

NFSPTO Minutes – Jan. 7, 2020

7:05 – Call to order

7:10 motion to accept minutes – minutes

Joanne – Updates

Good beginning to the return to school.

The 2 days back was a nice warm up. The kids were tired on Thursday, but then Monday was a good day – kids were ready to go.

Review of school-wide and classroom expectations.

Community is the emphasis – kids are getting kudos for their good behaviors.

Ms. Newman was sick before vacation and then got the flu – today was her first day back. The kids did a really nice job and helped all the subs. They all made the wall of awesomeness.

District calendar clarification – Jan. 24 (was Jan. 22 before snow days) – only no school for the H.S. – all the other schools have school on that day.

Labor Day is late in 2020. The school calendar goes to the board in February and will likely be approved in March.

Feb. 11 is primary day – NO SCHOOL for kids.

Feb. 12 is now a FULL Day – no ½ day in February.

Graduation dates etc... and any movement on end of school or beginning of school dates is yet TBD.

May 27-June 5 – Gary the Clown. The circus is on June 5 – 5th grade parents only.

SASS testing will likely be the first 3 weeks in May. Beginning the Tuesday after vacation for grades 3-5.

In the middle of mid-year DRA testing – right now – will be done again at the end of the year. Some kids may not have it at the mid-year point.

February 13 – Pasta Dinner – We have commitment from Moe and Julie for the kitchen – and Becky and Mallory are all set for front of house. Josh has a few more people to reach out to. Confirming that the date is good for all.

Jan. 16 - Roasted chickpeas is the next healthy try-it. They are government subsidized, so that helps with cost. Tara will need 2 people for each lunch.

Jan. 16 – 8 AM – Coffee with the principal – it is a nice venue.

Weekly fresh-fruit seems to be going well. Jen Y. has been doing it – a certain amount of money per classroom per week – we give them the fruit and see how long it lasts. We are looking for feedback from the teachers to see how it's going. The kids seem to like the fruit so

far – we have brought clementines, cherry tomatoes, and carrots. Teachers are allowing all the kids access to the fruit. The goal is to get fresh food to as many kids as we can as often as we can – especially for those who can't normally access it.

Spirit Wear – Lindsay and Eva went into Black Sheep in Dec. – we have mock-ups but paused because of the holidays. Still deciding how to do the order – preorder or inventory or a combination thereof. We will make a decision and move forward after the next board meeting. Perhaps do a spirit wear drive in February –
“Show your Love for New Franklin”

We will push to get some samples/unsized items for the Pasta Dinner – and perhaps samples. We have a board meeting upcoming and see what we can put together before Pasta Dinner.

Mabels Labels – is now an ongoing fundraiser. They are sending us new promotional materials.

Lost and Found – is overflowing – people need to check it!

February 11 – Bake Sale – we will add more to the crock pot sign-ups – we need lunch bags or plastic bags for takeout. Lindsay will head up the bake sale.

**We also need plastic bags and paper bags, spoons to help people carry out.

Financials – Lindsay – cash raffle – 1st prize winner donated \$500 back. Total profit was \$3,000. We made budget on the directory – still owe about \$300 – Josh will then pick them up. We are about 1/2 way to budget with parent donations.

We have an expected \$2,000 + \$750 for corporate donations.

Made \$840 on original art – budget was \$500

Fall fundraiser didn't go as well. Charleston Wraps made \$529 – just about \$1,000 short. Josh is into the whole personal wrapping paper thing – it's a really cool idea.

We have spent about \$726 on teacher grants of \$2,000

Teacher Grants – there may be more coming

Science Tellers was a big hit - \$700 on artist in residence

Questions – Dip Jar – hasn't been great yet, but was competition with cash raffle. Will use it again at Bake Sale and Spaghetti Dinner.

Parent Night Out – Jen said we would like to have one – no pressure – but in the winter time – it would be a KID FREE event.

Maybe could be a 5th grade babysitting night.

We may try an RSVP – just to get an idea of how many people are interested to help determine the size of the venue.

Mrs. Serrecchia's husband is working with Erin Lane to help plan a parent's night at the Brickhouse – “Cocktails for a Cause” – to help with E-School.

Restaurant Night – do we want to do Bowl-a-Rama again? If we sell tickets ahead of time it is a 50% donation. Chipotle gives 33% - and it can also be takeout. The owner of the Goat has also reached out – he would like to make a connection with the school. Margarita's, etc... Eva will look into some options. The middle school did well at the hibachi place.

Discussion of e-school fundraising – Eva asked, “Why can’t we just make it part of the PTO budget?” It would have to be part of the budget discussion in August. Discussion of educating parents of younger kids as well and also sustainability of funding. Regardless of whether it remains a separate item or becomes part of the PTO budget, there would need to be designated fundraisers. Dondero has Dondero idol. LHS has a different model. Parents will be asked to contribute \$90 each. The rest of the money would have to come from different sources. There was a discussion of an installment plan as an option.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15