**NFS PTO**

**Board meeting at Kelly’s**

**October 25, 2016**

Stephanie, David, Smitha, Kelly, & Joanne

**The January PTO meeting**

* January meeting: David met with David Chapnick and Cathy Cosgrove. Steph and David met with Joanne as well.
* We have a lot of extra money in our budget.
* The issues are we are very good at forecasting revenue coming in and we haven’t spent everything the past couple of years.
* We want to get ideas from parents. We are not going to spend all of the money and no decision will be made that night.
* For the meeting, introduce the idea of a committee to work with PTO and NFS faculty to figure out what the faculty needs. Committee would meet 4x per year. Perhaps having this committee be a part of the existing School Wide Committee?
* Three areas to explore, capital items, supplies (expendable things), enrichment (programs, field trips). What enrichment programs are funded by grants that we can support now that grant runs out?
* What can we do to enrich our kids’ experience?
* 1 out of 3 kids don’t have the experiences that other kids do, for example going to Boston, the Freedom Trail, Paul Revere. Enrichment opportunities are great for our kids.
* Brainstorm in the categories during the meeting and then share out.
* PTO liaisons should send an email to make sure they come to the PTO meeting. Kelly to post on Facebook as well. Kelly to send Becky an email as well to forward out to liaisons.
* Joanne to send staff ides to David for Friday as well.

**February PTO Meeting**

* Joanne wants a new Special Ed Case Manager.
* Budget is being set
* We need to advocate for some things to keep and a wish list.
* How parents can provide constructive input to the School Board and District.

**Angie Manning-Welch** submitted a grant application, to buy a 10 Mobi games (math). Approved.

**Sara Zoe Patterson** has requested an increase in funds in future years - can we do something now? $300 to $500 for library allotment as well as computer lab. Approved to give an additional $200 this year.

**Topic for March meeting - Project Safety/**

* Steph to email Heather about what presentation would be, perhaps better for 5th grade parents, as it is a middle school program.

**Lawn Fete donations need to be sent out.**

* Smitha to write checks for: NFSPTO will be sending donations to the NHSPCA ($100), Water For South Sudan ($75), and Kids Five and Over ($50).

**Lawn Fete 2017**

* Need a new head coordinator.
* Connect with high school early to get some to volunteer, sports teams, etc.

**Bring Someone New to the PTO-March**

**What is going on with PEP?**

After-school enrichment program. At NFS it is a money loser, doesn’t generate funds. It was going to be rolled into MC3, but that just added a layer of complication. It is right after school, 2:45 to 4 p.m. Person oversees finding the different courses and workshops for kids. Requires someone to be onsite as well. Sometimes the instructors get delayed. People are interested.

**Web site updates**

* PTO grants, list out, Smith to send email
* Add a feature, here’s what’s been happening
* Kelly to connect with Heather on new ides.

**Look forward:**

* Pasta Dinner, need help
* Summer Camp Expo, Jan. 29 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
* Staff Lunch, Jan. 25, need help
* Feb. 14 Kisses
* February 21 Lynn Lyons speaks on anxiety and kids, strategies to interrupt the worry cycle
* Movie night
* Approve Nov. and Dec. minutes, Kelly to print both out.

**Joanne’s update:**

* Title 1 Distinguished School tied to student achievement
* Kindergarten registration date has been set
* Update on PEP, what it is, what the job entails