



Thursday, February 21, 2019
Meeting Minutes

WELCOME & VOTES

The Nicolet PTSO Co-President, Traci Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Kris Barger made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes, which was seconded by Jean Bernstein 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, Jean Bernstein, Gina Lima, Janice Pfaffl, Dawn Sweet, Sarah Damonte Vega, Bridget Killberg, Nina Capati, Kate Christensen
Nicolet: David Coyle, Associate Principal, Steven Arenzon, Nicolet Foundation

OFFICER REPORT

Co-President Report: Traci Schwartz

- Traci thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone out for social time after the meeting. It was decided to go to The Brick.

Treasurer Report: Brenda Stelzer

- The PTSO account balance has about \$14,000. Haven't received reimbursement requests from Cocoa and Cram. An official letter needs to be sent to Nehli Nail Salon for their donation to the Prom Basket.

NICOLET REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Administration: Associate Principal, Mr David Coyle

- ATHLETICS - Boys Swim did great! Sent 4 students to state. Bright future for Nicolet swim. Girls Basketball played a difficult conference, did well but lost. Gymnastics has a small team, but doing well. Wrestling state finals for individuals. Boys Basketball is ranked 7th in the nation. They are doing amazing! In early February there was a "spirit day", movies & pizza after school and then 3 fan buses took students to the Holmstead bball game. Big hit with students.
- THEATER - Mama Mia will be March 7-10. Many tickets already sold. Anticipated to be great show.
- FEAR - Robot Reveal was in early February. \$1000 raised, good turn out, many Middle School students were there.
- SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Kobylski is leaving Nicolet in June for Iowa. Email board members if you want input to the new superintendent.
- TRANSITION TO HS - Nicolet wants to create a better transition for students from 8th grade to high school. Some students come to Nicolet unprepared for the behavior expectations of high school. Nicolet has been working on a Character Education/Core Values that will be rolled out this summer with incoming freshman and instilling in all students throughout the building and classes.

Staff/Teacher Liaison:

- No one in attendance. It should be noted that PTSO parents provided a gift basket to Student Council for the Prom Expo in which they had a raffle for. The gift basket had donations from My Om Well Being, Nehli Nail Salon, Brio Salon as well as from parents: Jean Bernstein, Traci Schwartz, Kris Barger, Kate Christensen, Jill Tobin,

Guidance Counselors: None

- No Report



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Foundation: Steven Arenzon, President

- Foundation is looking into providing hats for incoming 8th graders. Big Night Out is scheduled for November 9th at the Watermark in Thiensville.

PTSO CHAIR REPORTS

- **Merit Awards:** *Jill Tobin & Ann O'Donohue, co-chairs* Merit Award application deadline is Monday, March 18 at 3:00pm. Don't forget applicants need 5 hours of volunteer time. A perfect time to help is during the Rummage Sale, the weekend of March 8. 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. Awards will be presented as follows: 9th grade 5/10; 10th grade 5/23; 11th grade 5/24; 12th grade at senior breakfast. Parents are invited. Save the dates.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** *Bill Barger & a team of Dad's* Monday, May 6th a team of Dad's lead by Bill Barger will prepare treats for teachers and staff.
- **Spirit Awards:** *Marilyn Franklin* Spirit Award is for 3-5 Senior Students who are motivated and participate in Nicolet life but perhaps is someone who is not always acknowledged. Kabara is polling the teachers to ask for student recommendations to give to PTSO.
- **Senior Breakfast:** *Kathy Eurich* Usually there is a small gift for students, about the cost of \$4 per person. Wondering if there are any suggestions? Should we consider a class gift instead of individual gifts?
- **Cocoa & Cram (January) Cookies & Cram (June):** *Gina Lima & Kate Christensen, co-chairs* Cocoa & Cram went well. There was a big storm the night before so lower attendance than anticipated. Lots of leftovers went to FEAR. Could us a 100 cup coffee urn device. PTSO agreed to purchase one. Janice offered to help with Cookies & Cram in June. This one is much less attended than the January cram session.
- **Grad Grams:** *Nina Capati* The blank forms have been ordered. Just need to put them in the office for purchase. Most grad grams are done at the last minute. Tried to think of a good way to do it online. It is a lot of work and Nina doesn't want to reinvent the wheel as this is her last year. Next years chair might want to look into it. It would be great to have people comment on the FB posts about grad grams. Many people don't understand what they are. One idea is to market a packet of 20 or 50 grad grams to the parents that they can hand out to family members.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Conferences -** There will be a table at conferences with info about Merit Awards and about volunteer hours.
- **Morning Drop Off Traffic -** Could there PLEASE be something done about the people who park and leave their car in the drop off lane in the morning? It creates many problems as it has just eliminated a lane. Its disrespectful to other parents and creates a hostile environment. One thought was to have signage. Another idea was to have a person outside telling people they can't park before 7:20am. It has become a terrible problem with someone blocking the lane 2 - 3 TIMES A WEEK.
- **Fundraising Efforts -** City Tins ended up with a donation of \$410. Thank you Dawn Sweet for coordinating this.

- Teacher Giveaway - There was a drawing for gift cards for teachers and staff. The following won the gift card drawing for Starbucks: Chris Macon & Fern Hecker. 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, March 21 6pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm