

NORTH GRAFTON PTG MEETING
MINUTES FROM APRIL 3, 2019

In attendance: Julie Flynn, Stephen Wiltshire, Elizabeth Spinney, Stacey StJohn Hesselton, Kristen Woods, Tiffany Bubriski, Wendy Allen, Laura Often and Heidi Singh.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

The minutes from March 2019 were deferred.

The treasurer's report was approved. Wendy Allen made a motion and Kristen Wood seconded. All were in approval.

Report on Past Events

The Spring Fling was a great turnout, about a 100 people purchased tickets. A discussion about the venue was held. It is a lovely location but some concerns were raised about the fact that it is not local.

A Fun Fair Meeting will follow after this meeting.

The 6th Grade Celebration will be held on June 10.

The PTG suggest doing Celtics games for next year and people can wear their Green Spirit wear to games.

Officer Elections

Officer Elections are coming up in June; positions available are Secretary, Treasurer, and President.

Stacey St. John Hesselton will finish out the year as co-president and then step down. She will take the lead as the hospitality chair next year.

Principal Updates

Julie Flynn _ NGES Updates

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Kindergarten Orientation: we welcomed parents to NGES for a parent orientation on 3/7/19. Parents had the opportunity to learn more about the day in the life of a kindergarten student, take a tour and hear all about our fabulous PTG opportunities.

Author Kathryn Otoshi: Came on 3/15/19. She engaged students in several read alouds of her books, while sharing background information about how the story came to be as well as connecting it to real life situations here at NGES for our students.

Pumpnickel Puppets: Performed here at NGES on March 18th. Our k/1 students loved this interactive puppet show!

Ice Cream Social and Book Fair: We held another successful ICE Cream Social, with a one night book fair event. Many thanks to those who supported the quick set-up and breakdown of the fair as well as scooped ice cream!

Grade 1 Mechanics Hall: On March 28th, grade 1 students made their way to Mechanics Hall for Rosie Revere, Engineer. The show was enjoyed by all and offered a nice opportunity for all students to experience the theatre!

Tower of Books: Students have continued to enjoy the Tower Challenge. We recently added a new challenge, which was for students to write and illustrate their own story, versus reading. Once turned in, students books will be available to read in our school library!

Upcoming Events:

EdCamp: April 12th- all day! If you are looking for a fun way to volunteer at NGES, let Ms. Flynn know!

Opening Day at Fenway: Wear your gear to cheer on the Sox on April 9th!

Kindergarten Screening: May 6,7 and 13

Steve Wiltshire_ NSS Updates

School Comm. Presentation - April 9th

MCAS Dates: MCAS began this week for our 6th graders on the computer-based portion of the test. The students were wonderful and gave their best effort! Next week we will continue with the 4th and 5th grade ELA test. Third grade will test the week we return from the break.

Kathryn Otoshi - Kathryn Otoshi visited on March 8th and shared a wonderful message on inclusion and anti-bullying. She spent time reading her stories and personally signing each book that was purchased with individual artwork.

Parent Input for Placement: Letters went home and are due back next Friday, April 12th. We do ask that parents refrain from requesting a specific teacher but rather share their thinking around their child's learning style in the classroom.

Colonial Day - Friday, April 12th - Looking for volunteers to help make candles and other fun events!

Immigration Day - Thursday, April 26th - Always an exciting day for students to celebrate their heritage.

Move Up Ceremony for 6th Grade - In June we will hold the third 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.

Other Important Upcoming Dates:

Nature's Classroom - May 21st @ 6:00

Gallery Walk/Book Fair - May 22nd @ 5:00-7:30

Second Grade Parent Orientation - May 30th @ 6:30

Mini Grants

A mini grant submitted from Jennifer Dumas and Susan McCullen for 16 various flexible seating options for preschool. Requesting 4 wobble chairs, 8 stability balance discs and 4 vestibular sitting wedges. The total cost is \$432.00.

Laura Often made a motion and Wendy Allen seconded. All were in approval for the mini grant.

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 20 PM