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Meeting Minutes

Piper Melkonian called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Greg Kabara made a motion to approve the January 2017 minutes and seconded the motion. The January 2017 minutes were approved.

**Attendance:** Kris Barger, Nina Capati, Stephanie Deering, Kasey Ehrke, Marilyn Franklin, Greg Kabara, Halah Maykhan, Nancy McLaughlin, Piper Melkonian, Janice Pfaffl, Sharon Shapiro, Brenda Stelzer, Jill Tobin, and Sarah Damonte Vegas

**President's Report:** *Piper Melkonian*

- Piper asked Principal Greg Kabara about the cost of the water fountain that the PTSO is going to fund. Greg is working with Mr. Reiels. Piper is now going to order the two microwaves for the cafeteria that the PTSO is funding. It will be delivered on Monday.
- There were six teacher/staff names drawn for prizes. The winners were Richard Blair, Matthew Allard, Pamela Ericksen, Molly Krychowiak, Anna Hemming, and Laurie Shea. Congratulations!

**Treasurer's Report:** *Brenda Stelzer*

- The PTSO had no income for January. Two checks cleared the bank for a total of \$244.12. Our account balance is \$15,304.82.
- Booster Club has agreed to take over the sale of clings. They will pay \$.75/cling and we should be receiving a check soon.
- The Student Council Prom Committee needs to submit an invoice for the photo booth to Brenda Stelzer. Then, the PTSO will pay it.
- Brenda shared her CityTins Milwaukee fundraising idea. She has agreed to look into this as a PTSO fundraising idea for next year. <https://citytins.com/milwaukee/>.

**Student Council:** *Stephanie Deering and Kasey Ehrke*

- The two student council advisors introduced themselves and shared the student council report.
- They thanked the PTSO for funding the Prom photo booth and for the Groupon.
- They reported that Student Council is canceling the Sadie's Dance due to low attendance. They explained that they are new and are learning. Next year they hope to create a calendar and have all the dates set in stone so that the events can all be promoted with enough time.
- The Juniors are working on Prom via their different. Prom will be April 22 at the Intercontinental Hotel downtown. Student Council has a caricature artist, a DJ, Casino, and the theme: *New York Bright Nights Big City*.
- Student Council's Blood Drive is April 7<sup>th</sup>. That is the same date as the spring pep rally.
- Student Council is working on Relay for Life which is set for May 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. The Relay for Life liaison is meeting with Relay captains meeting once a week.
- They are working on talent show. All the proceeds will go toward Relay for Life.

**Guidance Report:** *Sent in by Mr. Raad*

- Counselors are spending most of their time this month helping students schedule their classes for next year. Parents will be able to view the courses their students are requesting on Skyward until April and are welcome to call their student's counselor with any questions or concerns. The scheduling module will be



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open until February 28 for students to make final course selections. Any changes to course requests after February have to be made through the counselor by the end of the school year and are on a space available basis.

- Early next week a message will go home to parents about scheduling Sophomore College and Career Readiness Conferences. These conferences are important to help get the college and career planning process started early. It would be great if we could get at least one parent to attend this meeting with their child.
- The required State ACT is taking place on February 28.

#### **Administration Report: *Principal Greg Kabara***

- In terms of sports, the wrestling team won their first regional title! 12 of the 13 students won and will get to compete at the next level to qualify for State. Five boys won swimming regionals, too! The varsity ski team is also going to state. Congratulations to all!
- All five of Nicolet semifinalists are now officially National Merit Finalists! Congratulations!
- Ragtime the Musical is in tech week and getting ready for their performances on February 23, 24, 25, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your tickets online now at <https://www.greateventseats.com/events.php?IID=169>.
- The faculty/staff was shown a video by Simon Sinek about Millennials/teenagers and social media.

#### **Teacher Report: *Report sent by Molly Krychowiak***

- **From Ms. Winkle:** Science fair coming up on the 25th at Nicolet High School. There will be both middle school and the high school projects here. Environmental science students will be tapping trees in the next week or two out in the Nicolet State Forest so we can make some maple syrup.
- **From Mr. Houck:** The anatomy classes just spent the day at the gross anatomy lab at the Medical College of Wisconsin. The students worked with first year medical students in a hands-on approach to anatomy with human cadavers. On 2/23 students from MCW and Froedtert emergency medicine resident doctors will be visiting the anatomy classes here at Nicolet to teach the anatomy students how to suture a wound. The suture clinic will be a hands-on experience where the Nicolet students actually suture pigs feet.

#### **School Board Report: *Marilyn Franklin***

- There were comments made unofficially by Marilyn Franklin about the last School Board meeting. It was a workshop that focused on policies.
- There are two district school board openings for this upcoming election on April 4<sup>th</sup>. There are three candidates including Joe Kasle, Teresa Seems, and Lee Wallace. There was discussion about having the school host a candidate forum like in the past. It was suggested that perhaps the Nicolet elections class could be involved.

#### **Foundation Report: *Marilyn Franklin/Sharon Shapiro***

- The Foundation is considering doing another Knight on the Town fundraiser next year in the spring.



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### Chair Reports:

- **Merit Awards** – *Jill Tobin and Nancy McLaughlin, Co-Chairs*. The PTSO recognizes positive citizenship within the Nicolet community. Students complete an application packet throughout the school year. Students Merit Award Packets are available in the high school office, guidance counselor office, and online via the PTSO webpage or directly <http://www.nicolet.us/students/merit.pdf>. Awards are given out at the award ceremony at the end of the year. Four year recipients are indicated in the commencement booklet at graduation. There was some discussion about allowing Nicolet students that volunteer hours at the feeder/partner schools to receive merit award hours for that in the future. We cannot accept those volunteer hours this year but maybe next year. However, there was a point made that the reason Merit Awards was put into place was to get the Nicolet students involved in Nicolet.
- **Cocoa & Cram** – *Bridey Richards and Jackie Winter, Volunteer Queen Bees*. This two hour study session included treats on the Saturday before finals. The event was Saturday, January 14, 2016. Both cafeterias were filled with students! There were over 360 students that attended. The students lined up for food or sat at tables to work. We served a total of 212 doughnut holes, 14 dozen bagels with 11 bricks of cream cheese, 5 dozen muffins, 140 pieces of fruit, and 2 sweet bread loaves. Everyone drank 160 packet of cocoa and we additionally mixed and served 4 large cans of cocoa with 4 bags of marshmallows and 5 boxes of mini candy canes, along with 2 coffee travelers. There were no leftovers. A thank you note was sent via the Sign-Up Genius was sent after the event. **Thank you to the following parent volunteers: Amy Blumenthal, Bridey Richards, Carol Howard, Debbie Scribner, Halah Maykhan, Jackie Winter, Joan Kazan, Julie Karnes, Kari Williams, Karn Cronwell, Kathy Shanahan, Kim Borst, Kirsten Jacobson, Lisa Zetley, Maria Monterroso, Paula Kobylski, Sharon Shapiro, Tawnya Ganfield, Terri Morton, Lucy Ezekiel, Jennifer Gilbert, Jill Tobin, Kim Mendiola, Piper Melkonian, and Kristin Wright. Thank you also to the following teachers/staff/administrators: Aleandra Sprager, Abigail Carver, Patti Zeimentz, Don Cramer, Lyn Deiss, Phyllis Santacroce, Jennifer Bault, Molly Krychowiak David Coyle, Kristin Susedik, Greg Kabara, Jamie Holifield, Nicole Mueller, Kathy Gustavson, Lisa Moore, Yael Gal, David Quam, Tami Hugo-Soto, Maria Wallis, Victoria Biel, Steph Deering, Eliot Scheuer, Mike Kania, Amie Spence, Mark Wagner, Sue Bolly, Chris Sheff, Bill Shuster, Amy Lee, and Ferne Hecker.** Please accept our sincere apologies if we missed anyone. Again, thank you to all the volunteers, donors, teachers/staff/administrators that made Cocoa & Cram possible.
- **Teacher Appreciation** – *Cathy Sanders and Susan Schroeder, Co-Chairs*. The PTSO provides a huge dessert buffet for the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Please be reminded that you should connect with Amy Lee in the High School Office because there is a student intern who could help with this event. There was no update at this time. *However, the PTSO will need volunteer bakers and treat donators for teacher appreciation events. We will communicate how and when as we get closer.*
- **Spirit Award** – *Marilyn Franklin and Piper Melkonian*. The Nicolet Staff nominates students that show positive spirit. We have given out 1 -5 awards every year. The spirit award winners get their name up in the Commons. There was no update at this time..
- **Senior Breakfast** – *Robin Arenzon and Kathy Eurich, Co-Chairs*. This is a great send off for Nicolet's Senior Class at the end of the year right before final exams. There was no update at this time.
- **Grad Grams** – *Kris Barger and Nina Capati, Co-Chairs*. Congratulatory messages are purchased and sent by anyone to a graduating senior and/or retiring staff member. These messages are bound together into a keepsake memory booklet given out at graduation rehearsal. There was no update at this time. *PTSO will need volunteers to help with this committee. Please email PTSO President, Piper Melkonian at [pmelkonian@mac.com](mailto:pmelkonian@mac.com) if you are able to help.*



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**Other Business:**

- There was some discussion about the water cooler/fountain and microwaves to be purchased for the school from the PTSO. Greg Kabara will talk with Bryan Reiels and get prices for purchase and installation.
- Piper mentioned that she will not continue to be PTSO President next year. Janice Pffafel also said that she will be stepping down at the end of this year. Please consider taking on an officer position for next year.
- The Cocoa & Cram and Teacher Appreciation Binders will be kept in the PTSO closet.
- **Please visit the Nicolet PTSO Facebook page and “like” it at <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO>**
- The Nicolet PTSO benefits the parents, teachers, and students of Nicolet through raising funds via PTSO membership dues (still only \$15), and Grad Gram sales. The PTSO sponsors events including Homecoming Activities, Student Dances, Cocoa/Cookies & Cram Study Sessions, Merit Awards, Spirit Award, Teacher Appreciation, School Gifts, Senior Breakfast, and more. Please pay your dues, join us at meetings, and volunteer. We need you! [http://www.nicolet.us/cms\\_files/resources/ptso\\_membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/ptso_membership_form.pdf)
- **Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our next PTSO meeting on February 16, 2017. All are welcome!**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sharon Shapiro, Nicolet PTSO Secretary