



NFS PTO Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 7, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

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

Parents: approximately 13

Summer Reading & Summer Math

Mollie Mulligan from the Portsmouth Public Library's summer reading program: To prevent summer slide, keep reading skills engaged over the summer. Reading incentive component and a reading calendar for the summer (July – August).

- Reading incentive program (5-12 years old), get a little book and keep track of all the reading you do (reading to someone, getting read to, etc.) You earn a coupon for each hour your read for the library reading store.
- Kids 10+ program, read to littles (2-6 year olds), counts for their reading program
- Programs for 3-5 year olds and 13+ as well

Presentation Angi Manning Welch; Summer Reading and Math Keeping brains engaged over the summer. Statistics support that being engaged in reading/math over summer keeps them active.

Some ideas for summer: Read every day. Start a summer journal. Write a letter to a friend. Modeling good reading habits. Don't make reading a lesson, engage in conversation. Read in a variety of locations, outside, fort, beach, coffee shop, library, park. Read for different purposes, directions, instructions, magazine, maps, games, etc.

- NFS Library will be open, Monday July 10, 17, 24, and 31 and August 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring a bag, you can check out as many books as you can.

Summer Math: Math in your family life. Shopping, costs of items, write out the list. Meal planning, recipes, measurements, time, etc. Pet care, scheduling, and measurement. Math in hobbies, hiking, mileage, steps, packing/planning, reading, number of pages, books read, swimming, strokes, mileage, etc. Math in your backyard, research how many bugs a bat consumes, build a birdhouse, fort, design a garden, etc.

Approval of May's PTO Minutes

- Delete \$40,000 and just state \$18,000 from the surplus. The number \$40,000 may change with budget at end of year.
- Motion to approve with change. Approved.

Vote for 2017-2018 Assistant Treasurer and Vice President

- Vice President, Margaret Flaherty, Approved unanimously
- Assistant Treasurer, Gloria Manchego, Approved unanimously

Treasurer's report-Gloria Manchego

- Copies of budget on the table
- Values on back are not up to date.

Principal's Report-Joanne Simons

Year-end agenda items

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!



- NFS Seniors Walked today. It was wonderful! Nice reception with donated baked goods, waters, and ice cream.
- 4th to Squam Lake, K to Children's museum
- Cops & Kids, Wednesday, June 14, reschedule due to rain
- Fun Day, June 19
- Grade 2 hiking Mt. A
- Fifth Grade Breakfast
- Student Showcase
- Last day assembly we wave them on

In the background:

Staffing updates:

- We have a few staff retiring this year: Patty Carr, Christina bates and Donna Cronin
- Kim McGuigan is taking a year's leave of absence to be a Mom
- Christine Bastianelli is leaving for her next big adventure
- Kindergarten will have three teachers: Keil, Shaw and Hennigar
- Three first grades: Lane, Sweet, and Spivack
- 2 full sections of second grade: Patterson and TBD
- 2nd/3rd grade split class: Serrecchia
- 2 full sections of third grade: Dennis & TBD
- 3 classes of fourth grade: Henderson, Needham, and Remsen
- 2 fifth grades: Jacoby * Fleischer
- Hiring an additional case manager as well. Trading in 3 para-professionals for a full time case manager. A special educator/teacher.
- Goal is to hire a new additional teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.

Other items:

- Spirit Week schedule should be coming soon.
- August 28 is first day of school. Our start time is the same, 8:20 we get out at 2:50 now instead of 2:40. We added 10 minutes to the end of the day.
- Concern over the busing situation. We have not received anything yet; they are meeting and making plans. But at this point the administrative team has not heard anything yet.
- MC3 is back next year. Kindergarteners can't start until January 2018, and no bus to Community Campus. They are looking at program for the Kindergartners.

60-Day Outlook

- June 14, Lawn Fete (Breegan Johnson), sign up and volunteer! List of things we still need as well, but mostly volunteers. 8 x 10 frames, 3 charities this year will be Blue Ocean Society, NFS Cares, and NHSPCA. Set up is 1-4, event from 4-7. We need cupcakes and bring cash or check for Spirit Wear.
- June 21, Fifth Grade breakfast: We are all set. Outstanding.
- Fall, Fairy House Tour: Material collection over the summer, bring it in. Build your own fairy houses; we are looking for a handyman to build a low structure for building them on.
- K-Parent Buddies: Sign up if you would like to help.

Thank yous to parents leaving us, PTO members, and others.

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

Until Next Year!

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