



Thursday, November 15, 2018
Meeting Minutes

WELCOME & VOTES

The Nicolet PTSO Co-President, Traci Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Jean Bernstein made a motion to approve the October 2018 minutes, which was seconded by Janice Pfaffl 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, Alex Waltrip, Jill Tobin, Jean Bernstein, Gina Lima, Janice Pfaffl, Dawn Sweet, Sarah Vega, Deb Mortonson, Julie Karnes, Marilyn Franklin, Anne O'Donoghue, Marilyn Wilson Shaw, Bridey Richards, Kate Christensen

Nicolet: Josh Zimmers, Associate Principal, Chip Johnston, Learning Center Coordinator

OFFICER REPORT

Co-President Report: Traci Schwartz

- What a great turn out tonight! Traci thanked everyone for coming.

Treasurer Report: Brenda Stelzer

- The PTSO account balance is \$11,887. 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 donation to The Care Closet was made of \$250. This was approved at the October meeting.
- Membership is down which translates to about \$1000 deficit. PTSO should have a table at Orientation in the summer to capture memberships.

NICOLET REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Administration: Associate Principal, Mr. Josh Zimmers for David Coyle

- ATHLETICS - Nick Holmes, All-State in Cross Country. Boys Volleyball most in Sectional Final to eventual state champs, Germantown. Boys Soccer lost to Cedarburg in Sectional Semi-finals. There are 3 all-state players (Will Navarre, Matteo Quintero, Eric Perlin) Girls swimming wrapped up their season at state. Girls and boys basketball, wrestling, ski team, hockey, gymnastics and boys swimming are all under way. National Letter of Intent Signing Day happened (Josie Kelderman-Marquette Soccer, Parker Keickeisen-Northern Iowa Wrestling, Destiny Huven-WI, Madison Track and Field)
- GENERAL - Radium Girls performances went really well last week. Spanish Food Drive ends 11/16. Annual Artisan Fair was successful. Quarter 1 ended.

Staff/Teacher Liaison: Chip Johnston, Learning Center Coordinator

- There was a presentation about the Learning Center and about the school coming up with new ways to help students succeed. The Learning Center is housed in the library, which is open from 6:30am-4pm. They want to have increased access to support before, during and after school. Nicolet is very good at helping the students who need on going support. With this update to the Learning Center they are hoping to reach more students that need the occasional help by making it easier for students to come to them. The group thought that there should be a different name than the "Learning Center". We thought it could have a negative connotation. Questions that they asked were:
 1. What do you hope your child will say about his or her experience at Nicolet High School this year?
 2. What do you see as your child's greatest academic need in terms of their experience at Nicolet High School?
 3. Do you have an idea of how you'd like Nicolet High School to respond to your child's greatest academic need?



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4. What do you see as your child's greatest non-academic need, or needs, in terms of their experience at Nicolet High School?
5. Do you have an idea of how you'd like Nicolet High School to respond to your child's greatest non-academic need?

Guidance Counselors: None

- No Report

Foundation: None

- No Report

PTSO CHAIR REPORTS

- **Merit Awards: Jill Tobin & Ann O'Donohue, co-chairs** Information about the Merit Awards was sent to Amy Lee to distribute during the next Freshman Seminar. 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. There was a discussion about getting the word out about what the Merit Awards are. If parents are excited about it, then students will follow parents lead. Ideas to promote it: 1 page flyer vs the packet. Put that flyer in the weekly email blast. Send to Freshman families. Put on social media. Question if Student Council could promote it.
- **Grad Gram: Nina Capati, chair** Nina was not in attendance. But she is looking for a co-chair. We want to look into using Venmo to capture Grad Gram payments. Also, is there a way to order online and customize your Grad Gram.
- **Cocoa, Cookies & Cram: Gina Lima & Kate Christensen, co-chairs** Welcome new co-chairs Gina & Kate. They have a budget of \$250. Before winter break, send out info about donations needed and about the program. Promote heavy after break. The event date is January 19.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Fundraising Efforts** - Dawn Sweet is the chair of 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! It went out in the weekly email, on FB and emailed to the membership directory. Suggested to have everyone like the FB page and then comment and like the City Tins info on FB. Find the flyer here: <https://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>
- **North Shore Library** - Marilyn Franklin, school board member, wanted to alert everyone to an issue at the North Shore Library. The Brown Deer Library is moving to a new building and wants to partner with the NSL, which the NSL would move out of our districts and into Brown Deer at Bradley and 45th Street. The individual village boards are considering it as a cost saving measure. But it would be a huge loss for the community. Tell your village managers that you don't want to lose the North Shore Library.
- **Sponsor a school in Panama City** - Janice Pfaffl asked if there was interest in helping a school in Panama City that serves students in need and is struggling even more after Hurricane Michael. They need colder weather clothing or financial help. Suggestions were to start a Penny War or Miracle Minutes. Both would ask students and teacher to donate pennies, change or bills during the school day. Class with the most could get a pizza party from PTSO. Janice will look into options further and get back to the group.
- **Teacher Giveaway** - There was a drawing for gift cards for teachers and staff. The following won the gift card drawing for November: Mary Owen & Michael McKenna. 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.

- Remember, there is no meeting in December...See you in January
- 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, January 17 6pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jean Bernstein, Nicolet PTSO Secretary