

PTO MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2013

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 September 13, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

President's Report - Heather Pettis

Greening Committee – still collecting names to join! Will announce when next meeting will occur. Sent first box of recyclables to Planet Green. Still collecting ink jet cartridges and small electronics to send out to recycling.

Wellness Committee – Fresh fruits and veggies are underway. Cut on Tues mornings after drop off, sometimes Thursdays if needed. Can always use help! Have had some successful walks with MC3 program. They are looking to do another story walk "From Seed to Pumpkin". Let Nurse Barbara know if you are interested in helping with one. Flu clinic Oct. 10.

*Please email any PTO member to help out with any of these groups.

Library Volunteers – looking for some "shelf ferries" to help reshelve books. Should be comfortable bending and lifting to reshelve books.

Grants Submitted:

Seacoast Half – November 10th should know in next couple of weeks if we were selected to run a water stop.

Target Field Trip – Portland Symphony Orchestra 3rd Grade field trip – hoping to hear good result in December.

Speakers – none today – if anyone comes across something that would be helpful, please suggest one. Does not have to be at PTO meeting, but could be another night.

Soccer Shirts - helped support this through PTO fundraising.

Field Trips – 100% paid for by PTO fundraising. 3rd Grade just went to Ruggle's Mine, 1st grade is going to Applecrest soon.

Principal's Report – George Shea

PEP – 6 PEP classes coming up. Still have some availability. Heather Pettis is co-chairing the Holiday Home Tour this year. It raises funds to support PEP.

NECAPs and Science NECAPs – started today. This is the final year before switching to Smarter Balance in spring of next school year. Grades 3-5 take the tests. Science NECAPs are checked at Grades 4, 8 and 11. Teaching and learning team is looking at ways to expand science. Current group of 5th graders were 84% proficient based on last year's test.

School Board - is coming to NFS on 10/22

Circle of Excellence – George recognized the whole NFS community as a part of this award.

MC³ – is an ever evolving thing. Karleigh LaPierre was in attendance. Enrollment is up this month. Still trying to find balance with PEAK. Try to offer 2 enrichment clubs a day. Always looking for volunteers to run a club. Currently they have a staff of 4.

30 Day Review - Heather Pettis

Scholastic Book Fair – did very well. Raised more than last year. NFS library got about \$2000 to spend in "Scholastic Bucks". One For Books program gave books to kids who might not have gotten books otherwise. All teacher wish lists were filled!

Fairy House Tour – was great. Thank you to all volunteers! October 9th there will be a ceremony for schools involved. Thank you to Illara and Tara that headed up the NFS portion!

PCCR Coffee - fun fundraiser supporting local Port City Coffee Roasters and NFS! New orders going in on October 15th.

Treasurer's Report – Kelly Mee

Budget Review - paid out child care, bought and sold coffee... We have been earning money through Target "Red Cards" - if you shop at Target and sign up for a Red Card you can designate which school you want funds to go to.

60 Day Look Forward

Directory – Sep-Oct – had a soft deadline of Oct 1. Currently trending ahead of where we were last year. Extending the deadline to try and get a few more ads. Trying to get student information completed from the office too.

Genevieve's – Sep 20 – Oct 10 – ending next week. Get orders in.

Kids Kreations – Oct – takes kid's artwork and puts the work on items to sell. The artwork will need to be created at home this year. This will also allow for other "non NFS" students to submit work to be printed on items.

Yankee Candle – Oct – coming home soon.

Dad's Dynamite Pies – Oct / Nov – coming home soon.

Cash Raffle – Oct / Nov – Trying to sell 400 tickets at \$10 a piece. We'll give away up to \$2000 and get to keep up to \$2000 (minus printing cost).

Election Day Bake Sale – Nov 5 – smaller bake sale. There will be an email looking for baked items and chili / soup / chowder.

Staff Luncheon – Nov 8 - looking for someone to head this up. We can send out a "Volunteer Spot" sign up to help with this.

Seacoast Half – Nov 10 – if we get the water stop, we'll hear more about this.

Other:

Fall Social Event Discussion – with us not doing Haunted Halls this year, we need to have something social planned for the fall to get together to have some fun (without focus on raising money). Game night? Movie night? Are you smarter than a 5th Grader? 1 Minute to Win it? Low key – something to get people together to socialize. Late October? Early November?

Ben's Rice – cook with your kids and you and your school can earn money!

Margarita's Night Fundraiser – coming up...!

Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting : November 6, 2013