



November 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Nina Capati, Marilyn Franklin, Greg Kabara, Paula Kobylski, Molly Krychowiak, Piper Melkonian, Janice Pfaffl, Bridey Richards, Sharon Shapiro, Brenda Stelzer, Jill Tobin, Sarah Damonte Vegas, and Jackie Winter

The Nicolet PTSO Vice President, Janice Pfaffl, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. The October, 2015 minutes were reviewed. Janice Pfaffl motioned to approve the minutes. Jackie Winter seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: *Vice President, Janice Pfaffl did the report*

- Piper was out of town. So, Janice Pfaffl, Vice President, ran the meeting and did the president's report.
- Janice shared that Michael Kenya sent an email explaining that he has 16 members in the new National Business Honor Society. He is requesting that the PTSO contribute \$300 to support them and cover costs of marketing and food. Jackie Winter and Greg Kabara suggested that we cover the cost of marketing/start up fees as a one-time contribution. We all agreed that we would cover the cost of their banner/signage. Mr. Kabara is going to communicate with Mr. Kenya and have them get bids for their marketing needs as we are willing to cover up to \$280. Mr. Kabara will let us know. We do want to support the new academic organizations. However, we want to support funding something that they need and will use over and over.
- Janice had a member pick out of the bowl for the PTSO Staff drawing. Two staff names were randomly pulled out of the jar as winners of \$10 gift cards. The winners were: Tammy Howard and Michael Kenya! Congratulations! We do this at every PTSO meeting as one of the many ways we support and thank our wonderful Nicolet teachers/staff. Thank you also to Greg Kabara who will give the winners to the staff. Some parents have already agreed to donate gift cards to support this, too. **If anyone would like to show support for our great Nicolet teachers/staff, you can either purchase Starbucks, Jimmy John's, Barnes & Noble etc. gift cards or make a monetary donation to the PTSO. Please drop off or mail the monetary or gift card donations in a sealed envelope marked "PTSO Staff Drawing" to the Nicolet High School Office at 6701 N. Jean Nicolet Road, Glendale, WI 53217. If you have any questions, please contact Piper Melkonian via email at pmelkonian@mac.com.**

Treasurer's Report: *Brenda Stelzer*

- Brenda Stelzer passed out the Treasurer's Report dated November 1, 2015. We have a current Account Balance of \$14,700.23. Concessions brought in \$2,400 in income from the fall sports. Half of that will go back to the Booster Club since we are partnering with them to do concession sales.

Student Council: *Whitney Wertheimer, Sen16r President*

- Whitney Wertheimer was not able to make the meeting.

Guidance Department Report: *Mr. Nadar Raad*

- Nader Raad was unable to be at the PTSO meeting. However, he sent Sharon Shapiro, PTSO Secretary, a report to share with the PTSO. Sharon shared the following from the guidance counselors:
 - We just finished up meeting with all of our freshmen and putting 4 -year plans in the Naviance system.
 - During the first week of December we will be in the freshman health classes for a career activity on Naviance.
 - The week before winter break we will be going to the American History classes and talking to juniors about the college research process and showing them how to use Naviance and our web site for obtaining college information. We also plan on returning the PSAT results to students at that time.
 - Jeff Artero will be at the January meeting and Mike McKenna at the April meeting. We don't plan on having a counselor at the February, March, or May meetings, but I am happy to send in a quick report.



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Teacher Liaison: Molly Krychowiak

- Ms. Krychowiak shared that the juniors of the Spanish classes are hosting their annual food drive. They are raising money via singing telegrams and doing a floats and tacos event along with getting canned food donations.
- The Autumn Artisan Fair raised loads of money for the Special Education Programs at Nicolet.
- The 9th grade is doing their Global History Projects.

School Board: Principal Greg Kabara

- At the last meeting the financial representative shared that nothing changed with the health insurance and health benefits for the school employees.
- The new course offerings for next school year are being worked on. The courses being added are very creative and meet the needs of students. There are some new Physical Education courses.
- The School board is doing long term budget planning.
- The Referendum Survey is out for all to reply to.
- Capital improvements went down from \$750,000 to only \$250,000
- Math data compared last year to this year's grades. The embargo hasn't been lifted from ACT.

