

PTO Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2016

Officers Present: President: Tara Kennedy, VP: Elizabeth Cross, Treasurer: Diana Frye, Asst. Treasurer: Gloria Manchego, Volunteer Coordinator: Ruthie Spiero, Secretary: Meghan Wyman, Principal: Joanne Simons, Parents present : 15

Approval of May Minutes -

Motion to approve: Diana Frye - Seconded: Kelly Cioe - Approved

President's Report: Tara Kennedy

Goodbyes & Thank-yous – Thank you to all of the outgoing board members and 5th grade parents “graduating” from NFS!

PTO Board Elections – ballots were passed out and counted...

New Board Members: Stephanie Hausman for President, David Loewing for VP, Kelly Cioe for Secretary, Becky Bernier for Volunteer Coordinator, Smitha Shetty for Assist Treasurer

Bylaw Changes Vote – Bylaw changes were reviewed. Motion was made by Stephanie Hausman to approve the changes. Seconded and approved by a unanimous vote.

NFS Cares – adding this to the monthly agenda to make sure to check in at PTO meetings for updates. Tom Kozokowski currently chairs this committee – NFS Family currently affected by a house fire – they do not need anything right now, they know we care about how they are doing and will let us know if they are in need of anything.

Wellness Committee – Healthy Try-It Days – hoping to continue these next year.

Greening Committee – Kim Kumph, some NFS teachers are currently the committee – they are looking to get a new garden shed / greenhouse. Board approved \$150 to repay parent who purchased compost for the gardens. Greenhouse / Shed \$3250 shed. They have some funds from the Farm to School program – they still need \$1350 to fully fund the shed. In question – student council money? \$500? Full amount of \$1350 was approved – if needed.

Point of consideration for future budgeting – monies pointed toward Greening Committee to fund expendables – supplies to continue to support the greenhouse.

Request for new sheds one for PTO, one for maintenance - or a dual sided shed – Celeste LeDoux will look into this more.

Principal's Report: Joanne Simons

Current Happenings – lots going on – 5th graders are at E-School this week, K students were also at Seacoast Science Center.

5th → 6th Graders – working on a smooth transition with kids and parents – middle school will be open on and off all summer if kids or parents want to check out the space – there will be another tour at some point in the summer.

Kids & Cops - Portsmouth PD is connecting with schools recently with this “program” – will be at NFS on Friday.

PHS Seniors – coming through NFS on Friday – there are 24 graduating seniors that are NFS alumni

Spirit Week – next week! Info coming home.

Safety Patrol - special celebration for those students coming up.

5th Grade Breakfast - celebrating next Wednesday 6/15.

Spring Showcase – next Thursday 6/16 – 5:30-6:30pm

5th Grade “Parade” – next Friday – kids will be parading through the school and followed by the rest of the school

Summer Library - come visit the NFS library on Mondays during the summer

Summer Science Camps - 3 different science camps offered

Open House at NFS for 2016-2018 - Wed, Sept 21st

Water Tests – were recently done – results are not back yet.

30 Day Review: Tara Kennedy

Talent Show – amazing! Thanks to Sarah Gatchell and all that helped for making this happen! Note to future sales – Italian Ice

Wallis Sands Water Stop – we came in 2nd place – well attended – big thanks to all of the teachers that joined us! ☺

K Registration – largest registration – 49 kids registered – wondering if we could do K screening in the K rooms vs. 4th grade rooms.

Lawn Fete – Awesome! Thanks to the team that ran the lawn fete! Last time slot 6-7pm was hard to get volunteers to run the games at that time... Team will debrief to make some detailed checklists for next year.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Manchego

Budget Review - reviewed budget changes in/out

60 Day Look Forward: Elizabeth Cross

5th Grade Breakfast – see above -

Spiritwear - sold lots at Lawn Fete, ready to seek out a new order in the fall!

Senior Walk – need help in the way of paper goods, baked goods, fruit, water...and 1 or 2 volunteers

K Playdates – July 27 mid day – Aug 10 5:30-6:30pm

BTS Kickoff –

Fairy House Tour - don't forget to collect materials as you are out and about this summer. Anyone cutting down a tree? Let us know – we could use disks for Fairy House Tours.

Close Buy - do we want to run this again? Apparently Close Buy and Genevive's could possibly be run together?