waiting for guidelines. A committee has been created and they are working on different possibilities. It will be a Portsmouth plan, not just a NFS plan. 2) Whitney Westhelle asked if parents are on this board? Not yet, but there will be. Whitney also wanted to know if the kids will stay with their same teachers moving forward, knowing that the connections with them are so important. 3) Anna Howard asked if any cases of covid-19 at NFS? No staff, a possible case through family members, but not that we know for sure. 4) Dana Filoti asked about when the kids will return to school and what are some of the changes, class sizes? There are different scenarios. If kids return to school, we will need to social distance, recess would look different, lunches, how we walk through the hallway. Another scenario what if we need smaller class sizes we would have to shift to desk vs. tables, shifts, but we can’t hire new teachers or staff to support these things. We will follow the CDC guidelines. Judith Clark added there could be split sessions which could be concerns for many working parents. Kelly Cioe, offered to be on that committee mentioned earlier. 5) Josh Cyr,

brought up what PTO can help with for next year? Joanne said sometime in July, she can assess what is needed for library books, Chromebooks (the state will give some money to help) and Fundations materials. 6) Breegan Johnson asked when is the material returns date? Tuesday the 9th of June. Joanne also mentioned the teachers will meet to discuss curriculum Monday the 8th. 7) Cathy Cosgrove asked if there will be reports cards? There is too much of an uneven playing field, reports cards will not be coming out. The beginning of next year, we assess and identify interventions. Let’s help clarify that all kids are moving on to the next grade. )L Lewis was curious if there will be any narratives for the 5th graders going to 6th? There will be no narratives, but there will be communication between the teachers. 10) Whitney Westhelle, wanted to know who the third second grade teacher will be, Joanne doesn’t know yet, but she did talk about the distribution of grades. There will be 3 kindergarten classes, 3-1st, 3-2nd, 2-3rd, 3-4th and 2-5th grades.

* Joanne said if you think of any other questions, please email her that will be the best and fastest way to communicate.

7;40PM Board Member Vote, In the by-laws, we are supposed to vote in June, but this seemed like the best time/meeting. On the record, Josh wants a motion to amend the rules. Kellie O’Connell Langs made the motion and Kelly Cioe 2nd. All voted in favor.

Josh acknowledged all that Lindsay and Judith did while on the board for PTO! And Lindsay acknowledged Joshua as well.

Proposed Board for 2020/2021:

* President: Jennifer Yager
* Vice President:  Eva Marino
* Treasurer:  Anna Howard
* Assistant Treasurer:  Shasta O’Connell
* Social Media:  Katie Dubois
* Volunteer Coordinator:  Kellie O'Connell Langs
* Secretary: Rhonda Young

A motion to approve proposed board members Kelly Cioe and 2nd by Judith Clark and all voted in favor. Roles will start in August at the budget meeting.

7:47-Budget / Financial Update Lindsay Beardsley see attached financial report. Things are good from a financial standpoint. We currently have $33,331.11 in PTO checking account.

7:52-Cathy Cosgrove made motion to give the board flexibility to spend up to $1,000 on scholarships. Eva Marino 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion was approved.

 A Motion to Adjourn by Rhonda Young and 2nd by Kellie O’Connell Langs.