

PTO MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2014

Officers Present: President: Heather Pettis VP: Tara Mickela, Treasurer: Kelly Mee, Asst. Treasurer: Jessica Patten, Secretary: Meghan Wyman, Principal: George Shea.

Secretary's Report – Meghan Wyman

Minutes from the December 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank – Anne Perkins and Kim visited from Newbury Five Cent Savings Bank. The bank locations (in Portsmouth) are on State Street and on Lafayette Road. Wanted to share some promotions the bank has. Children's savings account – bank will match \$5 and also gift a stuffed animal. Parents open a checking account and the bank will donate \$50 to PTO. See more at www.newburyportbank.com

President's Report – Heather Pettis

Committee Updates

Greening Committee - ran the Toy Swap. Tons of stuffed animals left – donated to SPCA. Have great ideas, but always welcome input. They've been talking about irrigation, rainwater collection, windmills, solar panels, nature path, and continued work on garden. Planet Green recycles box still outside the office. Can still order printer ink through them and a portion is donated to NFS.

Wellness Committee – Fruits and veggies still going strong. Join in on Tuesdays and Thursdays before school. Nurse Barbara is teaching CPR with PEAK. She is also willing to teach CPR to PTO. Mr. Fleischer's class is working on a nutrition unit.

Playground – poll went out to find out when interested in helping with this project could meet.

Portsmouth Neuropsychology Center Talks - A survey will go out to find out what topics might be interesting to the community. Look for that in emails.

Principal's Report – George Shea

Spelling Bee – grades 3-5. For this year they'll do classroom bees and then 2 people from classrooms will be sent to a school bee.

Security Upgrades – some adjustments made for afterschool dismissal, locks are being changed so that doors can be locked from the inside, blinds are being replaced as needed. Another police led lockdown will be done soon – it will be announced.

Schoolwide Team Report – science unit planning done in December. Continuing to try and ramp up the units of study for science. Another science institute in late February this year. Also working on communication for the website and the wiki. Looking to build a nature trail – got a grant from Lowes for \$4100 to build the trail. Will need manual labor to help with all of this!

30 Day Review – Heather Pettis

Directory – Dec – It is out! – Exceeded expectations in fundraising.

Fun Pass Booklet – Dec 6 – Katja – Made \$240 - will try to run it again in April / May

Spirit Wear – Dec 6 – have some extras if people missed out in ordering. Will send out again in the spring.

River Run Bookstore – Dec 14-15 – went really well this year compared to last year. Thanks to Tom Hollbrook. NFS library will get approx. \$470 to shop with!

Community Toy Swap – Dec 17 – great success!

Treasurer's Report – Jessica Patten

Budget Review - report reviewed.

60 Day Look Forward – Tara Mickela

Ice Cream Social – Jan 30 – will send out email asking for help and for donated items.

Valentine's Day Kisses – Feb 14 – Hershey kisses and a note – will go home the Thursday before

Spaghetti Dinner – Feb 20/21? – Date is undecided... We don't have anyone to run this...

Talent Show – March – looking for people to shadow this even to learn about taking it over.

Dance – April 5 – booked at the VFW. No band – DJ only!

Other:

Coffee Orders – get orders in by Jan 15

Target Grant – Got it! \$700 towards the 3rd Grade Portland Symphony Orchestra field trip.

Wallis Sands Half Marathon - Applying for water stop again.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting : February 5th