



October 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Nicolet PTSO President, Piper Melkonian, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. The September, 2015 minutes were reviewed. Principal Greg Kabara motioned to approve the minutes. PTSO President, Piper Melkonian, seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Attendance: Minda Byrne, Marilyn Franklin, Kristy Holvick, Greg Kabara, Piper Melkonian, Jill Johnson Miller, Janice Pfaffl, Nadar Raad, Sharon Shapiro, Brenda Stelzer, Jill Tobin, Sarah Damonte Vegas, and Jackie Winter

President's Report: Piper Melkonian

- Piper shared that the PTSO picnic tables were ordered and delivered and the students and staff are enjoying them.
- Piper shared that the Arenzon family donated 500 knit hats for Homecoming and have been delivered. Principal Greg Kabara will hand out the hats to the students at the Homecoming football game. Thank You posters will be created and hung around Homecoming to publicly thank the Arenzons for their generous PTSO donation that benefits Nicolet.
- Piper did our first PTSO Staff drawing because the PTSO wants to give back to Nicolet. Four Nicolet staff names were pulled out of the jar as winners of \$10 gift cards to Jimmy Johns. The winners were: Brian Riles, Amy Lee, Brady Rich Sheridan, and Mark Wagner. We will do this at every PTSO meeting as one of the many ways we support and thank our wonderful Nicolet teachers/staff. Since Piper will not be at our next PTSO meeting, Janice will hold the jar and bring it to the next meeting. Greg Kabara will give the winners to the staff. Some parents have already agreed to donate gift cards to support this, too. **If anyone would like to show support for our great Nicolet teachers/staff, you can either purchase Starbucks, Jimmy John's, Barnes & Noble etc. gift cards or make a monetary donation to the PTSO. Please drop off or mail the monetary or gift card donations in a sealed envelope marked "PTSO Staff Drawing" to the Nicolet High School Office at 6701 N. Jean Nicolet Road, Glendale, WI 53217. If you have any questions, please contact Piper Melkonian via email at pmelkonian@mac.com.**

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Stelzer

- Brenda Stelzer passed out the Treasurer's Report dated October 1, 2015. We have received \$145 in membership due, \$20 in window decal cling sales, and a \$25 PTSO donation. We spent \$100 on the staff for refreshments. We took in \$3,110 in membership dues so far. While we have spent \$565.04 on concessions (actually more as we are working concessions more throughout the month), we have sold \$1,613.30 at concessions. We spent \$1,000 on the picnic tables. Our actual to date cash balance is \$13,403.99.

Student Council: Whitney Wertheimer, Sen16r President

- Whitney Wertheimer was not able to make the meeting. Greg Kabara and Jill Tobin will share Homecoming details.

Guidance Department Report: Mr. Nadar Raad

- The guidance counselors hosted the National College Fair at the Wisconsin Center on Sunday, September 27th. It was a great success with huge representation of Nicolet High School student families in attendance.
- The guidance counselors continue to work with the seniors regarding college applications, teacher recommendation letters, finalizing transcripts, scholarship applications and financial aid, etc.
- The guidance counselors have been meeting with freshman to build relationships and teach about using Naviance, the college website <http://www.naviance.com/>.
- 15 day grade checks went well. The school is working with students that currently have D's and F's as their grades. The second one of the school year is tomorrow.
- PSAT was yesterday.
- There is a new psychologist and a new social worker at Nicolet.



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Teacher Liaison: Minda Byrne

- Ms. Byrne shared that there was a freshman Respect Retreat that went very well.
- There was Aspire testing.
- This week is Homecoming and the spirit days are going great. The seniors are really spirited and all the classes are really into it. They hung huge football photos around the school in the cafeteria and they were great!
- The 15 day reports are a great thing from the teachers' point of view.
- Senior pictures for the yearbook are still trickling in despite the past due date. Minda made a plea to have parents turn their child's senior picture in.
- The teachers are doing a lot of cool things. Ms. Saunders is presenting at UWM. Mr. Koppa's tennis is doing extremely well at state.
- Ms. Byrne thanked the PTSO for doing the staff/teacher gift card drawing and all the great things we do to support them.

School Board: Principal Greg Kabara

- Piper again shared that the Nicolet School Board President, Libby Gutterman, said that there will not be a School Board representative at the PTSO meetings this year. Mr. Kabara will report whatever needs to be reported.

