



NFS PTO Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Board members in attendance: Stephanie Hausman, David Loehwing, Rebecca Bernier, Kelly Cioe, Gloria Manchego, Smitha Shetty,

Nutrition and our children. Welcome presenters.

- Deb Riso (10 min) - school department nutrition director. **Farm Fresh Fridays**, every other Fridays we have something fresh and local on the school menu
- Kate Mitchell (10 min) - head of the Clippers Farm to School program. Try-it Program, each school funds now. Has a Steering Committee meets quarterly (representatives from schools, our is Sara-Zoey and Kim Kumph).
- Tara Kennedy (3 min) - Healthy Try It days. All volunteer, once a month, it has been fruits and vegetables, different item for kids to try. If kids try it they get a sticker. Use local items as much as possible. Built into PTO budget now, \$50/month. Third Thursday of the month. Always looking for help at lunch periods, help with prep.
- Kim Kumph (3 min) - trying to start a new monthly fruit/vegetable program. PTO has agreed to fund a fresh fruits or vegetables into the classrooms for snacks. Talk to Kim if you are interested.
- Sara Zoe Patterson or Kim Kumph (3 min) – NFS greening committee, the new shed, & gardening at NFS. Excited about the NFS garden and new greenhouse shed. A committee exists of about 15 people; hope to have a meeting scheduled before the end of the month. NFS garden needs a fence, if anyone knows anyone that may be able to donate.

Perhaps we can put a line item in PTO or school budget to continue the support of these programs. Could some of the extra funds be used for a fence? Get a list of items needed for the garden out to the PTO.

Sending contact information for everyone out and posting to website.

Review and approval of October Meeting Minutes. David Loehwing motion to approved, second, approved by group.

October in review! Stephanie Hausman

- Three teacher grant applications approved.
- Funds approved for a renowned speaker on childhood anxiety for teachers (workshop) & parents (talk)
- Field trips
- Donations, attendance & volunteering update

Treasurer's report-Gloria Manchego

Short recap of ins and outs for October. Over \$2,000 in parent donations.
Copies of budget on the table

Principal's Report-Joanne Simons

Events coming out will be recapped in weekly newsletter

- Nov. 4 Greg Triny, author coming, funded by PTO
- Nov. 7 picture retake

Free Daycare in the Gymnasium.

Please join us at STREET for post-meeting fun! We will visit a different local restaurant each month to support our local businesses!



- Nov. 8 no school for kids, PTO Bake Sale, Teacher/Parent conferences.
- Nov. 10 Woodwind Quartet Concert
- Nov. 10 Harvest Diner reservations due
- Nov. 11 no school, Veterans day
- Nov. 15 Harvest Dinner
- Nov. 15 City Hall at 7 p.m. (details will be coming out). Start-time conversation with Superintendent and George Shea. Presenting options. Three elementary schools starting at same time, 8:15 a.m. and then Middle and High School. There is conversation about Middle and HS kids riding bus with Elementary. All start at the same time, budget.
- Thanksgiving Break,

A hiccup today, today at 12:25 Marge received a call to bring kids inside, something going on at a hotel down the street. Marge went into Mom-mode, K and 5th were brought into the school. Called by 12:35 that everything was secure. Nothing happened on property, not lock down.

30-day review- Stephanie Hausman and Becky Bernier

- Close Buy/Genevieve's
- Halloween Family Dance Party
- Fairy House cleanup

60-Day Outlook

- November 8: Election Day bake sale (Marie Nelson). Sign-up Genius is looking great. Bring kids to help sell at the bake sale as well. We still have spots for soups/stews/chili. More baked goods would be great as well, individually bagged.
- Directory (Heather Pettis or Tom Holbrook). Seeing soon.
- November 13: Seacoast 1.2 marathon (Heather Pettis). Fun! Sign up! 8 a.m. to 11:45.
- November 15: Margarita's (Heather Pettis). Nov. 15, 20% of bill to NFS PTO.
- Packets (Stephanie Hausman). Thursday mornings.
- December: Holiday concert raffle (Tara Kennedy)
- January: Pasta dinner (Christy Greco)
- January 25: staff luncheon? (Stephanie Hausman)
- January 29: Summer camp expo (Stephanie Hausman). Connie Bean Center to get information to get all the information you need to know about summer camps.
- Any time: Request from Angi-Manning-Welch for a few volunteers to help catalog science materials. Send Joanne Simons an email if you can help out, if you love organizing, cleaning a closet.

**Meeting adjourns at 8 p.m. Please join us at The Kitchen located at 171 Islington Street
Next PTO Meeting, December 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. Our topic will be on child stress and anxiety**

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