

NFS PTO

Board meeting at Kelly's

February 23, 2017

Stephanie, David, Smitha, Becky, Joanne, and Kelly

Extra Funding Committee

- Filtered all of the suggestions
- Goal at tonight's meeting is to refine the list, bring the criteria, and share it all out to parents, teachers, etc. March 13, NFS School-wide Committee meeting.
- More veteran parents have a bit of anxiety over the extra funds, but like that the process is methodical
- April we will have a final paired down list, David Chapnick has an Excel sheet with everything, putting into a presentable
- 140 ideas, categorized, synthesized them, got additional information, committee makes decision of
- Criteria from Clipper Foundation, survey feedback, etc.
- Share out minutes
- Have heard a lot of transparency
- We feel that parents should know that maybe their idea is more appropriate for School Board or NFS budget
- Post entire list of ideas onto the web site.

How are we doing?

- We didn't talk about PTO Teacher Grants at the meetings last year
- Transparency is very important
- Why are you meeting as a board before the meeting? Last year they met at 6 p.m. before the meeting. Bylaws require us to meet before the meeting.
- We don't need to be reminded to come to the meeting
- People are a bit sensitive
- Smitha's idea to post our Board Meeting minutes to the web site
- Send survey to capture feedback as we prepare for 2017/2018
- We have had great attendance this year
- Dondero tried this type of set up, Board met week before followed by PTO Meeting
- Elementary schools had a presentation in front of the school board, it was based on our NFS PTO February meeting,
- We have had new people at every meeting

March Meeting Agenda

- Funding Committee Update, here is what we we'll be sharing out
- Get to know your PTO; here are your by-laws, etc.
- Positions that will be open come June.
- What we do at our PTO Board Meeting
- Bring a friend
- Becky to send a Class Liaison email for everyone to send out
- Target check
- Looking ahead for board: new co-Asst. Treasurer vote in March; new VP and Asst. Treasurer vote in June

Teacher Grants

- Kelly to scan and post applications online
- \$1,413 out of \$1,500 for budget to date
- Three K teachers are asking for new materials for their science projects, \$188. Joanne has money still; money for their science units is something she can pay for.
- Criteria that Stephanie circulated. Deadlines don't work with the teachers, but would be nice to compare grants, to evaluate.
- Rolling application process. We have a budget, not first come first serve, but meet criteria and you will get it.
- Uniforms, soccer, basketball. We get to a certain part of the year, can we use these funds to fund more teacher grants. Bylaws, board can move it around if under \$500, PTO has to approve if over
- Joanne to share that we are out of funds for teacher grants, but please keep sending applications, we may have funds to reallocate. We want to still know the teacher's ideas.

Target Check

- Joanne applied for it and the check is made out for \$700 to NFS, not the PTO
- Money is applied to field trips
- PTO to take line item out of our budget, NFS will apply it to field trips
- Doesn't make sense for PTO to deposit to just give it back to NFS

Nurse Barbara has a fund of \$250. Stephanie is buying some sweatpants. We will encourage her to buy some snacks as well.

Topics for remainder of the PTO meetings

- April - family gardening and NFS garden, what would you like to see?
- May - May likely will be vote on how to spend surplus
- June - summer reading & math, PTO Board voting, topics for next year

Math enrichment: will the STEAM Museum or something else happen this year? May not due to available dates.

Will there

Be any money left over we can move (under \$500) or propose gets moved (over \$500) somewhere else?

Artist in Residence: are there funds left? Spent \$600 on Greg Trine, author; \$300 on Lynn Lyons; and we approved \$250 additional funds for Gary

Field trips: We budgeted \$10,000. We will hit it according to Joanne. The expensive trips are coming up and we have E-School.

- Fifth and K grades get more money allocated. Can we make it more equal?
- Let's say the PTO is open to an additional field trip if you have something you would like to propose that ties into your curriculum. Let us know before the end of year so we can consider in our budget process.

Do we need to buy a new popcorn machine and freezer?

- Popcorn machine is \$600 and Christy is looking into freezer costs

Do we have funding for the fence for the NFS garden? Connect with Sara

Clipper Foundation has proposed a speaker series in collaboration with all schools; would like \$50 from us to show film Screenagers in spring (aimed at grades 5-8); would like around \$300 from us to bring author of Becoming Brilliant (about the importance of free play; aimed at grades K-3) in fall. Yes on the \$50 for Screenagers, approved.

Art fundraiser, Jenny Chapnick on it

- Teachers are on board. Will happen in classrooms or in library. Will be ready to go for Mother's Day
- Original Works is the company

How are we doing on fundraisers/events for rest of year?

- Fruits & veggies (first Friday of every month except March will be 2nd Friday)
- Ice cream social, March 23
- Movie night, April
- Wizards
- Staff appreciation (also, when do we do office administrator, nurse, & custodians?)
- Talent show, Beck to talk to Sara for a date in May
- Water stop, Heather
- Lawn Fete, Celeste download
- Fifth grade breakfast, need 4th grade parents
- Newsletter
- Student art fundraiser
- Yankee Candle, catalogs March 7
- Spiritwear, Becky to talk to Tara
- Cash raffle, link to Ice Cream Social
- Mojo Fundraiser end of March, Becky