

North Grafton PTG Meeting
Minutes for November 7, 2018

In attendance: Elizabeth Anderson Spinney, Stacey Hesselton, Tiffany Bubriski Heidi Singh, Wendy Allen, Diana Montville, Monica Rogers, Steve Wiltshire, Julie Flynn, Kim St. Ours, Melissa Chandler, Kristin Wood and Victoria Bagu.

Introductions

Elizabeth Anderson Spinney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

The minutes from October 2018 were motioned for approval by Kristin Wood and Steve Wiltshire. All were in approval.

Treasurer report was motioned for approval by Heidi Singh and Stacey Hesselton. All were in approval. Kristin Wood made a motion to register to the minutes to close the Homefield account and move the remaining balance to UniBank. There is a \$250.00 balance at Homefield, it is from the remaining proceeds from the Fun Run. The motion for a vote to close the account lead by Kristin Wood and Wendy Allen seconded. All were in favour.

Ms. Flynn has informed us that there are 2 special education teachers at NGES whom did not receive any funding. Somehow, they were not noted missing on our spreadsheet- teachers Stephannie Morissette and Carrie Amero. Elizabeth Anderson Spinney proposed and motioned that they receive \$75.00 each. Wendy Allen seconded the motion and all approved it.

Fun Fair

In regards to the Fun Run proceeds, Elizabeth Anderson Spinney would like to make a motion to reallocate \$4,000 to all school enrichment. The monies reallocated will go toward the costs of the 2 authors visiting both schools. The authors are Kathryn Otoshi and Bryan Williams. Wendy Allen seconded a motion. All were in favour.

The classroom teachers were given \$150.00 to start and then \$100.00 was added from Fun Run to give them a total of \$250.00. This only applies to classroom teachers.

The total amount of proceeds generated from Fun Run is coming close to \$43,000! We are noted as one of the top performers in the country - we have done a very impressive job in rallying the kids and raising funds from our children's community.

Elizabeth Anderson Spinney asked if we would like to commit to another Fun Run for next year? The general consensus was yes.

Update on Previous Events

The Chuck-a-puck featuring the opening night of the Railer's was very successful. We are still waiting for numbers on that.

Box tops came revenue came in \$1093.00. The 4th Grade was the winner at NSS and Ms. Carr class won at NGES. Diana Montville will provide box tops results on the bulletin boards for all.

Yearbook is in full swing. Covers for the yearbook are due on Friday. Please continue to upload photos to the yearbook.

Field trip permission slips are in the process of being updated. Trying to figure out a better way for students, who are in need, to apply for scholarships or ask for financial help to pay for bus fees.

A 2nd Grade enrichment program has been cut and the coordinators are looking for something supplemental that will also coincide with the curriculum. Steve Wiltshire spoke about finding an enrichment program that would matter and have an effect on the students. The expectation to spend the money just because it is there is not required.

Sportswear – Around mid-November the items will be distributed.

Book Fair – Setup will occur on Dec 7. Please look at SignUpGenius.com. There will be an evening for Book Fair purchases, also on December 13 – hours 5-7pm.

Julie Flynn NGES Principal Update

Nature Walks: Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to go on a Nature Walk with Mrs. Thomas. This PTG supported event is one of the highlights of our Fall and brings the opportunity for our students to learn so much about the animals and their habitats that are right here in our backyard!

Fun Run: An amazing day for students, staff and all who were able to make it to cheer everyone on! Students were so motivated by the excitement and all activities that led up to the big day! Thank you to the PTG FunRun crew who delivered prizes, kept us up to date on challenges and really made for an enjoyable event!

Community Reading Day: Another successful CRD! It was so nice to welcome the many volunteers from our community to read to our students. In addition to reading, everyone took the time to really help our students understand their role in the community and help them to make a personal connection. This is a very special event here at NGES and we are so grateful for all who made it possible!

PreK Enrichment: Prek students have been loving their yoga sessions and STEM Story time.

Halloween Parades: Excellent weather for both parades! All of the students love being able to dress up and share their excitement with all of us adults. And, I am pretty sure the adults loved it just as much!

School Banking: Began this past month. Thank you to our trusty tellers for volunteering their time to come in and help our students understand the value of saving their money!

Bren Bataclan: we have truly loved this week long enrichment. Bren began on Monday with an assembly for our 1st graders, who ultimately created the alphabet mural in the library! On Tuesday, he held an assembly with our prek and K students and again taught them about his passion not only for art but also for making others smile and passing along kindness to all. This aligns so perfectly with all that we are striving for here at NGES and so we are beyond excited for him to finalize the CARES mural and unveil it on Friday!

Coming up: Book Fair, Holiday Breakfast, Mrs. Poitras retiring, Conferences, Holiday Concert

Steve Wiltshire NSS Principal Update

Bren Bataclan - We were very fortunate to have Bren come back this fall for the second year spreading his message of making others smile through art. Our 6th graders through Bren's direction created pictures that were transferred to a mural in the art/music hallway. He was once again very impressive in so many ways and left a lasting piece of culture for our building for years to come.

Railer's Night - Enjoyed a fun night at the Railer's opening night. My kids and I sold tickets for the Chuck-A-Puck! It's always a good time!

FUN RUN - A great morning with Ooch getting everyone moving. The students for the second year in a row appeared excited and energized for the program. A special thank you to the volunteers that handed out prizes,

set up the track, and assisted in so many other ways to make this fundraising event a success. The teachers have shared their positive feedback as well.

Walking Wednesday - Walking Wednesday's continue to be a success. Many students are walking in. These days will continue into the month of December, weather permitting.

Nature's Classroom - We have Nature's Classroom coming up for our sixth graders the week following Thanksgiving break.

Garden Update - We have had some positive movement with sprucing up the garden space to transform it into a learning classroom. With support from Amy Mahoney we have applied for two grants through the Grafton Land Trust and Annie's.

Conferences - Conference sign-ups will be going home with students next Tuesday. Please watch for directions on signing up.

Box Tops - A special thank you to Mrs. Allen and her team of box top counters for collecting and counting box tops!

Halloween Parade - Another fun morning for our second graders. We were even joined by a musician through a connection with Mrs. Norton. Next year we discussed widening students coming to school with costumes and I'll team will be considering this.

Hour of Code - December 4. Mrs. Lewis will be sharing times that the kids will be participating and all parents are welcome to attend!

Enrichment

5th Grade - Statehouse - November 15th

Steve Wiltshire Mini Grants

Steve Wiltshire For NSS: Miss Kelly wanted to order a xylophone for \$441.98. She is donated the old xylophone to NGES. Stella Dikas approved of the motion and Diana Montville seconded it. All have approved

Mr. Daniel Berman requests a mini grants on behalf of 5th and 6th grades. A kit so they can create their own escape room - it ties in to the curriculum. He is asking for 6 kits for groups of 4. The total amount is \$800.00 and the cost of shipping is included.

Heidi Singh approved the motion and Monica Rogers seconded it. All approved.

Adjournment - No questions or parent input at this time. Meeting adjourned at 8:17.p.m. A meeting for the Holiday Breakfast will be held afterwards.