

North Grafton PTG Meeting
Minutes for December 5, 2018

In attendance: Elizabeth Anderson Spinney, Kristin Wood, Steve Wiltshire, Julie Flynn, Monica Rogers, Stella Dikas, Wendy Allen, Kim St. Ours, Amy Mahoney, Heidi Mussler, Tiffany Bubriski, Victoria Bagu, Heidi Singh

Introductions

Elizabeth Anderson Spinney called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
All were welcomed.

The Meeting Minutes from November 2018 was motioned for approval by Kim St. Ours and Heidi Mussler. All were in approval. The Treasurer's Report from November 2018 was motioned for approval by Kim St. Ours and Tiffany Bubriski.

A quick skip ahead to the matter of Book Fair and the Santa Breakfast – the PTG needs all hands on deck.

Update on Past Events

- The Chuck-a-Puck event made an estimated \$650.00.
- Pizza & Magic night estimated around \$1200.00 - \$1300.00. In hindsight, we realize we did not have a lot of North Street students at the Pizza & Magic night, the next time we have this event we should also advertise to the North Street School.

Upcoming Events

- Book fair is coming up - December 7th-14th- and again; we need to reiterate the need for volunteers. In particular the dates of December 12th and December 13th.
- Drop & Shop Xmas Night! Please spread the word around. There will be a movie and there is no school on that day – December 14th.
- Teacher Holiday Cookie Bar! Encouraging parents to drop off items during Parent/Teacher conferences – December 12th and 13th. All items will go towards filling up their pantry overall.

Enrichment

- 2nd Grade raised \$550.00 for Toys and Teen. It's a local campaign driven by the Grafton Police, along with the sponsorship of local veterans. The proceeds go straight to families in Grafton. Wendy Allen said the 2nd Grade students raised the money by creating cards.
- Kristin Wood mentioned the Acton Museum offers a science class and the Mystic Aquarium may be able to do a program in the month of May or June.

Additional Updates

- Yearbook _ the winners are Connor Brown in Kindergarten & Kelly Duffy for 1st Grade.
- NSS Garden _ Amy Mahoney received a \$200.00 grant on the behalf of NSS garden – that will go towards the development of the space. She is also waiting to hear about a response from Annie's Mac & Cheese in January 2019. The Annie's Mac & Cheese grant is up to \$3000.00. Great job Amy Mahoney.
- In regards to grants, corporate gifts and other similar programs, please reach out to your employers. They may do matching fundraising or volunteer donations.

Principal Julie Flynn Update

Bren Bataclan: Such an amazing experience! Thank you so much to the PTG for supporting this weeklong enrichment. All students prek-1 had the opportunity to learn from and draw with Bren. Every 1st grade student had the opportunity to work on a piece of the mural. Their sketches were shared throughout the week as well. Students, staff and parents interacted with Bren while he was painting and we truly enjoyed getting to know him and about his work. On Friday, we unveiled and Bren signed off on the mural and students were thrilled to see what their work came out to look like!

Pizza and Magic: Another successful Pizza and Magic Night! Kids always enjoy this engaging event and the turnout was fantastic! For those who may have noticed- heavy rains resulted in some roof leaks. They were addressed and fixed today!

Clay Art: Kindergarten students enjoyed the Clay Art enrichment. I happened to be out, but feedback was positive.

Prek Music and Yoga: Thank you to our prek coordinators for continuing to support and help with rescheduling prek enrichment. The students truly look forward to these activities!

Report Cards: Went home today! We hope you will use this tool to continue to understand all that your child is working on here at NGES. We look forward to conferences next week to talk more and engage you in your child' education!

Principal Steve Wiltshire Update

1. **Conferences** - We have conferences scheduled for next Thursday afternoon and all day on Friday. Sixth graders also have all day on Thursday as well.
2. **Many Thanksgivings** - A special thank to all of the volunteers for making Many Thanksgivings an enriching experiencing for the students once again. The students were engaged, having fun, and excited to share their efforts!
3. **Walking Wednesday** - Walking Wednesday's was a great success this fall! With the weather changing the Walking Wednesday will come to end, unfortunately, but I look forward to them continuing in the spring!
4. **Holiday Concerts**
 - a. Wednesday, December 12 - 3rd grade @1:30-2:00
 - b. Monday, December 17 - Chorus/Band at GHS @ 6:30
 - c. Wednesday, December 19 - 2nd Grade Holiday Concert 1:30-2:00
 - d. Friday, December 22 - Pajama Day and Sing Along
5. **Nature's Classroom** - Very successful trip this year in the snow. We had a total of 98 students attend, one of the highest numbers we have had. Right now we are scheduled to go the week before Thanksgiving next year.
6. **Book Fair** - Looking forward to the book fair coming up next week. Thank to Kim St. Ours and her team for organizing. The book fair will run from December 10-14.
7. **Enrichment**
 - a. 2nd Grade - Physical Changes in Matter - December 6
 - b. 4th Grade - Rock Detectives - December 11
 - c. 3rd Grade - Weather and Climate - December 17-18

Mini Grants

4th Grade would like to purchase 3 sets of 36 hand held magnifying glasses – the total sum of \$363.72. The request is to replace older ones that are scratched. These particular magnifying glasses are more resistant to scratches and hold up well over time. There are a lot of science components where the magnifying glasses could be utilized and enhance studies in the sciences.

Kristin Wood stated that there is money in the budget to cover the expense. However, in January 2019, we might have to look at the budget allocated to the 4th Grade for mini-grants and appropriate money.

Wendy Allen and Heidi Singh motioned for approval for the 4th Grade purchase order of magnifying glasses. All were in approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.