



NFS PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

Welcome and NFS PTO Overview

- Overview of 2016-2017
- Goals for the upcoming year
- Committees: Looking to have a committee approach to events, project, etc. Share the responsibilities and more importantly the knowledge is shared among multiple people. We will have this the focus of our October meeting.

Approval of June's PTO Minutes

- Heather Pettis move to approve, APPROVED by PTO

NFS PTO 2017-2018 Budget Approval (Dave Cosgrove)

- Budget review and questions, we ended the year net \$67, so we paid all our expenses we incurred this year with this year's fundraising and events. Lawn Fete, Pasta Dinner, Directory, and Parent Donations contributed 50% of our income.
- David Review of Proposed Budget: Field Trips are our big expense at about \$12,000. Anticipating lower costs for Garden Club, no purchase of a shed this year. Income: Added corporate donations line \$2,000, Lawn Fete was successful up \$500 (about 25% of our revenue), revival of cash raffle this year not done last year, Director was very successful looking to raise \$500 more, Fairy House Tour will be smaller this year due to Pierce Island so we anticipated half of the revenue from last year, increased dinner out nights, Election Bake sale is down to \$250 from \$1500 due to local election, movie night down, no Wizards event this year but anticipate a tri-elementary school event. Budgeting a \$3,500 shortfall, but we do expect further revenue generators and feel we were very conservative.
- Please sign up for smile.amazon.com if you use Amazon and if you consider a donation yourself, please check with your employer if they have an employee match program.
- Vote for approval: Stephanie Hausman move to approve, APPROVED by PTO.

Principal's Report-Joanne Simons

- Start of school: An amazing start of the year, off the charts! Nicole Laramee, new teacher with the school would agree. Lots of hugs. Kindergarten students joined us yesterday and we didn't see a tear! They are navigating the cafeteria like no one else, our fifth grade mentors have done a terrific job with the Kindergarteners. Our first assembly, 260 kids, set tone and expectations for behavior, kids were awesome. Blank bulletin board outside of office, we are highlighting your amazing kids, to celebrate your kids all year! Teachers will submit nominations. Open House is Sept. 28. We now have a NFS Twitter page, which is @NFS_Bolts. Over the summer we had a summer selfie challenge, teachers did a community treasure hunt, and we built a lot of community. We are

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being respectful of our kids with photos. #kidsdeserveit is a national hashtag, we have some national treats as well. Join, follow, like.

- Questions: None. But please reach out to Joanne directly if you have any questions.

Volunteers

- **Scholastic Bookfair**, looking for 2 volunteers to co-chair with Denise Chamberlin, (graduating parent at the end of school year). Graduating mom, so looking for co-chairs this year to pass along the event. It does require time during the school day. All the proceeds from the book fair goes to the school and books, the library, every child gets a book, and classrooms get books. This year it is Sept. 25-29. A little bit of work leading up, big week, and then very little commitment on the back end. We will put a Sign-up Genius up as well to help during the week to sell books.
- **Close Buy/Genevieve**, looking for a parent to co-chair with Sarah Gatchell, (graduating parent at the end of school year) and to run next year. Need a parent volunteer to get this up and running.
- **NFS Directory**, looking for a parent to co-chair with Heather Pettis, (graduating parent at the end of school year) and to run next year. The directory is a great resource for families, pictures, calendar, office contact information, district information, class information, student addresses and it is a great fundraisers. Great for play dates, etc. We pay for it through ads for local companies and parent ads. Please consider supporting yourself, 5th grade families often place an ad, direct sponsorships, and please take forms to places you frequent. They are used year-round, lots of shelf life. We want to get it out before Thanksgiving. Deadline is Oct. 1. We are looking for a parent to take over for next year. If you are going after a company share with **Heather** first so we don't double dip.
- **NFS Board Position for Volunteer Coordinator. Please let us know if you are interested in the volunteer coordinator position.**
- **NFS Cares.** A quiet committee who work behind the scenes when something happens with a NFS family. Births, deaths, illness, loss of employment, fires, etc. The committee has few details, but we solicit donations for play dates, meals, gift cards, etc. Get them to the office and they get them to the family.
- **Fairy House Tour.** A great community builder at NFS, each classroom builds a fairy house, good team building for the beginning of the year. Students get a free ticket. To maximize our funds we need to sell tickets to you directly from Stephanie, or through packets for school, or on the website please select NFS as your school, we get 50% of sales. We also need natural materials, please bring in a bag to school. Extra materials can be placed on the stage in the gym. If you have a hot glue gun, please bring in with your name on it for classrooms to borrow. We need parents to volunteer at the fairy house building at the event, 2-hours, Sept. 23-24. Every volunteer opportunity is on our Sign-up Genius. Volunteers for Sept. 22 to bring fairy houses from NFS to Prescott Park.

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

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