

PTO MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2014

Officers Present: President: Heather Pettis VP: Tara Mickela, Treasurer: Kelly Mee, Assistant Treasurer: Jessica Patten, Secretary: Meghan Wyman, Volunteer Coordinator: Teresa Hill, Principal: George Shea.

Secretary's Report – Meghan Wyman

Minutes from the May 7th meeting were reviewed and approved.

President's Report – Heather Pettis

Elections – slate of candidates accepted as presented (all candidates were unopposed) President: Tara Kennedy, Vice-President: Elizabeth Cross, Assistant Treasurer: Diana Frye. Congratulations! Ruthie Spiero was then nominated for position of Volunteer Coordinator and elected unanimously!

Committee Updates- Wellness: still doing fruits and veggies through next week... Greening Committee: still looking for someone to chair this committee. Let us know if you are interested

Playground – Over \$43,000 raised so far. Pushing for a deadline of June 10th to see where we can get before then. Hoping to have a final design before school is over for final approval. Change Challenge is ongoing in classrooms. Orange Leaf is sponsoring a fundraising night on June 18th.

Grants Update – received 2 checks of support for “Words” literary magazine. Putting it together and then it will be going out to print. Submitting a grant for the 3rd graders to go to the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Trying for a grant from Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank for eSchool.

Did not “win” the extra money for the water stop at the seacoast half marathon. We were invited back for next year.

Fundraising Future – Heather and Jess presented an overview of fundraisers from the past 3-4 years and the amounts these fundraisers brought in.

Discussion about trends and thoughts about going forward. Do we restructure or rearrange? Need to identify people to chair fundraisers and pull these events off.

Principal's Report – George Shea

Thanks to Exiting Officers and Welcome to New Officers!

PTO Scholarship – Is awarded to NFS alumni going into their freshmen year in college. Cannot announce yet as they have not had their awards night yet!

Nature Trail – kids have been helping to make a new trail from the back of the front playground to the parking lot. Chris Ledoux donated time from his landscaping company, Seascape. Opening up a great opportunity for classrooms to use the trail for learning opportunities.

Upcoming Events – Fun Day postponed until Friday, Spring Student Showcase Thursday, June 12th 6-7pm

Departing & incoming staff – 2 staff members retiring – Don Clark in cafeteria and Nicole Cote is coming in as the bookkeeper. Marsha Pratt is retiring from the special education staff and they are searching for a replacement. Do not know how grade levels and teachers will shift if they will shift yet. Waiting to have final numbers on K students.

Summer Library & Playdates – will be open Mondays for 3 hours. Will set up kindergarten playdates. Possibly looking to do some summer programming for students to prevent summer learning loss – waiting for funding – will be a district wide program.

Possible Traffic Light at NFS -State Rep Joe Scarlotto is looking into this. Looking for anyone with input to send him a letter/email joe.scarlotto@leg.state.nh.us

30 Day Review – Heather Pettis

Staff Appreciation - thank you notes from staff. Big success. Thank you to

Fun Pass - not a huge success, but some orders.

Kids Kreations - not a ton of orders, but have been delivered and will be sent home hopefully Friday.

Portsmouth Neuropsychology talk - well attended and well received.

Treasurer's Report – Jessica Patten

Budget Review – discussed

60 Day Look Forward – Tara Mickela

Lawn Fete – 109 slots available to sign up on volunteer spot. Games – dunking booth! Cakes needed for the cake walk. Need a volunteer coordinator for that day to help shift people from place to place. Raffles – Shelly Saunders has been in charge of this, but could use some help with more!

Words – moving right along! Teresa will let us know if she needs help!

Margaritas Night - will help Monday, June 16th to help with the playground.

Orange Leaf – playground fundraiser June 18th 5-8pm

Fairy House Tour – during summer – help to collect natural materials and store them for the fall. Will be looking for help on the Fairy Tour in the fall!

Other:

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting : September 3rd 7-8pm

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