



Thursday, September 20, 2018
Meeting Minutes

WELCOME & VOTES

The Nicolet PTSO Co-President, Kris Barger, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Jean Bernstein introduced herself as the new PTSO Secretary. Greg Kabara made a motion to approve new secretary. Kris Barger seconded the motion and all approved. Kabara and Barger also made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting of May 17, 2018 and was all approved. The minutes will be emailed to everyone prior to the meeting at which they will be submitted for approval.

Attendance: Parents: Traci Schwarz, Brenda Stelzer, Kris Barger, Sarah Damonte Vegas, Nina Capati, Alex Waltrip, Jill Tobin, Sarah Hwang, Jean Bernstein, Kate Christensen, Gina Lima

Nicolet: Greg Kabara, Principal, David Coyle, Associate Principal, Kasey Ehrke, Teacher & Student Council Advisor, Rachel Kornhoff, Teacher, Caleb Mistir, Student Council

OFFICER REPORT

Co-President Report: Kris Barger

- Kris thanked everyone for coming to 1st meeting of the school year. PTSO is a great way to get involved with the school community by meeting teachers and administrators at the meetings and to be able to give back to the teachers by helping out where we can. It was stressed to teachers and admin that PTSO wants to help with whatever they need, making calls, reaching out to parents or businesses, etc. We want to be a resource for them.

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 purchased by the school and will be reimbursed by PTSO. We had wanted sun shades, but the logistics and maintenance is difficult. Umbrellas were asked for instead, which was approved. This gift amount is \$1,200. Homecoming and Prom did not use their funds last year. It was stressed to student council that we have budgeted \$500 for each event for them. They only need to ask for it.
- The Budget for 2018-2019 was proposed. The only change from the previous year is to increase PTSO Board expenses from \$100 to \$160. Traci Schwarz made a motion to approve the budget. Greg Kabara seconded the motion and all approved.

NICOLET REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Administration: Associate Principal, Mr David Coyle

- **ATHLETICS** - Athletics are doing really well so far this year. Football and Girls Tennis have both seen some wins and are doing well. Swimming is doing great! Boys Volleyball is 1st in the conference. Boys Soccer is 2nd in the state.
- **FINE ARTS** - The theater department had an Ice Cream Social which was well attended. The first production will be Mamma Mia. Nicolet is the first high school to be given the rights to perform this production.
- **NEW SCHOOL YEAR** - This school year has started off strong. The school is fully staffed with the new hires being a great addition. This has been the best start to the school year in more than 3 years. College and Career Readiness day is coming up during Homecoming week, Wednesday, October 10, which is also early release.



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- HOMECOMING - Many teachers are volunteering throughout the week at powder puff football, bonfire, pep rally, parade, game, dance.

Staff/Teacher Liaison: Rachel Kornhoff, Special Education & Kasey Ehrke, Global History & Psychology

- Ms. Kornhoff is a new hire at Nicolet in the special education department and is very happy to be here. She is looking forward to the school year.
- Ms. Ehrke is Global History & Psychology teacher. She is also co-advisor, with Stephanie Rasmussen, for the Student council. On a personal note, she is getting married at the end of October. PTSO wishes her a congratulations on this happy time of her life.

Guidance Counselors: None

- No Report

Student Council: Caleb Mistir, Junior & Kasey Ehrke, Student Council co-advisor

- HOMECOMING WEEK - Sunday, October 7-Saturday, October 13. Activities are as follows: 10/7 Powder-Puff Football Games starting at 4pm. Bonfire 6-8. Students are coming up with playlist of music and big speakers are being provided from the school. They asked if PTSO could help with food trucks. Would like 3 food trucks and need to get a permit from Glendale. The 3 food trucks used last time was Meat on the Street, BBQ something and cupcake something. Gina Lima will look into it and get back to Ms. Ehrke. Everyday during the week is a different spirit day.
- PEP RALLY & PARADE - Friday, 10/12 is a pep rally followed by the parade. The parade needs 8 parent volunteers to help with line up and along parade route. Jill Tobin will coordinate parents. Following the parade is the Tailgate cookout, 5-7p, which is sponsored by the Foundation. The homecoming football game follows the tailgate.
- HOMECOMING DANCE - Saturday, 10/13 is the Homecoming Dance. This year there is a record 14 teachers volunteering to chaperone the event.
- VOLUNTEER & FUNDRAISING EFFORTS - Relay for Life was cancelled last year. Students want to continue fundraising for National Alliance for Mental Health. They want to make a difference and learn about fundraising. They also are focusing their efforts to help with the Spanish Food Drive in November.
- PROM - will be held at River Club in Mequon on April 13

Foundation: Traci Schwarz, Trustee

- Tailgate Knight Cookout is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 5-7. Tickets are \$10 and include a game ticket. Steve Arenzon and Wisconsin Knitwear donated knit hats again this year. Volunteers are needed. Contact Traci Schwarz, tracimia@sbcglobal.net

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
- **Cookies & Cram:** *Looking for Co-chairs* This year's first cookies and cram will be on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Kate Christensen and Gina Lima are considering being co-chairs. They have both volunteered for Cookies & Cram and know the in's and out's.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** *Bill Barger & other Dads* Teacher appreciation is May 5, 2019. Last year a group of Dad's took on the role of Teacher Appreciation and did a wonderful job. They have agreed to do it again. Any dad's interested in helping out contact Bill Barger, bargerhome@gmail.com.



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- **Spirit Awards:** *Marilyn Franklin* We are in need to a co-chair for Spirit Awards. Please contact PTSO if you are interested, nicoletptso@gmail.com
- **Senior Breakfast:** *Looking for co-chairs* This should be parents of seniors. Kathy Eurich and Nina Capati would like to help but cannot chair the event. Please contact PTSO if you are interested, nicoletptso@gmail.com
- **Grad Grams:** *Nina Capati* Looking for a co-chair. Grad grams are a nice way to honor students who are graduating. The students really like receiving it and every student will get a booklet of well wishes. Grad grams come from administration, teachers, middle school teachers, family and friends.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Hosting a Drive In Movie on the football field in the spring. There are companies that bring in the screen and the sound system. Maybe PTSO could partner with Student Council to make this event happen. School would need to paint spots on the field. We would need volunteers to check cars before entering.
- Fundraising Efforts - City Tins is available to us again this year but we would need to have a chair willing to do it. They are packages of discounts at local restaurants and are good for a full year. They are sold in November. If interested in more info contact nicoletptso@gmail.com
- Bulletin Boards - Outside the school office are 3 bulletin boards. Foundation has a nice one made up with permanent signage. The other 2 signs are blank. One should be for PTSO. The other is suggested to give to the Booster Club. It is suggested that PTSO get permanent signage made for the bulletin board. Dr. Kabara suggested talking to teachers Mr. Dicks and Mr. Thiel. The technology classes might be able to treat this as a business transaction, where they go through the whole bidding and proposal process. Brenda Stelzer will follow up with technology teachers.
- Teacher Giveaway - PTSO was given updated teacher and staff listings at the meeting. No drawing was done tonight. At the October meeting, we will give away 4 gift cards instead of 2.
- 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: Reschedule to Thursday, October 25 6pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted by
Jean Bernstein, Nicolet PTSO Secretary