



Thursday, March 15, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Minutes

Nicolet PTSO Co-President, Traci Schwartz, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Introductions were made. The February meeting minutes were reviewed, Janice Pfaffl, PTSO Vice President, motioned to approve the minutes. Jill Tobin seconded the motion. February meeting minutes were approved.

Attendance

Brenda Stelzer, Janice Pfaffl, Jill Tobin, _____, Jackie Winter, David Coyle, Dr.Greg Kabara, Jordan McJimpsy , Kris Barger, Traci Schwartz, Holly Cannistra and Autumn Stelzer

Student Council Report

Autumn Stelzer and Holly Cannistra provided updates regarding the plans for 2018 Junior/Senior Prom. Menu has been decided. Chicken Marsala, Salmon and Ravioli will be the entrees offered. Decisions on desserts still need to be made. Request for the amount that PTSO has set aside for Prom. \$500 was what is budgeted. Tickets will be sold for \$60/ticket. Last year they sold 300 tickets. **Venue is the Harley Davidson Museum.** Venue cost is \$8000. DJ has been contracted. Student council has not found a Groupon in the area for a Photo Booth. They will explore price negotiations with no props provided and shortening the timeframe by starting the booth after dinner. They are also considering asking Photo Teacher Medved to take pictures. There is a Harley Bike set up for photos. This will be popular location where the photo booth should be placed.

Ticket sales for Prom began this week and will continue next week. They will also sell them for a few days after spring break. Traditionally Seniors don't decide until last minute if they will attend. Final numbers are due on April 1st. **Prom is April 14th, 2018.**

Student Council will not be running a Relay for Life this year because there were changes and new requirements with the American Cancer Society that will make this a challenge. They are looking for a new organization to raise money for and a new school wide fundraising event. Question presented how the organization would be selected. Response was that it would be selected by the Student Council Leaders. Suggestion was made that the Student Council consider asking the student body for suggestions as there are so many causes that could benefit.

The new fundraising event being planned is a Drive In movie at the high school. The date selected is May 4th. There is concern about this as it is the weekend before AP exams. Student Council was asked to explore another date and to let PTSO know if they needed assistance with volunteers/chaperones. Concerns were raised with the involvement of cars and we asked that they consider an outdoor movie instead. Could be held on the football field? Student council will need to check with Glendale Village regarding any concerns they might have noise, traffic, parking, etc....

Spirit Awards

Marilyn F stopped in briefly to discuss the **Spirit Awards**. Spirit Award are not attached to an academic or athletic performance. There is no monetary award. Selection process will go back



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to providing a list to the teachers for nominations. Nominations will be collected and reviewed. Four awards will be given. This processes will be developed within Google docs to simplify. Kris B will reach out to Marilyn F for the information. Kris will then type the information to a Google doc and get to Amy Lee for distribution to the teachers. Plaques and medals need to be ordered after spring break. These awards are presented on Senior Award Night scheduled for May 30th, 2018.

Treasurer Report

Correction to the report provided. Statement balance 2/28/18 should be \$15,646.51 (not .61)

Grad Gram sales have started. \$50 petty cash was given to the office. Brenda suggested that PTSOS meet with the other organizations Booster, MEPA, FEAR, National Honor Society, etc.... How can we all work together with the goal of School Spirit in mind. How can we all work together to make a greater impact? There is talk of reviving "BAD IS BLUE" organization. This would be lead by a dedicated group of students separate from the Student Council organization. David Coyle asked if PTSO would support a fan give away at events (rally towels, tshirts, etc...). PTSO will consider making a line item for this in next years budget. We do not want to step on the toes of the booster club as PTSO is for all students. We would like to ensure that Theatre, Robotics, and other non-athletic teams are benefitting. Question was asked about the team sport posters. Why are some teams getting posters while other teams are not. Answer: Sport Specific and the efforts are driven by the coaches and parents. We (PTSO) don't want to step on the toes of the Boosters as we must continue to keep our focus on All Students.

Can the PTSO work with the various city/villages to identify any ordinance restricting yard signs. We believe this is a great way to support our school spirit through our community (example: Whitefish Bay...BayFit, Duke Pride, etc...)

