

PTG Meeting Minutes - September 4, 2019 - 7pm.- NGES Cafeteria

In attendance: Stella Dikas, Tiffany Bubriski, Liz Spinney, Wendy Allen, Monica Rogers, Beth Foley, Laura Often, Melissa Chandler, Katie Gillmeister, Steve Wiltshire, Allison Casella, Holly Burch, Diana Montville, Treva Howard, Meghan Haney

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

Introductions by all: Wendy went first

Fun Run approaching quickly - Oct 2nd Pep rally launch (NGES & NSS)

Volunteers needed for Fun Run to pass out prizes daily thru Oct 2nd/3rd; Santa's Breakfast, Spring Fling, Book Fair, Enrichment. Liz passed out sign up sheet

Approval June Meeting Minutes: Liz made the motion to approve, Laura Often first; Wendy Allen second; all in favor

June Treasurer's report to be voted on at Oct meeting

Fun Run Theme - Wild West

Coming soon Railers Community Night - Chuck a Puck opening night 10/12

Enrichment meeting - coming up soon!

Fun Fair - theme TBD. Katie Gilmeister requested a theme be announced soon, to begin on crafts.

Movie Nights - December. Spring movie night, outdoors? Parents welcome, 6th graders lead, scavenger hunt / pizza party / game night / amazing race - branch into summer reading

All School Enrichment ideas? Brian Williams, Think Kindness: comprehensive/showing acts of kindness. Thinkkindness.org. BMX stunts. Chris Poulos. NSES student council does a week of kindness. The North Star, Newton.

Community Reading Day (NGES) 10/18 need volunteers.

NGES, NSES Yearbook - need parent volunteers Holly Burch, Katie Gillmeister

Switching from Original Works to SquareOne Art. Beth Foley, NGES | Diana Montville NSES

Flyers: need volunteers to copy flyers (Tues morning)

Principals Updates:

North Grafton Elementary School **September 4, 2019**

Welcome back! The start to the year has been fairly smooth. Thank you to the PTG for supporting welcoming events such as the popsicle social and welcome back picnic. The strength of this PTG lies within the strong connections to the community and so events like this are truly representative of all that we aim to do!

Buses: The buses are working to settle into their routes. A few (2,5,8) are trying out patience a bit, we are in communication with the bus company, are tracking our times and routes are being adjusted to support more consistent times, in particular afternoon drop off.

Picture Day: is coming up on September 24th

ASEP: We are excited to welcome Alyson Cassella to the role of ASEP Coordinator. Looking forward to continuing these after school opportunities for the students.

Volunteer Orientation: September 13th. Morning session (8:30am) will be held at NSS and afternoon at NGES (3pm)

Substitute/Guest Teachers: Be on the look out for Ms. Flynn to offer a parent orientation to what is involved in subbing here at NGES! We have, in the past, held orientations and the turnout and sustainability of parents has been phenomenal. Hoping to add to our sub pool!

PTG Principal's Update **North Street School**

October 2, 2019

September 4, 2019

1. **Popsicle Social** - A quick thank you for another successful popsicle social. Many students turned out on a beautiful day. Families reported that they enjoyed getting to reconnect before the kids returned the following week. Thank you to everyone that could make it.
2. **Summer Reading** - We have been collecting Summer Learning Passports over the past week and a half. So far over 200 students have returned their passports, but after today that number may have jumped over 300! We will have an all-school assembly to celebrate the students' learning and draw prizes. On behalf of the students and teachers, a big thank you to the PTG for supporting this effort.

3. **Outdoor Classroom - Polaris** - Our outdoor learning space is taking shape thanks to the generous support of many individuals, our staff, the Grafton Land Trust, Girl Scouts, and more. We are still looking for a few key pieces to finalize this project, including a fence, materials, and “rock table”.
4. **Welcome Back Picnic** - We had another successful Welcome Back Picnic last Thursday evening, considering the mosquito threat. A special thank you to everyone who arranged the picnic and helped spread the word.
5. **School Updates** - Over the summer our windows across the building received new screens, we added another Chromebook cart, a new library roof was installed, and three classrooms were retiled. There was also the usual preparation as well.

Picture Day - Our picture day will be Thursday, September 19th.

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Next meeting, Wed. Oct 2nd 7-8p.

Meeting adjourned 8:07