



Thursday, January 17, 2019
Meeting Minutes

WELCOME & VOTES

The Nicolet PTSO Co-President, Traci Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Traci Schwartz made a motion to approve the November 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, Sarah Vega, Marilyn Wilson Shaw, Kate Christensen, Delicia Randle-Izard, Kris Barger
Nicolet: David Coyle, Associate Principal, Greg Kabara, Principal, Grace Blunck, Holly Cannistra, Mira Harvey, Student Council

OFFICER REPORT

Co-President Report: Traci Schwartz

- Happy New Year & thank you for coming

Treasurer Report: Brenda Stelzer

- The PTSO account balance is \$13,872. The check from the membership dues has been received, which was \$2235. City Tins brought in approximately \$400. Thank you Dawn Sweet for organizing.
- There is a need for a field trip money for students in need. There was a motion by Traci Schwartz to donate \$250 to the school for this fund. It was seconded by David Coyle and all approved. David Coyle or Greg Kabara will review which students are using the fund.

NICOLET REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Administration: Associate Principal, Mr. David Coyle

- **ATHLETICS** - Gymnastics have had many close wins. They continue to improve with each meet. Wrestling is doing great, one of the best in the state. Swimming is in the middle of the season. Hockey and Ski are doing well. Girls Basketball is doing good. Boys Basketball is doing fantastic. Topped rank in the state, 20th in the nation.
- **GENERAL** - Mama Mia the Musical is March 7-10. FEAR has 100 students and 30-40 professional mentors. The season is 10 weeks long. Junior Knights, for 8th graders, is the 2nd week in February. Nicolet teachers presented at the State Teaching Conference. Nicolet teaching staff ranked 3rd in SE Wisconsin. Learning Center presented a plan to the school board for plans for improvement to help more students. The plan will be implemented in the fall. More details to come.
- **CORE VALUES** - Dr. Karbara explained how Nicolet has a team meeting with teachers, students, parents, & other schools to determine what Nicolet students Core Values should be and how to include these values in lesson plans throughout a students high school career. These values are Perseverance, Respect, Courage, Empathy and Integrity. The Core Value plan will be implemented in fall.



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Student Council: Grace Blunck, Holly Cannistra & Mira Harvey

- Student Council is partnering with Gigi of Mequon for a 1 day Prom Dress Expo on Sunday, February 10. There will also be a prom dress resale with 10% going to Nicolet Prom Council. They asked PTSO to provide a gift basket of prom items to be raffled during the Expo. PTSO agreed to put together a basket for them. Parents are asking their connections at hair salons, nail salons etc for items to put in the basket.
- No dance for the spring as it has needed to be cancelled for the past few years. Instead there is going to be a spirit week Feb 4-8 with a pep rally, movie & pizza. After the movie a bus will take students to the Basketball game at Homestead. Details still be finalized.
- Prom fundraiser: Gym movie night late February. Invite feeder middle schools, sell tickets to the movie and sell popcorn, drinks and candy. Maybe in Gym 1, maybe in auditorium. Maybe a double feature, 1st Disney or Pixar movie, 2nd movie scary movie. Student Council to chaperone middle school students.
- Drive In Movie: Thinking about March, but PTSO thinks it's too cold. Need to be warmer outside. Ticket prices \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$30 for reserved front row parking. Sell popcorn, drinks, snacks & candy.

Guidance Counselors: Michael McKenna

- UWM & MATC came to Nicolet for on site admissions. 35 students were accepted directly to those schools. Counselors are working with all senior students to develop their plans, whether it is college, gap year, work or military.

Foundation: Traci Schwartz

- Working on rebranding The Knight On The Town, thinking Big Knight Out. The event will be held on November 9. Looking for locations. Anyone interested helping plan the event, please contact Traci at tracimia@sbcglobal.net.

PTSO CHAIR REPORTS

- **Merit Awards: Jill Tobin & Ann O'Donohue, co-chairs** Signs about Merit Awards are going up at school this week. Info will also be presented at Cocoa & Cram. **The deadline for the Merit Award Application is Monday, March 18 at 3:00pm.** Students need 5 hours of volunteer hours. A few ideas are volunteering at a swim meet, there is one on Friday, January 25. There is also the big Rummage Sale which will need a lot of volunteers on Friday and Saturday, March 8th & 9th. 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.
- **Grad Gram: Nina Capati, chair** Nina was not in attendance. But she is looking for a co-chair.
- **Cocoa, Cookies & Cram: Gina Lima & Kate Christensen, co-chairs**
- Everything is ready to go for Saturday, January 19. They expect 400 students and 40 staff to attend. There will be donuts, bagels, coffee, hot cocoa, etc. Stone Creek donated a big container of coffee. Many parents donated gift cards and supplies. There are 7 volunteers on the day of the event to make everything run smoothly.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Teacher Giveaway - There was a drawing for gift cards for teachers and staff. The following won the gift card drawing for January: Phyllis Santacroce and William Shuster. 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, February 21 6pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jean Bernstein, Nicolet PTSO Secretary