



**NFS PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 4, 2017 @ 7 p.m.**

**Welcome and Approval of September's PTO Minutes**

- Stephanie Hausman motion to approve, Tom Holbrook second, Approved by all.

**Vote for Breegan Johnson as Board Volunteer Coordinator**

- All raised hands in favor for Breegan Johnson
- Also on the volunteer committee are Jannell Levine, Becky Bernier, and Jenny Chapnick

**Budget Review**

- Not much activity. Income from the directory and spirit wear. An expense was only babysitting from last month's PTO meeting.
- Budget surplus items have all been paid, with the exception of the sound system.
- The shed needs to be replaced this year.

**Principal's Report-Joanne Simons**

- October is a busy month. Field trips have started for little guys, on calendar and weekly email.
- Kindergarten: Halloween Parade is Friday, Oct. 27 at 1:15; we take our kids in a long parade (walk) through the neighborhood, through senior housing. Parents, grandparents, everyone is invited. Please no blood or gore. Any gently worn costumes please bring in as well for kids that might not have a costume.
- PTO Halloween Dance Party Friday night, Oct. 27. (Route: Down Woodbury, Thornton, and back over the bridge)
- First Grade: Professional Learning Communities, look at student data, intervention block. First grade would like to add a family component. Oct. 19 from 5-6 p.m. parents can come in and hear about their own child to support and extend their learning. Oct. 19's meeting will be in Mrs. Lane's room and will focus on helping students learn to read new words. Time will be spent to set child-specific goals and share strategies that help support academic success.
- Nurse Cindy. Healthy Grins, dental check for kids. Talks about taking care of our smile. Makes a connection for kids that don't have access to dental care.
- Operation Kids Site, the Lions Club supports, will take a picture of your kid's eyes and make recommendations if intervention is required. Oct. 12.

**Committee Breakout**

Last year's level of participation were terrific. About 40% of NFS families volunteered last year and about 30% attended a PTO meeting in 2016-2017.

- Corporate Giving: connecting companies with a specific ask that meets their giving requirements; general business donation ask, recurring amount given monthly; offer in return a press release, web site link, newsletter, social media;

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looking for parents that have connections to local businesses. (committee contact: [Kelly Cioe](#))

- Outdoor Classroom/Nature Trail: Some outside space for teachers to go with kids for outdoor learning; need to find a garden architect, coordinate volunteers, there are some Timberland parents and they have built outdoor classrooms for other local communities. (committee contact: [Dave Chapnick](#))
- Volunteer Committee (upcoming events): be more specific on asks; what do I do with my kids; break volunteer time into smaller segments; list of classroom liaisons will hear from volunteer committee on needs; (committee contact: [Breegan Johnson](#))
- NFS Garden Club: How best to communicate out about the garden; anyone who is interested we'd love you to sign up to get our emails; Four Season Fence, need to thank them; how best to keep everyone updated; keep teachers involved to keep kids involved in the garden, classes can adopt activity; we take care of the veggie garden, the circle garden out front, and entryway in back. (committee contact: [Kimberly Kumph](#))
- Wellness: Health Try-its, Fresh Fruits, Walk to School. (committee contact: [Stephanie Hausman](#))
- We need to have a Thank You Committee to coordinate the proper recognition and thanks for all the donations to all our committees. Jen Yager has offered to help write thank you notes for us.

### Upcoming Events

- Close Buy/Genevieve, paper orders due by Oct. 13 and online by Oct. 20
- NFS Directory, looking for a parent to co-chair with Heather Pettis, (graduating parent at the end of school year) and to run next year
- Healthy Try-its: Looking for volunteers during the lunch hours to help serve and cleanup (11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). First one is Oct. 12
- Family Halloween Dance Party: Oct. 27 @ 6 p.m., Halloween harvest decorations. Donated pumpkins, mums, you could take home that same night.
- November PTO Meeting Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.
- Election Day Bake Sale, Nov. 7, sign-up genius will be posted soon
- Seacoast Half Marathon Water Stop: November 12
- Cash Raffle: \$2,500 in prizes, 500 tickets, \$10 each

**Meeting adjourns at 8 p.m. Please join us at STREET directly after for further discussion and friendship.**

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