

**North Grafton PTG Meeting  
Minutes from March 6, 2019**

**In attendance:** Elizabeth Anderson Spinney, Tiffany Bubriski, Wendy Allen, Julie Flynn, Monica Rogers, Melissa Chandler, Stella Dikas, Heidi Singh and Steve Wiltshire.

**Introductions**

**Elizabeth Anderson Spinney called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.**

All were welcomed.

The minutes from February 2019 were approved. The motion to approve was made by Stella Dikas and seconded by Wendy Allen. All were in approval.

Treasure's reports were looked over and Wendy Allen made a motion to approve. Melissa Chandler seconded the motion. All were in approval.

Looking for a volunteer to take over Community Reading Day.

**Report on Past Events**

- Kids Day Out was on March 11 AT B-GOOD. Was wondering weather we should keep or cancel these events.
- Jen Davy was in charge of the Spring 2019 Book Fair \_ March 19. It's a one-day book fair that will coincide the ice cream social hours.
- Spring Fling is on March 29 at the Hopkinton Country Club
- Fun Fair will be on May 11
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance June 10 – will be renamed the **6<sup>th</sup> grade Celebration**. Alison O'Brian will volunteer but more volunteers are needed. The DJ from the former year was great and will be booked again.

**Other updates**

- Wachusett Mountain Fundraiser is still ongoing.
- Box tops – winners are the classes of Minardi and Ekonoian. Another Box tops count will be made on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Yearbook Deadline is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Karen Nichols is the yearbook adviser.
- PTG office elections are coming up in June.

**Mini Grants**

4<sup>th</sup> grade is requesting 50 listening books for the library. We talked about using Scholastic dollars to cover this request. It's \$1612.00 in Scholastic dollars. Heidi Singh approved the motion and Wendy Allen seconded the motion. All were in favour.

**Julie Flynn Update**

**North Grafton Elementary School**

**Kindergarten Registration:** We registered students entering Kindergarten this Fall yesterday and today. We had a great turnout and are looking forward to welcoming parents back tomorrow night for our Parent Orientation. If you know a family who has a child entering K who may not have been able to make it to registration, please have them call the school to set up a time to come in and complete the necessary information!

**NGES EdCamp:** is coming on April 12th! Part of what makes this event so successful has been the parents who have volunteered to facilitate a session or to help out as an extra set of hands. If you have time to share, we would love to have you join us on the 12th!

**Positive Penguin Prints and Kindness Shamrocks:** You may have heard your child come home talking about positive penguin prints or kindness shamrocks! Both connect to our school vision to support C.A.R.E.S. To get started, students and classrooms are being recognized for demonstrating C.A.R.E.S in our cafeteria. Once a class has earned all prints on their igloo, they

have the opportunity to eat on stage and truly model all of what we hope for! Shamrocks are posted in the front lobby for random acts of kindness by staff and students!

**Tower of Books Challenge:** As you can see from the board, we have had a wonderful response to our new challenge. The challenge over the next two weeks is a grade level challenge- whichever class reads the most/completes the most challenges will earn a campfire/flashlight read-in!

**Bus Community Meeting:** Last month, we held our 2nd Bus Community Meeting. These meetings are held to work with each individual bus community to understand the expectations for a safe trip to/from school. This past month, students identified ways to interact with their bus buddy in a safe, calm, caring way- such as playing I Spy, Favorite Number, Paper/Rock/Scissors, etc. Enrichment last month was welcomed and successful! The MoS presented the Bridges program to our first grade students. This hands and feet on presentation really engages our students in helping them to understand the design (and redesign) process. Prek Music and Yoga were also welcomed by our youngest students!

### **Steve Wiltshire Update** **North Street School**

**Community Reading Day** Thank you to Liz and our volunteers for a very successful community reading day to celebrate Read Across America. It was wonderful to a variety of visitors, some old faces and some new, join our kids in a celebration of reading.

**Report Cards** - Second-trimester report cards will be sent home on March 18th.

**MCAS Dates** - MCAS will begin in about a month. In April we will be testing grades 3-6 in ELA and in May grades 3-6 will test in math. Our complete dates were sent home in a letter and can be viewed by visiting our NSS homepage.

**Garden Update** - We are excited about the arrival of spring and some work on the garden area. As a first step, we hope to have the garden leveled and a portion created to include a classroom. More to come!

**Library State Books**- At last meeting a full state of library books were approved to be purchased using Scholastic dollars. Mrs. Cross will complete the order. These texts will be used across grade levels, but primarily will be a wonderful resource for our 4th grade as they focus on states in regions. Many thanks to the PTG for their support!

### **New Enrichment Opportunities**

Kathryn Otoshi - We are very excited to welcome Kathryn Otoshi to NSS on Friday, March 8th.

Kathryn has written many wonderful books on inclusiveness and anti-bullying. In addition, her books include many art concepts, which we have adopted here at North Street.

3rd Grade - Ben Franklin

### **Upcoming events:**

Kindergarten Orientation: March 7th at 6pm

Author Kathryn Otoshi: March 15th K/1

Pumpnickel Puppets: March 18th K/1

Report Cards go home: March 18th

Ice Cream Social and Book Fair: March 19th 5pm

Grade 1 Mechanics Hall: March 28th

PTG Spring Fling: March 29th

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.