Foundation: Marilyn Franklin/Sharon Shapiro

- The Foundation has sub committees creating a new Foundation logo and tagline.
- The Foundation is advertising on NPR soon.
- The Foundation is sending out its appeal campaign letter soon.
- There will not be a *Knight on the Town* fundraising event this spring. Instead, the Foundation is going to do a huge fundraising event annually in the fall beginning next school year.

Administration Report: Principal Greg Kabara

- The Theater department had an excellent performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
- There were author visits in the English department.
- In social studies, Ms. Santacrose had a legal bar review live video taping here at Nicolet.
- The science team is reviewing curriculum. They are working with the partner schools so that the Human Growth and Development curriculum is the same and in alignment with the state.
- The fall sports season is complete. Try-outs for winter sports are done, as well.

Chair Reports: Janice Pfaffl

- **Homecoming – Jill Tobin, Chair.** There were $\frac{3}{4}$ of the student body at the Homecoming Dance. It was a success. However, there was some discussion about the check-in process taking too long. The pictures are up on the website and are great! Pix can be found at: <http://www.nicoletphoto.com/>. There was discussion regarding changing the parade route. Greg Kabara said it is a possibility but the planning would need to start earlier, perhaps in the spring of this year for next homecoming. Mr. Kabara will share the idea of possibly changing the route to either travel near Stormonth School or back to Bayshore Mall to get more people involved.
- **Concessions – Piper Melkonian and Janice Pfaffl, Co-Chairs.** Concessions are still going well. There are many people volunteering including both parents and kids. Please sign up online via [volunteerspot.com](http://www.volunteerspot.com) or by clicking on: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/826816640088>
- **Merit Awards – Jill Tobin, Chair.** The Merit Award Packets have been updated and available to all students. The packet is available in the high school office or online at the PTSO webpage: <http://www.nicolet.us/students/merit.pdf>. The PTSO will do more advertising of this.



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- **Cocoa & Cram/Cookies & Cram – Paula Kobylski, Chair.** Paula reserved the Nicolet cafeteria, B112, and the lap tops. The budget was raised to \$250 for each C&C study session event. Paula needs the list of PTSO volunteers that signed up during registration. She is going to look in the PTSO closet for the supplies. Paula will email the teachers to save the date for Cocoa & Cram in hopes that they will volunteer their time again.
- **Teacher Appreciation – Cathy Sanders and Susan Schroeder, Co-Chairs.** The staff PTSO winners were Tammy Howard and Michael Welna and were awarded the gift cards. The PTSO supported the teachers/staff during conferences with cookies/dessert to go along with the dinner that the administration does for them. We are thinking of treating our staff/teachers to a treat on a random date.
- **Prom Activities – Volunteer Chair needed.** No update now.
- **Spirit Award – Piper Melkonian and Marilyn Franklin, Co-Chairs.** No update now.
- **Senior Breakfast – Volunteer Chair needed.** No update now.
- **Grad Grams – Robin Arenzon and Kathy Eurich Co-Chairs.** No update now.

Other Business:

- **Facebook Page:** Please “Like” the PTSO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO>.
- **Nicolet Knight Window Decal Clings:** Please purchase your window decal cling for only \$5 and support your PTSO. Share the Nicolet pride by placing a window decal cling on the inside or outside of your car window or storefront! They are available in the office or online via our webpage: <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>.
- **PTSO Membership Dues:** Please be reminded, the Nicolet PTSO benefits the parents, teachers, and students of Nicolet through raising funds via dues (still only \$15), Grad Gram sales in the spring, the Nicolet Knight window decal cling sales (only \$5), and now concessions. The PTSO sponsors events including Student Dances, Cocoa and Cram Study Sessions, Merit Awards, Spirit Award, Teacher Appreciation, School Gifts, Senior Breakfast, and more. Please pay your dues, come to meetings, and volunteer. Nicolet needs you!
http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/ptso_membership_form.pdf
- **Next Meeting:** As a reminder, please note that THERE IS NO DECEMBER 2015 MEETING. However, please mark your calendars and plan on attending our next PTSO meeting on January 21, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Nicolet cafeteria, room B113. All are welcome!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Shapiro, Nicolet PTSO Secretary