



NFS PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

Approval of March's PTO Minutes, Shed Purchase Vote

- March's minutes, all approved
- PTO Shed: Research was done, but Board recommends Reeds Ferry, shed would be \$3,000 and \$200 for site prep; all approved

Growth Mindset

- Year 2 of project to bring Growth Mindset to NFS
- Flex is their mascot, plan is to have a banner in front lobby, space to post student celebrations
- Parent survey, 90 returned
- What is Growth Mindset? You are not born with a Fixed Mindset, you can learn things through challenges, failure is an opportunity to grow, try new things.
- Growth Mindset Stances: Optimism, I can try, give it your best shot; persistence; flexibility; resilience, bouncing back; empathy, putting yourself in someone else's shoes.
- Why Growth mindset? Connection between success and growth mindset is huge. Helplessness, avoid task, angry; provide the tools for students to overcome.
- Started off with reading a book on growth mindset, shared with staff, targeted individual students that were struggling, set goals for them and gave them tools; classrooms have lesson plans, songs; school-wide assemblies, hearing the same language everywhere; and now to families
- How parents instill growth mindset? Recognize your own, learn from failure, recognize process, model the behavior.
- Mindful of what your kids are seeing from you, share your experiences, have them see you struggle, it's okay.
- Overcoming failures = building resilience: how often do we stand back and let our kids have a small failure, let kids fail, step back, re-strategize, try again
- We tend to promote perfection: winning, AP classes. Kids need to fail.
- Mistakes are proof that you are trying. Kids learn best from models. If you are making a mistake or something is difficult for you, show them.
- Don't praise intelligence or abilities, Praise the process and effort. Praise kids when they work hard, hard work leads to success.
- You must have really worked hard. You really studied and your improvement shows it.
- PTO Grant: Bought about 40 books, bags, bin, each book has some lessons.
- Tom Holbrook recommends the *Self-Driven Child*.
- *A Growth Mindset for Learning*, is the book the teachers read.
- List of books they bought will be sent out.

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Financials (Dave)

- March: Corporate donations: eSchool donations \$4,250. Heinemann donated \$500 for our Library Book donation.
- Fundraising, Pasta Dinner came in around \$1,220 + Heather has another \$400 in checks
- Parent donations met target of \$2,500.
- Yankee Candle was \$800 for just paper orders for NFS
- eSchool Update: Corporate donations \$4,250, parent tuition \$4,700, Dance Party for 5th graders have raised \$1,700 to date, Parents Night Out raised \$360, Slime Sisters raised over \$100; parents were asked to donate \$80, partial or need assistance; form went home with supplies that will be needed; for families that do not have items we'll buy those supplies for kids

Upcoming events:

- Margaritas Restaurant Benefit Night, April 11
- Parents' Morning Out, CANCELED
- Ice Cream Social, April 19, 6:30-8 p.m., Lili & Mike Wierbonics, 5th graders will be selling their crafts at the ice cream social, can we get sorbet as well, donated items should be dropped off by March 16
- Talent Show, Friday, May 11, 6 p.m., Sarah Gatchell; need bake sale items, auditions are the week before vacation
- Wallace Sands Half, May 20, 7 a.m. Sergio Bonilla, costumes
- Spring Movie Night, Friday, June 1
- Lawn Fete, Thursday, June 14, Breegan Johnson; is there a 4th grade parent that wants to help 4th graders set up a table to sell things and raise money towards their eSchool?
- 5th grade breakfast is looking to be June 20

NFS PTO Open Board Positions, contact David Loehwing to discuss what each entails

- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Treasurer
- Vice President
- President

Outdoor Classroom (David Chapnick)

- Outdoor Classroom: shared the plan with teachers, made some tweaks.
- Timberland Volunteer date is **May 11**, 50-60 people
- **May 5** will be a parent volunteer to prep for Timberland day, followed by a Chapnick BBQ
- We need a bunch of stuff: Lang's has donated trees and lots of stuff. If you have small pine trees, outdoor quality paint, pallets, Bobcat, logs, any fill from additions or things like that, donated food for lunch (any money they don't spend on lunch is money for us); Jess and Scott McDermot are our landscapers from McDermot Landscapes; talk to David if you can help out.

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Principal's Report-Joanne Simons

- With Lawn Fete, parking will be an issue. Maybe encourage biking and walking extra tickets to bounce house
- State testing is starting for 3-5th graders: SAS (State Assessment) Our kids rock these tests, teachers prep them very well, letter went home to 3-5 parents with schedule; Starts Monday, April 9-May 9
- Class configurations are being worked on, will be able to share out in May

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