



Thursday, October 25, 2018
Meeting Minutes

WELCOME & VOTES

The Nicolet PTSO Co-President, Traci Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Jean Bernstein made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Sarah Hwang and all approved. Janice Pfaffl made a motion to approve the September 2018 minutes, which was seconded by Kris Barger and all approved. The minutes will be emailed to everyone prior to the meeting at which they will be submitted for approval.

Attendance: Parents: Traci Schwartz, Brenda Stelzer, Kris Barger, Alex Waltrip, Jill Tobin, Sarah Hwang, Jean Bernstein, Gina Lima, Janice Pfaffl, Dawn Sweet,
Nicolet: David Coyle, Associate Principal, Steph Rasmussen, Biology Teacher & Student Council Co-Advisor

OFFICER REPORT

Co-President Report: Traci Schwartz

- Traci thanked everyone for coming. Communication for Homecoming activities was really great this year. There was a ton of energy starting with the pep rally, to the parade to the game to the dance. Let's take that energy to work on another dance in January.

Treasurer Report: Brenda Stelzer

- The PTSO account balance has about \$12,000. Picnic table and umbrellas for the courtyard, which were promised last year, were just paid to the school but has not cleared the account. The gift amount was \$1200.
- The idea from the previous meeting about asking the students to make a bulletin board for us was discussed with technology teachers Mr. Dicks and Mr. Thiel. They said they would be interested in doing this but they will not be ready until 2nd semester. Brenda will talk to them in the spring.
- The Care Closet is run by the school social worker to provide supplies of clothes, school supplies, toiletries, back packs etc for students in need. It was suggested that they also need graduation cap & gowns, gym shorts and spirit wear. Brenda suggested PTSO donate \$250 to the Care Closet. Traci Schwartz made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Janice Pfaffl and approved by all. Janice would like to help the Care Closet.

NICOLET REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Administration: Associate Principal, Mr David Coyle

- ATHLETICS - Soccer is 2nd seed in the playoffs. Swimming is doing great! Tennis had a doubles champion. Girls Basketball will be playing in the new Fiserv Arena on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. More info coming about tickets from the girls basketball team.
- COLLEGE/CAREER DAY - Senior students had a day to work on college scholarships, essays and application, while other students worked on ACT prep and Aspire testing.
- ACT Prep has begun. There are 4 or 5 options to help students to prepare for the ACT.
- AP data just came out. The numbers of students taking the AP testing and passing at Nicolet is at an all time high. If you would like more info, contact Dr. Greg Kabara at greg.kabara@nicolet.us. Nicolet has 13 National Merit Finalists this year. It is the 3rd highest in the state.
- HOMECOMING - Many teachers volunteered through out the week. There was no homecoming shenanigans or streakers. Mr Coyle attributes this to the continuity in leadership over the last 4-6years, which translates into better student behavior.



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Staff/Teacher Liaison: Steph Rasmussen, Biology & Student Council Co-Advisor

- Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended. Progress reports due Nov 9 to parents. Star tutoring started a couple weeks ago. Students tutoring other students every Wednesday after school for an hour. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help with Homecoming activities. There was great feedback from students that they really enjoyed the pep rally, as did teachers, and the dance was really well attended. Everyone had a good time. There are strong Sophomore and Junior leaders in Student Council. Next meeting for Student Council is Monday, November 5. Teachers and staff were very appreciative of the hats from the Foundation from the Tailgate cookout.

Guidance Counselors: None

- No Report

Foundation: Traci Schwarz, Trustee

- The Tailgate went really well. Thank you for Wisconsin Knit & Steve Arenson for the hat donations. Everyone loved receiving their hats. A committee has been formed to work on “Knight on the Town” fundraiser. Many great ideas were discussed and decided on a date.

PTSO CHAIR REPORTS

- **Merit Awards: Jill Tobin & Ann O’Donohue, co-chairs** Information about the Merit Awards will be distributed during the next Freshman Seminar. Parents can sign off on the athletic activities for their students. Application for Merit Awards can be found at: <https://www.nicolet.us/students/merit.pdf>. The Merit Awards provide recognition for students who demonstrate commitment to the Nicolet School Community.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Hosting a Drive In Movie** A committee was formed as we want to move forward with this fun activity for our school. Jill Tobin, Janice Pfaffl and Brenda Stelzer are interested in helping. Mrs. Rasmussen will discuss with Student Council at the next meeting to see if they would partner with us to make this event happen.
- **Fundraising Efforts** - Dawn Sweet has volunteered to chair the City Tins Fundraiser. Thanks Dawn! City Tins are a local fundraiser that gives you gift cards to local restaurants. City Tins will be available from November 15-December 15. They make great holiday gifts! Watch for more info.
- **Teacher Giveaway** - There was a drawing for gift cards for teachers and staff. The following won the gift card drawing for September and October: Kasey Ehrke, Jeff Houck, Jeffrey Phillips, Nate Brooks. Thank you to the families who donated gift cards. If you have extra gift cards that you would like to donate, please contact the PTSO at nicoletptso@gmail.com.
- The Nicolet PTSO benefits the parents, teachers, and students by raising funds via PTSO membership dues (still only \$15), Grad Gram sales, and other fundraisers. 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. http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/ptso_membership_form.pdf
- Visit the PTSO webpage: <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>
- Visit the PTSO Facebook page and “like” it: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO/>

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 15 6pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jean Bernstein, Nicolet PTSO Secretary