

North Grafton PTG Meeting

Minutes for October 3, 2018

In attendance: Elizabeth Anderson Spinney, Stacey Hesselton, Tiffany Bubriski Heidi Singh, Wendy Allen, Monica Rogers, Steve Wiltshire, Julie Flynn, Stella Dikas, Beth Foley, Mrs. Carr, Dianna Montville, Kristin Wood, Tammy McClure, Jill Collins, Amy Mahoney, Melissa Chandler, Jennifer Davy and Shayna Eddy.

Introductions

Elizabeth Anderson Spinney called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
All were welcomed and introductions were made.

The minutes from September 2018 were motioned for approval by Diana Montville and Monica Rogers. All were in approval.

Treasurer reports – the motion to approve the reports for June, July and September were made Stella Dikas and Tiffany Bubriski. All were in approval.

In regards to the budget, Kristin Wood reported that we were over the budget last year and we need to spend down. This year's budget we need to avoid forecasting any over spending – suggest a 25% cut across the board on program funds. A vote to approve the budget was approved by Heidi Mussler and Heidi Singh. All were in favor.

Mini-grant from Mrs. Carr

Mrs. Carr is requesting for more flexible seating. It very engaging for the students and encourages collaboration and communication within circles. It also increases oxygen to the body and builds core strength. Mrs. Carr is asking for 25 yellow flexible for the cost of \$457.79

The mini-grant was approved by Wendy Allen and Shayna Eddy; approved by all.

Upcoming Events

Elizabeth Anderson Spinney thanked all who distributed prizes for Fun Run. There will be a quick meeting afterwards. Community Reading letters will be sent out. Also, Railers deadline is approaching – help us sell chuck-a-pucks!

Julie Flynn Update

1. Fantastic start to the school year at NGES! It was great to see so many families from both NGES and NSS at the back to school picnic!
2. We tried something a little different for **KYSN** this year, welcoming families to attend. Students led parents through the classroom by means of a scavenger hunt to see and learn all about their classroom. Feedback was positive from teachers, students and parents!
3. **Volunteer Orientation**: we welcomed a handful of new volunteers to NGES for the coming year! The orientation focuses on how to make the most of the time you have as a means of supporting your child and school.

4. **Fun Run:** We are super excited for the Fun Run tomorrow! Teachers and students have had a blast creating their flags, talking about the Mindspark character traits and getting ready for a wonderful event! They are excited about meeting our goal which will result in me working on the roof for a day as well! Families are welcome to join their child's grade level to cheer them on!

5. **Bus Community Meetings:** Throughout the year, we try to hold 2-3 Bus Community Meetings to discuss with students the importance of bus safety, bus rules, what students can do while riding the bus and in general continue forward with our goal of supporting our students through a positive environment whether at school or on the bus.

6. **Picture Retake:** October 16th!

7. **ASEP** starts up this month! We are looking forward to;

Tuesday- FAST and Apple Tree

Wed- Nature/Science and Literacy games (4 weeks only, no class 10/31)

Thurs- Legos and Young Rembrandts

Upcoming Events: Longtime teacher Mrs. Papazian will be retiring on October 10th. Students of GPS have been fortunate to have had the pleasure of having her in the 1st grade as well preschool- she has created so many memories for our students and staff and we wish her the best in retirement! Through the support of the Grafton Land Trust, Kindergarten and 1st grade students participate in Nature Walks, which will be held over the course of the next few weeks. At the end of this month, we will host our Halloween Parade on October 31st at 10. PM preschool will host a parade the day prior, with a notice coming soon. Lastly, we also have Pizza and Magic Night coming up in the first week of November- this event is one that kids love and is a great way to come together for a fun night once the weather starts to cool down.

Steve Wiltshire Update

Know Your School Night - Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend and join us for KYSN. We had a great turnout for each evening, which signals a strong connection between home and school. Thank you to Stacey, Liz, and others for providing and setting up refreshments for the parents in attendance.

MCAS Data - MCAS scores became public this week. Parent reports will be going home next week. Overall North Street performed quite well, scoring in the 78th percentile for schools our size and demographics. We missed by two percentages being ranked as meeting all areas of our goals.

Picture Retake Day - October 17, 2018

Food Truck Night - A very nice evening that was well attended. Our vision was to provide an opportunity for families to reconnect after a long summer without the push to raise money or donate. Families had food truck choices and/or to bring their own items.

Fun Run - Looking forward to a fun day next tomorrow, October 4th. Please be sure to have the sneakers returned so that we can begin hanging them up! Amazingly we raised over \$31,000 to date!

Creative Enrichment

- a. Community Barn - 5th Grade
- b. Broad Meadow Brook - 4th Grade - October 12th
- c. Patriots Place - 6th Grade

Garden Clean Up - On Saturday, October 13th Amy Mahoney will be helping lead a garden clean up. We are hoping to winterize the garden and prepare to turn the space into an outdoor classroom in the future.

Walking Wednesday - Today our walking Wednesday series began. It was a successful year last year and we look forward to a great fall and hope the weather cooperates. We are currently looking for volunteers if anyone is available to assist.

Halloween Parade - Our second grade Halloween Parade will be October 31st. Similar to last year parents and families are invited to attend to see the children parade. Weather permitting we will have the students parade around the front of the school. Parents are welcome to begin arriving at 8:45 and the parade is set to begin at 9:00. Please remember this day is also set as a half da

Committees and Coordinators Needed

Kellie DeCaire is running her last year on after school enrichment.
Beth Foley is also our new enrichment coordinator.
Still need a hospitality committee.

Adjournment- No questions or parent input at this time. Meeting adjourned at 8:23.p.m.