

December 2015 PTO Meeting Minutes

AUDIENCE: 4 parents, 4 PTO officers and Principal Joanne Simons

Officers present:

President: Tara Kennedy VP: Elizabeth Cross Secretary: Gloria Manchego

Treasurer: Diana Frye

Secretary's Report: Approval of November Minutes: approved by audience majority and seconded by Heather Pettis and Elizabeth Cross.

President's Report:

-Ongoing Volunteer opportunities

-Worried about 3 board members will leave next year. Offered to make a step by step guide for each fundraising activity to facilitate work of next parent in charge

-PTOs from the 3 elementary schools will meet next week to organize a fundraising activity together called "bring the wizards"

Principal's Report:

-Holiday Concerts: Karen Smith is making an amazing job. December 15th: K-2 Holiday Concert at 6:30 PM,

December 16th: 4thGrade Recorder/5thGrade Band Concert at 1:45 PM

December 16th: All City 5th Grade Band Concert at 7:00 PM at Portsmouth High School

-New York visitors: 5 principals and 5 teachers from NY schools were hosted today at NFS. They were interested to learn about PLC (Professional Learning Communities) at NFS.

-District School Grant: The Portsmouth School of Nutrition Department received a 2-year grant, \$100K grant. It will be mainly used to implement a garden for school lunch meals.

-Report Cards will be sent home on 12/16

-Holiday Giving: Staff is collecting names to donate gift cards and baskets. Looking for help to donate, contribute and support.

30 Day Review:

-Coupon Books: A total income of \$2125 for NFS

-Halloween dance: It generated \$349. It was suggested not to use a theme next time to attract more people.

-Movie Night: Income of \$470. About 80-100 people attended the event.

-Seacoast Half Marathon: Light on volunteers due to cold and windy weather.

-Margaritas Night: Income of \$330. Easy to organize and will do it again.

-Dad's Dynamite Pie: Income of \$453.

Treasurer's Report:

-The November income and expense PTO report was reviewed and discussed. School Directory generated \$670, Fairy House \$3000 plus, etc.

-Cash Boxes: Jenny has done a great job organizing the 4 cash boxes. Leave \$75 in the cash boxes after running an event.

-PTO contributed \$100 to the soccer team party

60 Day Look Forward:

-Spiritwear: Tara and Heather will be putting in new order in 2016.

-School Directory: waiting for few pictures and ready to go.

-Holiday Toy Swap: An optional activity. It was not done last year. People bring toys in good condition and others take it. Audience voted not to do it.

-Spaghetti Dinner: Heather volunteered to organize it. Companies donate pasta, sauce and meatballs and two dad's chef volunteer to cook. Dinner date will depend on their schedule. Help needed to get donations from companies.

-Holiday Concert Raffle: to win a front seat for the holiday concert on the 15th. Tickets are \$1 or six tickets for \$5.

-January Special Presentation: Joy Testa-Cutting will talk about Open Circle to parents on Jan 6th at 6pm.