



NFS PTO Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7 p.m.**

Review and approval of February Meeting Minutes

PTO Board Meeting and Minutes will be posted to the site as well. Amend to Agenda to Minutes. All approved.

30-Day Look Back (Stephanie)

- Kisses & Lightning Bolts
- Lynn Lyons
- Pasta Dinner, great dinner! Everyone liked the family style, second room helped as well. Kids love being a part of it, took ownership.
- The Shanty, made \$200, it was busy, filled it up
- Lots of nice thank you notes.

Treasurer's report-Gloria Manchego

Any questions about financials? None

Copies of budget on the table

Surplus Funds Committee Update (David)

- Committee formed to help set objectives and criteria to spend the surplus money
- 170+ ideas were submitted
- Criteria: Longevity, closes current gap of offerings, community impact, inclusivity, innovative, teacher support, easy of implementation
- Considerations & Observations: some ideas were not a place for PTO to address, some were meant more for the School District or NFS budget, some ideas depended on more staff, target spending \$15,000-\$20,000, develop system for parents can bring what they are good at and bring it to the school
- Ideas that floated to the top (still being evaluated): Geoboard, brain pop, robotics, sound system for auditorium, garden funds, yoga, Earth Day Fair, iPad/Chromebooks, stand up desks, teacher grant increase, increase in artist in residence budget, nature trail/outdoor classroom, one-time teacher dividend, FastMath Accounts, Kindergarten art supplies for summer, organization for gym, reusable cafeteria trays, sustainability teacher workshops, Sylvan After School Classes
- Next steps, further information on each, share with teachers, more PTO membership input and committee's recommendation at May PTO meeting.
- Ideas will be presented with known costs
- Recommended that we take a vote with an online survey, not just at the meeting.
- With possible federal budget cuts, we need to think about Title 1 and school nutrition programs and the cuts they might see
- Portsmouth Clipper Foundation: what on the idea list might be appropriate for their criteria

Principal's Report-Joanne Simons

- Thank you for the Fruit & Veggie day, excited for juice tomorrow. Kids and teachers are over the moon.
- Fabulous Fridays, Souper Luncheon for the Super Staff. Thank you.
- Drums Alive: OMG! Funded through teacher grant, it is incredible. Sharing with Dondero music teacher. It will be a recurring event every year now.
- March Music in our Schools Month. Thursdays.
- School Nutrition Month: Hannaford Grant, the Food Play. All about nutrition.

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- March 13. Pi Day. Students are asked to recite the number of Pi. Winner will win a pie. (1-5)
- Teacher Workshop Day, March 17. No School. Focus on science; develop performance tasks and assessments tied to that.
- Report cards April 7.
- March 28, 4th grade to Concord State House
- March 28, hosting next School Board meeting. Highlighting around the work we are doing around growth mindset and Drums Alive.
- Last month PTO meeting, School Board was amazed with our PTO and so excited that they were invited.
- March 29. Baby Beluga for Kindergarten.
- March 30. Linda Beal, primary reading specialist, hosting a Kindergarten parent's workshop to support early readers.

60-Day Outlook

- March 9, Fruit & Veggie Program (Kim Kumph)- apple/carrot/lemon juice. **Packets March 9-need help.**
- March 9, Yankee Candle (Kara Jolly)-
- March 16, Health Try-It (Tara Kennedy). Packets on Thursday. Harlem Wizards will be coming to school as well (9:30-12:15 looking for someone to pick up player in Dover and hang, and bring back).
- March 23, Ice Cream Social (Kelly Mee)- volunteers are posted to Sign-up Genius. 6-7 p.m. Classrooms will be asked to provide supplies.
- March 29, Screen Agers (Stephanie), 6:30 at the Middle School. Kids in the digital age, movie followed by a panel discussion
- April 2, Harlem Wizards (Tara), put up volunteer request, in weekly newsletter. Requires a lot of volunteers, we made \$4,000 last year, so it is fun and worth it
- April, Movie Night (Becky Bernier)
- May, Talent Show (Sarah Gatchell)
- May 1-5, Staff Appreciation Week (Cathy Cosgrove)
- June, Lawn Fete, usually the first week in June.

Looking at fundraisers/expense for end of year

We have looked at our budget and expenses to date. What haven't we spent money on yet that is budgeted for?

- Field Trips, will be over the \$10,000, around \$11,000
- Teacher Grants
- Math Enrichment budgeted \$2,500. In past, a program ran called Acers. This year we were looking at the STEAM Museum, but schedule did not work. So not happening. Acers, no one has come forward to run. Teachers are asked to let Joanne know if they are interested by next week. We could look at Sylvan or something like that (Breegan looking into it).
- Nurse Barbara. Stephanie bought some sweatpants for her and will be buying some snacks for kids as well.
- Joanne to look at uniforms.
- Freezer and Popcorn machines need to be replaced. Looking into costs.
- Spirit Wear. We don't have a budget for that.
- Motion to reallocated math enrichment funds to teacher grants. We have \$200 left. Encouraging teachers to keep submitting ideas. Only thing we haven't funded were some costumes for the spring musical. We said we would give her what we have left.

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- **Cathy Cosgrove motion to add \$1,000 to teacher grants from projected surplus from this year's budget. \$1500 to \$2500 this year, from other areas of the budget. Fully approved.**
- **Motion to fully fund Karen Marceau's teacher grant, \$500. Fully approved.**

Election for Co-Assistant Treasurer

- Dave Cosgrove has tossed his name in. Motion to approve. All approved.

Discussion/questions about PTO budget, decision-making, board roles, etc.

- Open board positions for 2017-18, Assistant Treasurer, Vice President, please let us know if you are interested or have a recommendations.
- Heather would like to increase the scholarship fund from \$500 to \$1000 in next year's budget.
- Think if programming on parent issues is something we should join in on.

Meeting adjourns at 8 p.m. Please join us at The Round About directly after for further discussion and friendship.

Next PTO Meeting, April 5, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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