



## **NFS PTO Meeting Minutes** **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 7 p.m.**

### **Family Gardening**

Sara Zoe Patterson and Kim Kumph will talk about the NFS Garden Club.

- The shed is done, working on getting it here, need to prepare the area as well
- Barnes & Noble fundraiser, raising money for a fence, but we are now getting a donation of a fence (Greg Morneault is donating his labor, Four Season Fence is donating the materials); will be looking for some help to install the fence with Greg
- We are also looking for help to clean up the garden and prepping for planting. In the process of planning everything now, pending weather
- NH Harvest of the Month: initiative offering materials for schools, teachers and home to use to encourage gardening and fresh food
- What happens in our school gardens is up to the whole NFS community
- Would like to include tables and work space out there
- Next meeting is TBD, just met last week to assign tasks
- Involvement in the garden is dependent on the grade, teacher, etc.
- Email Sara or Kim any time with questions or requests
- NFS Garden Club information onto the NFS PTO website

School board member, Leslie Stevens, will talk about gardening as a family

- Teach kids about growing food, and the kids bring the parents along
- Kids are getting smarter about growing food, being exposed to it
- Some book recommendations: Your First Garden Book; Roots, shoots, buckets and boots gardening with children; Square foot gardening, The story of frog belly rat bone
- A simple thing to do with kids is to get a box of lettuce, eat it, and then fill the container with dirt and lettuce seeds, water it and cover it for about a week, you'll see sprouts come up, take the top off and put in a window, you'll have lettuce in a few weeks, doesn't need a lot of light it is not producing fruit. Buy organic soil, worth it if eating it.

### **Review and approval of March Meeting Minutes**

PTO Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes will be posted to the site as well. Breegan motion to approve minutes, Kathy second, all approve

### **30-Day Look Back (Stephanie)**

- Ice Cream Social: awesome, so much fun
- Screen Agers, heard it was great, hoping we can do it again as some kids get older
- Harlem Wizards, well attend and fun

### **Treasurer's report-Gloria Manchego**

- Any questions about financials?
- Copies of budget on the table

### **Surplus Committee update**

- We have continued to meet as a committee, with teachers and staff, parent input and a lot of consensus among
- 20 iPads, with cases and carts, all grades, (\$7,000)
- 15 stand up desks for grades 2-5 (\$4,000)
- You've Got Mail: Summer reading materials to help maintain reading proficiency (K and 1<sup>st</sup>), Title 1 funding cuts were found out on Monday (\$4,000), stand in to cover this year, Joanne and others feel they could reach out to other sources in subsequent years to fund

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**(PARENTS:** please send these books back to be reused, if you are no longer using or have a young one that will use.)

- \$100 for each of the 28 classroom teachers, special teachers, and math and reading specialists (\$2,800)
- \$1,000 for portable sound system in auditorium
- The recommendation is to do all of this for a \$18,800 cost
- Ideas for annual PTO Budget: increase budget for teacher grants
- Future Project Ideas: Compostable cafeteria trays, Healthy snacks program, outdoor classroom, nature trail, set design carts for stage/auditorium, and stage organization
- We still have some math enrichment money in our budget not spent, we are recommending to purchase BrainPop, it's a \$1,800 yearly subscription, it's math, science, social science. We would like to vote on this tonight. To spend \$1,800 of our \$2,500 budget. All in favor to approve the purchase of it, up to \$2,500 cost. We would also like to put into the annual budget for the NFS PTO.

#### **Vote for new popcorn machine and freezer**

- Motion to approve \$750 for a new popcorn machine, approved by all
- Freezer should cost less than \$500, so doesn't need full vote

#### **Principal's Report-Joanne Simons**

- Gary the Clown arrives, over 25 years, has been coming to work with 5<sup>th</sup> graders here at NFS, April 11 and he will be working with students in K-4, two visits during PE time, 5<sup>th</sup> graders work with him for 4 times and then a circus is put on for the students
- Helen Keller event is tomorrow, April 6 at 1 p.m. Students will have a presentation. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- April 12, K-1 to the Music Hall, early release day as well
- Smarter Balance Assessment starts May 2 for 3-5 grades, parents will be getting a letter on what is happening, emphasis on seeing what they know, not on the score, early to bet, healthy snacks, if class liaisons could organize healthy snacks that is a great way to support out students
- Looking for 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents to help organize 5<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast on June 21. It is simple and easy, it's for students, parents, and even extended family.

#### **60-Day Outlook**

- April 7, Fruit & Veggie Program (Kim Kumph): Carrot month, come to kitchen on Friday.
- Due April 12, Yankee Candle (Kara Jolly)
- April 13, Healthy Try-its (Tara Kennedy), star fruit, need help for prep and serving
- April 14, Original Art orders due
- May 4, Movie Night (Becky Bernier), Star Wars will be shown, 6 p.m.
- May 7, Wallis Sands Half Marathon (Kelly to ask Sergio to run this year)
- May 19, Talent Show (Sarah Gatchell, note in next week's packet) Will put a money bucket out again, would also like to offer pizza and Italian ice because of the timeframe
- May 1-5, Staff Appreciation Week (Cathy Cosgrove), take care of teachers that week, food every day there is something, breakfast (Monday), snacks (Tuesday and Wednesday), lunch (Thursday and Friday) and gift card donations; parent homework is to get kids to fill out thank yous
- June 21, Fifth Grade breakfast
- Wednesday, June 14, Lawn Fete (Breegan Johnson): looking for help, Dave Loehwing-food, games, classroom liaisons to request x amount for raffle baskets items, Kelly-silent auction, and volunteer committee
- Kelly to send a special email of year-end events and needs

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

**Next PTO Meeting, May 3, 2017 at 7 p.m.**

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