



NFS PTO Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, May 3, 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 13

Review and approval of April Meeting Minutes

- PTO Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes will be posted to the site as well.
- Steve, Celeste motion to approve. Approved

PTO Teacher Grants

- Math Puzzlers approved

30-Day Look back

- Shanty, Harlem Wizards, and Yankee Candle: we are still waiting on final numbers.

Cash Raffle

- We opted not to do the cash raffle this year due to a busy spring and no one to run it
- We should find someone to run next year. Someone who has a lot of connections in the community as it is great to raise funds from outside our NFS community. If anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

Budget Surplus Committee

- Review and vote, slide show presented.
- 160+ suggestions for spending money
- Very involved, solicited a lot of feedback from parents, teachers, staff, etc.
- Post update on home page with a yes vote. Link to presentation. Add future project ideas and contacts to get people working on things. If you are passionate about something, research it, plan it and we can help implement it and get volunteers.

\$18,800 proposed to spend out of the surplus

- \$7,000 for 20 iPads, cart, headphones
- \$4,000 for up to 15 ball chairs and standing desks, help kids that need to move all the time, helps them focus
- \$4,000 for You Got Mail: summer reading program for K and 1st. 2 books per child over summer for 6 weeks.
- \$1,000 for portable sound system
- \$2,800 or \$100 for each classroom teacher
- Online votes, 117 votes (111 for and 5 against) and 95% are for the recommendations

Future project ideas:

- Compostable cafeteria trays
- Healthy snacks program
- Outdoor classroom (Tara Kennedy)
- Nature trail (Dave Chapnick)
- Set design carts for stage/auditorium
- Stage organization (Sara Gatchell)

Spirit Wear (Tara Kennedy)

- We have not ordered anything yet. We have some new pricing from a new vendor.

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- We need to vote because it's a lot of money
- T-Shirts: Gold with Blue Logo for kids and Blue with Gold Logo for adults, 90
- Hoodie Sweatshirts, 80
- Trucker Hats, 50
- Looking into reusable grocery bags, maybe a fundraiser in the fall for winter gear for our kiddos
- \$2,571.30 is the total cost, based on prices we would make \$1,278 profit if we sold them all
- Vote, approved

Treasurer's report

Any questions about financials?

Copies of budget on the table

Principal's Report-Joanne Simons

- Thank you for everything you do. Teacher appreciation week. Thank you for supporting us and everyone in the building. A wonderful week for us.
- Teacher grants, thank you. We have tried some great out of the box ideas.
- Lost and found, go into the gym and check it out. We have to start clearing it out. We will come up with a Friday afternoon to put it all out.
- Garden shed is coming! May 16 is the date.
- Smarter Balance (state testing) has started. 90% of the kids love it. They are excited to take it; our 4th and 5th graders are working really hard. We've talked about mindset; our kids' mindset is they rock this test!
- Field Trips, so many, please make sure you look at the calendar. Busy, thank you for your support.
- Need parents for 5th grade breakfast, Denise Chamberlain and Heather Pettis are leading.
- Kindergarten Registration, need parents to walk new parents around.
- Planetarium update and vote. In our budget we have \$2,500 for math/STEAM enrichment. We approved some money for Brain Pop subscriptions (a little under \$2,000). Scott Negly brings a planetarium into the building. Started with the first grade teachers, then all grade levels wanted to take part. To do it for all students, will the PTO up the funding for 2.5 days, or should be limit to certain grades. Full program would be \$1,800 or we could do K-2, we have \$500. Motion made to approve full school.
APPROVED.

60-Day Outlook

May 1-5, Staff Appreciation Week (thank you Cathy Cosgrove)

May 5, Fresh Fruits & Veggies Day, mandarin oranges

May 7, Wallis Sands Half Marathon (Sergio Bonilla), the theme this year is ANIMALS, sign up today, the water stop is **RAIN OR SHINE**

May 18, Healthy Try-it day. Edible flowers, just need help during lunch 11:15 for 2 hours

May, Kindergarten registration, it is on Sign-up Genius, looking for PTO members to welcome new families

May 19, Talent Show (Sarah Gatchell), 55 kids, lots of group acts, looking for a few volunteers to help sell food the night of and looking for food/drink donations as well, check out SignUp Genius.

June 2, Movie Night (Becky Bernier), Star Wars, need food and help selling food, in YOUR STAR WARS COSTUMES

June 14, Lawn Fete (Breegan Johnson), All slots are filled for committees, but there is room for more volunteers to help out, especially with silent auction. Solicitation letter will be posted on web

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site. We also still need volunteers to help set up, run games, serve food, and pick up the day of the event.

June 21, Fifth Grade breakfast (Heather Pettis and Denise Chamberlain)

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