



NFS PTO Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 @ 7 p.m.**

Officers Present: President, Stephanie Hausman; Vice President, David Loehwing; Volunteer Coordinator, Rebecca Bernier; Assistant Treasurer, Smitha Shetty; Secretary, Kelly Cioe.

Parents: approximately 26

Review and approval of November and December Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Becky Bernier, second Kelly Cioe, APPROVED by room

Treasurer's report-Gloria Manchego

- Short recap of ins and outs for December, send minutes and budget prior to PTO Meetings in weekly email, post to web site as well
- Recent grants approved. Teachers can apply and ask for various things for the classroom. Last year we didn't give out enough out of the fund, so we have been doing better this year. Will be posting to web site.
- Copies of budget on the table, to be posted on web site.

Principal's Report-Joanne Simons

- Title 1 Distinguished School tied to student achievement, 1 of 54 Title 1 Schools. Student Achievement across the board for more than two years!!! Congratulations!!!
- Kindergarten registration date has been set, May 11 and 12, starting to book, give Marge a call
- Update on PEP, what it is, what the job entails. Looking for a parent or two to step in. We thought it would be absorbed into MC3, but not the case, 101 kids in MC3. PEP piece complicated things a bit. So, need coordinator, 6-week sessions, to bring in activities. Need to be on site. All are paid positions; session leaders are paid as well. We would love to run a late winter or spring session.
- Lunch monitors, some health issues, we are looking for a lunch monitor again. Let Joanne know if you or anyone. We would love to find someone for 2 days a week, 11:30 to 1:15.
- Smarter Balance testing, dates are not set. An online assessment for grades 3,4 and 5, across the country. Looking a mid-April to mid-May.

60-Day Outlook

- Squash Soup at next **Healthy Try-Its**. Jan. 19. Will need people to help serve and clean up. More to come from Tara and Sign-Up Genius.
- **Staff Lunch**, Jan. 25, looking like no snow dates, so need help, staff will be here doing workshops and work. We will buy some Mo's sandwiches; will ask for help with deserts, drinks, etc.

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- **Summer Camp Expo**, Jan. 29 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Connie Bean Center, kids are welcome to come and play in the gymnasium. We might need some
- **Feb. 7 Fundraiser** at the Shanty, any food or beverage that night 15% to PTO.
- Feb. 14 **Kisses**. Kristen. Could we do another candy as well in addition to kisses, a child is lactose intolerant. Maybe Starbursts.
- February 21, Lynn Lyons speaks on anxiety and kids, strategies to interrupt the worry cycle
- **Pasta Dinner**, Feb. 22 from 6-7:30, need help. Make some small tweaks, doing family style, alleviate kids coming in and out of kitchen. Moving into cafeteria and gym, in hopes of accommodating everyone. 4 & 5th graders will serve, will help set each table. Christy Greco is heading it up with others. Look for Sign-Up Genius soon. Recommended to ask the new Tuscan Market on Route 1 for donation.
- **Movie night** is moving to March
- **Fundraiser at Street** coming up. Same as the Shanty, not confirmed yet.
- **The Wizards**. April 2.
- Look way ahead, Lawn Fete. It is a lot of work. So if interested let us know.

Family class challenge (parents/guardians that have volunteered, attended an event, etc. each act counts as a point): the class with the most parental/guardian involvement will get a party of their choosing in their classroom, winner to be announced next month.

PTO Discussion on spending money we have in the bank. Looking at either a capital improvement, supplies (expendable items), or enrichment programs (field trips, programs, etc.) that we can support.

- Overview and parameters. Surplus in our budget, a great job in fundraising. We haven't spent as much money as needed. We want a healthy reserve, but we would like to spend some of that to benefit the school and students.
- Looking for ideas and input.
- We are not going to spend all \$40,000, not spending it tonight; we do want to keep a healthy reserve.
- No decisions will be made tonight
- Moving forward, we want to build a system of accountability for budgets, long term planning is part of it.
- Survey to parents as well for feedback for those not here tonight, feedback from faculty most importantly.
- Over next month or two to research each option, for example van. How much would it cost to maintain, insurance, etc.?
- Looking to have a decision possibly in May.
- How do we decide if it should be PTO spending the money or a district thing? The PTO works closely with the school. We are

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lucky to provide what is needed for most of our needs. There are passion projects that are above and beyond. A behavior specialist would be a district need, not something the PTO would be expected to help cover. The OT room, that would NOT be our job, districts responsibility. Above and beyond would be things like the Drums Alive grant for drums and yoga balls.

- In terms of permanence how should we think about it? More of a capital expenditure. We want the student body to benefit.
- For this activity, let's start throwing out ideas.
- Clipper Foundation.
- Will there be choices for us? Will we narrow it down as part of the process?
- Trying to figure out what is school budget and what is enrichment for the school.
- Can keep in mind more activities and increase that budget year to year, using reserve to help. Make programs happen more frequently.
- Extra Fund Committee volunteers from meeting: Tara, Dave, Jannell, Breegan, Maggie, Dave, Erica, and Dovev.
- **More correspondence will come out shortly, including a list of ideas generated tonight, parents that volunteered to work on a committee to evaluate and recommend how to spend extra PTO funds, and more.**

Meeting adjourns at 8 p.m. Please join us at STREET directly after.

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