Vice President Report

Parent 101...Good participation. Janice plugged the need for a Secretary. Talked to people about our website and encouraged parents to get involved; sharing that as our kids grow they separate from parents and PTSO as well as our website is great way to stay connected. Dr. Kabara encouraged recruiting. Invite people to come to a meeting. Out of order ☺ Janice pulled for the gift cards. Names drawn were Timothy Koppa and Chinmi Hilliard.

Administration report: Delivered by David Coyle. His bullet points are listed below:

- Boys basketball, regional champions, Sectional Runner-up, first time since 1993
- Parker Keickeisen, state champion 170 lbs.
- Gymnastics 4th place overall, smallest school in D1, would have won D2
- Cailin Moroney, 7th overall in gymnastics
- The Addams Family musical was amazing and went really well.
- The Nicolet Mock Trial Team, qualified for state and were 17th overall.
- FEAR, almost 100 students, 6th place ranking, qualified for the playoffs.



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- FEAR went on to win both the Entrepreneurship Award sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers and the Underwriters Laboratories Safety Award
- FEAR WI Regional at March 22-24 at the Milwaukee Panther Arena
- Science Fair: Anna Spektor or Napsy Isahak qualified for the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) with their project titled "Metformin as a Novel Neurogenic Method of Methylmercury Neurotoxicity Symptom Mitigation in Danio rerio as a Model for Human Fetuses"!
- Black History Talent Show celebrating African-American student talents
- Sara Fleming represented Nicolet for a week working with the US Senate
- Statewide ACT testing on 2/27, 28
- Forensics team is competing nearly every week
- Summer School Registration 4/9/18
- Maslowski Park project is moving forward with a new partnership with MSOE (\$2 million donation)
- Children's Play, Charlotte's Web April 28, 29 two shows each day.

Guidance Counselor Report: emailed by Michael Kenna

Here is the report for the counseling office.

Counselors have been very busy with the start of the new semester and the 15 day grade checks. We are meeting with our students who are not being successful and making plans for their improvement. We are also starting our Sophomore Academic, Career and College planning meetings and will be holding these meetings over the next two months. Scheduling for next year has wrapped up so we are now meeting with students who have selected classes that are cancelled or are missing pre-req's for certain classes.

As always we welcome you to contact us with any questions or concerns you have.

Foundation report: Delivered by Traci Schwartz

Please come to Knight on the Town. Referenced the flyer attached. Still looking for auction items.

Merit Awards: Delivered by Jill Tobin

Due Monday. Lots of kids got hours at the rummage sale. She has a small committee to help her with this. School will review first to ensure the students qualify. Decision was made not to put the names on the medals but sticker/label the bags to ensure all are distributed. Names will be engraved on the plaques.

Cookies and Cram: not until June. No need to report.

Teacher Appreciation: PTSO event is scheduled for Monday, May 7th. Still in need of a chair person on for this. We will use sign up genius for food donations. Decision was made to simplify



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and do breakfast foods only. Hours are 7AM -10AM. Jackie, Kris and Janice offered to help but couldn't commit to the full three hours. Plan for about 140 people.

Senior Breakfast: Delivered by Jill Tobin

291 graduates....Jill stated that she may need additional money. Cost is approximately \$8-9/person. As we get closer to the end of year a request for gift cards will be made to the senior parents. These cards will be given out to the Seniors. Last year they collected 80 cards.

Grad Grams: email from Nina below

There has not been a single purchase of a grad gram in the office since they went up for sale last month. There was not much interest at parent teacher conferences. Only 12 were sold, of which 10 were purchased by Kris Barger. I would consider next time not sitting at a table at the main entrance, but perhaps in the hall between the cafeteria & gym. I think a lot of parents bypass that entrance & if they don't have questions about conferences themselves, didn't seem to come up to the table to see what info was being presented to them.

In the next couple weeks I will reach out to feeder schools. Early April may be the first time the school email blast will begin.

Another Facebook post is always good.

Thank you,

Nina Capati

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Kris Barger, PTO President