



NFS PTO Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

**Welcome, Approval of February's PTO Minutes**

- Approved

**Financials (Dave)**

- Donations for eSchool: Boyton Waldron \$1,500
- \$318 for Valentine's Day Kisses and Lightning Bolts, could we go back to paper going home some don't have a printer at home
- \$125 in Spirit Wear
- Renewed the movie license for a year \$425

**Upcoming events:**

- Pasta dinner update, Wednesday, March 28, 6:00-8 p.m., Mo & Julie Machado, Heather Pettis, Christie Grecko; send home the sheet for student volunteers and for what grades bring for donations (target \$1,100 for fundraising)
- Healthy Try it, April 4, Jessica O'Connell, dietician from Hannaford will be joining to help
- Ice Cream Social, April 19, 6:30-8 p.m., Lili & Mike Wierbonics (target \$550 fundraising)
- Staff Appreciation, May 7-11, Cathy Cosgrove, would like another co-chair
- Talent Show, Friday, May 11, 6 p.m., Sarah Gatchell
- Wallace Sands Half, May 20, 7 a.m. Sergio Bonilla
- Spring Movie Night, Friday, June 1
- Lawn Fete, Thursday, June 14 4-7 p.m., Breegan Johnson: coverage for committees is all set, big ask is for games and activities (Jenny Chapnick is willing if we have 4-5 more people, Tara Kennedy will be there to help set up, some games need 2 volunteers), need new games made as well, also looking for a day-of coordinator, that has a master list of volunteers, water to volunteers, etc. (target \$5,500 for fundraising)

**Outdoor Classroom (David Chapnick)**

- Timberland has awarded us a \$2,500 grant for the construction of an outdoor classroom and 50+ people to help us build it.
- Donated: Scott McDermott, time on architecture and design of the outdoor classroom (future NFS dad), specialize in landscapes.
- Outback by the tree and rocks (by sledding hill), close to the school, some playscape areas, natural blockage features
- Date is May 11th
- Raw logs from Lang Woods, Lang's Landscape supply has given us access to supplies

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- Still planning on going for a grant from Home Depot, \$5,000, David has a materials list together for this
- Still need to work out how time will be allotted on the day of volunteerism
- If we can get lunch donated that would be great or it comes out of the \$2,500 donated to us
- Teachers provided input on the draft plans that we have now, next step is to show them the plans and say, does this work?

### **Outdoor PTO Shed**

- Reeds Ferry has offered a 15% discount, formal submission in April to the board to approve funds. Looking at about \$2,500.
- Educational opportunity for students, building process, etc.

### **Principal's Report-Joanne Simons**

- Last day of school as of now, June 20
- Celebrating Music in our Schools month, lots of activities planned for Wednesdays throughout the month
- The district has been looking at safety measures at the building, we had a Homeland Security audit and we had some recommendations, we are writing a grant for some security items like a security camera, looking at windows and shades, locks on doors, etc.
- Police department now has a lock box outside the school, keys to the building, Fire Department has had one for awhile
- ALICE Training is happening, still working out details, still trying to navigate
- Suggested to have a parent meeting on school safety updates, need some more ducks in a row before we do that
- Police detail at Woodbury Ave. There was a car accident with a couple of kids; we need to attend the police commission meeting, get the Portsmouth Herald there as well, next meeting is March 27 at 5:30 at City Hall

### **eSchool Update**

- Ecology School of Saco, 2 nights, 3 day experience
- Funding overview and update: more than \$4,000 from parent donations to date, \$4,250 committed by corporations (\$1500 Boyton Waldron, \$1500 Piscataqua Bank, \$1000 Newburyport Five Cent Savings, \$250 Ambit)
- Student fundraisers: March 23 from 6-8:30 p.m. Babysitting, April 11 Margaritas Night, April 14 Babysitting morning from 9-11:30 a.m.
- Moving forward, we may want to fundraise ahead for each class, need to discuss this summer in further detail; perhaps move eSchool funds to its own account in order to fundraise for it separately, PTO commits \$x amount

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