

NGES PTG Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2019

In attendance: Liz Spinney, Tiffany Bubriski, Wendy Allen, Julie Flynn, Monica Rogers, Kristin Wood, Stacey Hesselton, Laura Often, Stella Dikas, Steve Wiltshire

Meeting called to order 7:03p

April Treasurer's Report: Monica motioned to approve; Tiffany second motion; unanimous.

March meeting minutes: Wendy motioned to approve; Kristin second motion; unanimous.

April meeting minutes: Stacey motioned to approve; Monica second motion; unanimous.

Spring Fling updates: Deferred until all receipts calculated.

Liz graciously thanked everyone and looking forward to next year's outing.

Teacher Appreciation Tuesdays

5/21: Breakfast - need volunteers to set up around 7am (NGES & NSS)

5/28: Lunch

Fun Fair meeting to follow

Upcoming Events:

Red Sox tickets info deferred until after fun fair

5/31: Bravehearts flyer to be sent | tickets to be purchased

5/17: Kids Day out @XtremeCraze: Stacey to make flyer & Wendy to copy

Officer Elections:

Stella Dikas nominated as secretary & accepted

Kristin Wood nominated as treasurer

Enrichment:

All grades all set

Yearbook:

Liz finalizing pages

Original Works: \$1,364.20 increase from last year 2018 - \$1,085, NGES | unknown for NSS

Principals Updates:

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North Grafton Elementary School

NGES EdCamp: Cannot thank our parent and community volunteers enough for all their help in making this day possible! With over 40 offerings for students to choose from, the day was a huge success.

Discovery Museum: Force and Motion enrichment. Students enjoyed this hands on experience!

Kindy Screening: coming up next week! Looking forward to meeting with new students and families to support their transition to NGES!

Waterville Construction: Fairly smooth transition to all of the construction taking place on Waterville. Thank you to the GPD, AA for being in constant contact to ensure we are on top of each student who was mildly impacted and could stay in touch with families.

Positive Penguins: We continue to work with students across the school with regards to CARES. We have moved beyond demonstrating behavior in the cafeteria to transitions, recess and specials. Currently, students are working towards earning Wiggles (Waddles adopted penguin) to spend time in their class for a few days!

Tower of Books Challenge: Current challenge (complete 5 challenges in 10 days across a class) is going very well! Four classes have completed the challenge and have the opportunity to choose book trailers to be shown at lunch time!

Theatre Feedback: Being closer makes a huge difference.

They love going and the actual theatre. Would be nice as additional but wouldn't want to replace it.

North Street School

School Comm. Presentation - Early last month I had the opportunity to present at our annual presentation to the school committee. We were sure to praise the work that you all of you do to support our school. Overall, our presentation was well received and the members were appreciative of the amazing work that the PTG accomplishes year after year.

MCAS Dates: MCAS is winding down with only two weeks remaining. All grades 3-6 have finished their ELA testing and we are now moving into the mathematics testing. Our 5th graders will also be taking the STEM MCAS.

Move Up Ceremony for 6th Grade - In June we will hold our annual move up ceremony for sixth graders. This will be a brief ceremony that will include a short message to the students, having the students receive a certificate of completion, and essay reading by 4-5 students. The tentative date is set for Thursday, June 10th. We will also hold the 6th-grade end of year party at North Street that evening.

Garden Update - The NSS garden, now referred to as the NSS Outdoor Classroom, is picking up speed this spring. Our first layer of stone dust will be laid down this weekend. Additionally, the installation of our outdoor chalkboard will be going up on Saturday. The vision for this space is an outdoor learning environment for all students to access throughout the year.

Colonial Day and Immigration Day - Both days were very successful and the kids gained a valuable learning experience. Many thanks to the volunteers and organizers that made the event a success!

Art Gallery and Book Fair - We are looking forward to May 22nd and the annual art gallery walk, ice cream social, and book fair. The combination of these events makes this an exciting day for our students and families.

Meeting adjourned 7:52p