

PTO Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2015

Officers Present: President: Tara Kennedy VP: Elizabeth Cross, Treasurer: Jessica Patten, Secretary: Meghan Wyman, Volunteer Coordinator: Ruthie Sperio, Principal: George Shea

Pre-Meeting – Portsmouth Transportation Engineer – Eric Eby

Sent questions ahead of time from the Survey Monkey – New to the job as of December 2014 - requests for proposals for Woodbury Ave. was one of his first tasks – will have a public hearing as soon as they are able to kick off the project. Aware of need to observe what is happening while school is still in session. Bridge projects will still not be happening (Stark St. will be the 1st bridge of the two) as funding is not yet available. Have asked the NH DOT for a plan in place to help access the school for buses and staff and parents. Making us aware of Safe Routes to School and proposals available there...making a one way in, one way out route for NFS. DOT did look at having signals – having signals at the 2 ramps. The last time the study was done the intersection did not warrant a traffic light. They would like to re-do the study to see what has changed.

Police officers – some questions as to if this is even a possibility – some people have been told it is too dangerous to put a police officer out there...

Can we look at making the Stark Street Bridge a 2 lane bridge? Can we take out 1 of the 2 sidewalks and be able to make the road wider to create the 2nd lane?

There will be a public hearing when this study will be going on...

Secretary’s Report – Tara Kennedy

Minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

President’s Report – Tara Kennedy

Elections- did have a person volunteer to be secretary. Still looking for an assistant treasurer...please let us know if you are interested?

Wellness Committee- meetings are twice a year -

Principal’s Report – George Shea

Science Day – May 28th – student designed investigations have been done at grade levels and collected information. Will be a present / defend type of situation. Morning kick off with Mad Science – Up, up and away! This will be a whole school assembly.

Gary the Clown – each class will see him twice and 5th grade will see him a little bit more. Final circus will be May 21st at 9:15am. Wondering if we can get him some supplemental money – like \$200 more to add onto his stipend for the time he is here.

PTO Scholarship Applications - \$500 scholarship to a college freshman that is a NFS alumni. We have 5 applications to review and make a recommendation. Looking for this by end of next week.

Teacher Appreciation – A HUGE thank you to all involved in the teacher appreciation festivities! The teachers really love the new staff room!

Principal Search – some questions were asked and answered in general terms about the principal search committee.

30 Day Review – Tara Kennedy

PEP – looking for someone else to help run the PEP program.

Ice Cream Social – went very well. Great turnout and wonderful donations...just around \$500 in donations.

Staff Appreciation – see above.

Maple Syrup Project – 1st round is in Mr. Fleicher’s room! All done...bottles need to be cleaned up and labeled. 8.5 oz and 12 oz bottles this year.

Prof Admin / Nurses Day – flowers were delivered! Both Mrs. Lister and Nurse Barbara sent thank you notes...

Treasurer’s Report: Jess Patten

Budget Review – shared and discussed.

60 Day Look Forward: Elizabeth Cross

Wallace Sands Water Stop – Mile 2.2 – first water stop by Rye Harbor. People will need to be there by 7:30 to help set up. Need lots of people to help. Superhero theme! We will bring sidewalk chalk to decorate the street!

Lawn Fete – Raffle baskets – information will go out in packets tomorrow/Friday. Will also be a silent auction with some great prizes (ex – climbing wall with Mr. Lendrum, Mr. Shea will come cook/deliver dinner for/to your family). Still need person or two to help organize volunteers for the fete...and to make sure to check in with people that night.

Healthy Try-It – May 28th – might be roasted parsnips...from local farms.

Movie Night – Annie! – the “newer” version... Will be 6:00 – will need individually wrapped baked goods, dropped off a little early – food will be moved into the gym near the cafeteria.

Kindergarten Registration - we only have one volunteer so far – please let us know if you can help out! You can sign up on Sign Up Genius.

Spring Book Fair - June 10th & 11th – will be open for the Spring Showcase. Will need some help with pack up on June 12th.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting : June 3, 2015