



Tuesday, March 14th PTO General Meeting

6:30 - 6:35 Welcome, Call to Order, Approval of January Meeting Minutes
Approved the meeting minutes from January.

6:35 - 6:50 Mrs. Simons Updates

- Wrapping on the second trimester and assessments. Drive the instruction for the rest of the year. Working report cards. Always an open door policy if you want to come in and talk. Teams have gone off site to plan. Some teacher grants have been approved to help with the planning.
- March is music in the school's month. She has had some visiting performers.
- International pi day.
- Math committee- planning a family math night April 11 (Tuesday). It will carry into the next day, which is an early release.
- Wednesday April 12- Karen Marceau the 2nd and 3rd graders in Stone Soup. Parent presentation during that day. She will video tape for those who can't attend.
- April- We need Track coaches. Roxanne Seracchia is running the entire program. We need a NFS coach. Hoping for a staff member and volunteers for meets.
- Field trips- 5th grade going to Gundalow. 4th grade is going to the Science Center.
- The last day of school is Friday the 16th. Early release.

6:50 - 7:00 Budget Report: Kristen Crimmins

- Parent Donations \$5700
- Casino \$4500
- Raffles \$4100
- Catalog Sale \$ 3300
- Skating Nights \$1664
- Restaurant Nights \$1400
- Halloween Party \$1350
- We have brought in \$35,000
- We are hoping the auction brings in \$6500
- We have 4 more Casino nights for this fiscal year



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Expenses:

E-School \$10,000
Promethean boards \$7200
Swing Set reminder \$4200
Field Trips \$3000 (last year)
Author in residence \$1500
Teacher Grants \$1279

Large Expenses:

Scholarships \$500 (X2)
Field Trips
End of year activities
Teacher appreciation

We want teachers to ask for the grants.

We are at \$40,000 for our checking account balance.

We don't want to sit on money, but we want a healthy balance to maintain the ability to fund field trips, teacher grants etc. We are also working on moving our focus from making money on events versus community building activities. We have dropped prices on clothing sales, etc. We are working on a plan to get all students a free NFS t-shirt at the end of the year.

Thoughts for next year:

Increasing grants funds
New Franklin Sports Teams line item
Increasing E-school donations
Free t-shirts to upcoming Kindergarteners
More scholarship money
More field trips

7:00 - 7:05 T-Shirt Contest Update and Funding Vote

- We had a budget item to make \$500 for the t-shirt contest t-shirts.
- We want to shift to purchasing the t-shirts for the kids and staff. 260 students and 70 staff- they could get us t-shirts for \$6.00 per shirt- it would be a little over \$2,000 for the shirts.



We budgeted \$1,000 for clothing and made \$1800.00. Could we consider using the spirit wear profits and other fundraisers to buy shirts for all students and teachers.

- Question- will there be additional items for other family members?- It is the t-shirt with all the kids' names on it. People could purchase additional t-shirts.
- Make a motion to purchase the t-shirt contest at a little over \$2,000 and we will not make the \$500 that was expected to make for the t-shirt contest. Anna 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

7:05 - 7:15 Upcoming & Ongoing Events

- Italian Dinner Night- We are at 170 orders for pasta night. Wednesday the 15th is the cut off. The costumes are ordered. It is next Thursday the 23rd. We will see how the to-go format goes. The parents and the kids are cooking the pasta. One family offered to sponsor another family- so Christy worked it out to Joann and Joann will deliver. Pick up 5:30-6:30. Still organizing how the pick-up will go.
- Auction- Begins April 3- Fundraising target \$6500. We have \$10,000 in donations. We will be doing a lot of social media and giving thanks to NFS families that have donated. There is a lot of variety in the donations. Live for 2 weeks. This is a ton of work reaching out to all the families.
- Spring Flowers- We will be able to have deliveries the week before mother's day.
- Talent Show- May 16th NFS talent show at PHS. We want kids to start brewing ideas and practicing. For auditions, they need to know that there is a plan. Mrs. Marseau will do a staff show. There is a stage manager- Kindergarten parent. Anna and Sasha will MC. They need a music/sound tech volunteer. They need helpers on the dates of rehearsals and auditions. Can we give support to get volunteers? Sign up Genius? Could there be a donation for carnation for the performers? Find a way to make the kids feel appreciated. All the acts have to be a minute and a half. The songs need to be edited- that is why they need help with sound tech. Maybe we can do food? We can ask Joe Denuzzio for sound tech.
- Spring Clean Up- No date yet. End of April/early may. We need to work with Kim Kumph to get a date. Keep on radar.



- Lawn Fete- Shasta- coordinating- three parents are organizing information about the basket raffle. Get the basket raffle information out before April break. The baskets can be on display ahead of time. Secure a dunk tank. Thoughts about inflatables? Obstacle course? We need to consider the outlet situation. We may need generators. We can see if we can get a good price for more than one inflatable. We are only sending tickets for the dunk tank. We want the Lawn Fete to be in the front only. Should we move the Lawn Fete to the back- for the parking lot? It was too spread out last year.
 - Who should go in the dunk tank- Mayor, superintendent, Mr. Lundrum?
Matt is in the dunk tank! Assist Mayor Jo Kelley.
- Ice Cream Social- Last week of school and end of year celebration. All ice cream is donated from Beach Plum. We will solicit topping donations. Tuesday June 13th.

7:15 - 7:25 Teacher Appreciation Planning- We will connect with Joann more about teacher planning. We have a dedicated week. We spread it through the month. We did something special each week and a teacher luncheon. It depends upon the volunteer. Do something with flowers that month. The gift card raffle is great- from parent donations.

7:25 - 7:30 2023-2024 Board Members- We need board members for next year. We will need a new vice president. It is very rewarding. We are happy to talk to anyone who is interested. We need to send a notice to members about the open position. We will vote for the May meeting.