Foundation: Sharon Shapiro

- Sharon shared that the Foundation is partnering with the Nicolet PTSO and the Booster Club for the Homecoming Tailgate cookout on Friday evening, October 16 from 5-7pm before the varsity football game.
- The Foundation is rebranding itself and is currently creating a Foundation logo and tagline.
- There will not be a *Knight on the Town* fundraising event this spring. Instead, the Foundation is going to do a huge fundraising event annually in the fall beginning next year. It has been decided that it will be held at the Binder family's horse barn in Mequon.

Administration Report: Principal Greg Kabara

- The Nicolet sports teams are doing great. Volleyball, soccer, tennis, and swimming are playing well.
- There is great success with Student Council. The Homecoming planning is successful. They are looking forward to the Homecoming hallway parade, pep rally, outdoor parade, and the game on Friday night!
- There have been some rumors about guns and none has been substantiated. Nicolet is most concerned with school safety and has and will always follow up. That is why there have been emails sent home. There also was a glitch in the system recently. However, for safety remember: *Run, Fight, Hide!*
- There was an assembly for juniors and seniors about the dangers of texting and driving.
- Mark Wagner presented at the GERTA Institute.
- October 13th was the Freshman Respect Retreat.
- October 14th was the testing date for the PSAT and ACT Aspire.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 22nd and 23rd. Girls volleyball will be in the gym on the 22nd, so some conferences will be in the cafeteria while others will be in gym two. The teachers will be set up alphabetically by department. The administration will run a report of student schedules' to expedite parent wait times. The Administration will provide dinner for the staff/teachers and the PTSO will provide cookies and other desserts.
- Nicolet Open House is set for October 27th at 6:00pm. Each department will be demonstrating and there will also be tours. There will be organization tables that night. The PTSO should email Ferne Hecker to get one. Marilyn Franklin generously offered to man our PTSO table the night of Nicolet Open House.



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Chair Reports: Piper Melkonian

- **Homecoming – Jill Tobin, Chair.** There are many parents signed up to volunteer for the Homecoming parade. Whitney Wertheimer, Student Council President, will give Jill the list and order of the parade to help with organizing it. Then, those volunteers will go to the tailgate and set up for the cookout.
- **Concessions – Piper Melkonian and Janice Pfaffl, Co-Chairs.** Concessions are going well. It is a learning experience. We hope to make the indoor concessions area more appealing to draw more attention to it. People are volunteering. Janice spoke with Dale Nickolay, Booster Club President and Kirk Krychowiak, Nicolet Athletic Director, about getting the sports parents to volunteer, too. Perhaps we can send an email to all the students that asks them to volunteer to earn Merit Award hours or Service hours as volunteer help is always needed. Janice is going to have a meeting with Dale and Kirk. Please consider volunteering via *volunteerspot.com*.
- **Merit Awards – Jill Tobin, Chair.** The Merit Award Packets have been updated and available to all students. There is a script for the teachers to explain it all. The freshman received the Merit Award information and packet already. Students can volunteer at the Nicolet Open House or Parent/Teacher Conferences to earn Merit Award hours.
- **Cocoa & Cram/Cookies & Cram – Paula Kobylski, Chair.** No update now.
- **Teacher Appreciation – Volunteer Chair needed.** No update now.
- **Prom Activities – Volunteer Chair needed.** No update now.
- **Spirit Award – Piper Melkonian and Marilyn Franklin, Co-Chairs.** No update now.
- **Senior Breakfast – Volunteer Chair needed.** No update now.
- **Grad Grams – Robin Arenzon and Kathy Eurich Co-Chairs.** No update now.

Other Business:

- **Facebook Page:** Please “Like” the PTSO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO>.
- **Nicolet Knight Window Decal Clings:** Please purchase your window decal cling for only \$5 and support your PTSO. Share the Nicolet pride by placing a window decal cling on the inside or outside of your car window or storefront! They are available in the office or online via our webpage: <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>.
- **PTSO Membership Dues:** Please be reminded, the Nicolet PTSO benefits the parents, teachers, and students of Nicolet through raising funds via dues (still only \$15), grad gram sales, the Nicolet Knight window decal cling sales (only \$5), and now concessions. The PTSO sponsors events including Student Dances, Cocoa and Cram Study Sessions, Merit Awards, Spirit Award, Teacher Appreciation, School Gifts, Senior Breakfast, and more. Please pay your dues, come to meetings, and volunteer. We need you!
http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/ptso_membership_form.pdf
- **Next Meeting:** As a reminder, please mark your calendars and plan on attending our next PTSO meeting on November 19 at 6:00pm in the Nicolet cafeteria, room B113. All are welcome!

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Shapiro, Nicolet PTSO Secretary