

NGES/NSES PTG Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2019 7pm, NGES Cafeteria

In attendance: Liz Spinney, Wendy Allen, Stella Dikas, Ally Casella, Morgo Boyle, Liz Oikle, Laura Often, Amanda Godbout, Tiffany Bubriski, Kristin Wood, Julie Flynn, Steve Wiltshire

Liz called the meeting to order 7:03pm

Review and approval of September meeting minutes; Laura Often motioned to approve; Julie Flynn second; all in favor

Review and discussion of 2019/2020 Treasurer's report; Laura Often motioned to approve; Stella Dikas second; all in favor

Kristin Wood explained how budget is allocated per grade/school/program funds

Liz Spinney proposes to add administrative line item (paper items) \$1000.

Increase school beautification budget (fencing for outdoor classroom at NSES). Steve Wiltshire is reaching out for quotes. Liz Spinney proposes \$1000 and increase from \$300.

Increase mini grants to \$1000.

Decreasing program funds to equal \$200 for current teachers, new teachers/classroom \$300. Purchase an all-school gift for NGES (sensory path) & NSES (new laminator).

Laura Often makes a motion to approve as presented with amendments as presented. Ali Casella second; all in favor.

Thank you Kristin for preparing the budget!

Fun Run update: Net income after expenses grossed approx. 52K. 17% admin expenses

Railers opening night – Community opening night is Saturday, October 12th. Looking for volunteers for Chuck-A-Puck

Nov 8<sup>th</sup>: Pizza & Magic night & book fair

Enrichment – no issues

Yearbook update – need ideas for yearbook theme (kindness, adventures in learning) contest announced soon. App was suggested as a way to upload pictures easier from mobile/tablet.

Visiting authors recommendations

Spirit Wear – flyer to be sent home soon

Laura Often reminders: walking & rolling Wednesday meet at park by 7:25 (various community leaders walk with kids to school). Oct 24- Spoogetti Dinner, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will run. All proceeds will fund transportation. Arts & crafts. \$5 per person

Holiday breakfast- Pancake breakfast. Kim St Ours & Laura Often retiring, Laura asking for volunteers and chairperson to continue.

Ali Casella mentioned Grafton Rec to help with after school programs.

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> NGES Community Reading Day

Book Fair – November - need volunteers

Principals Updates:

**North Grafton Elementary School**  
**October 2, 2019**

**FUN RUN:** Students had an amazing day today! THANK YOU to the PTG for a well coordinated and for the enormous amount of effort they put forth to make this event such a success! We met the Principal's Challenge so I am looking forward to becoming a human ice cream sundae!

**Enrichment:** Thank you to those who have stepped up to support the coordination of our grade level enrichment! Coordination has already begun and we are looking forward to our first enrichment which is a Nature Walk with Susan Thomas!

**All School Meeting:** We had our first all school meeting in September. At our meeting, we follow the same breakdown of a classroom meeting. 1. Greeting through our all school song 2. Activity: Grade 1 led the Pledge of Allegiance and Star Spangled Banner 3. Share: Miss Pilski shared out on our all school "Positive Penguin Prints" through use of C.A.R.E.S.!

**Bus community Meeting:** This past week, we held our first bus community meeting. At these meetings, students met with 2-3 teachers and the students with whom they ride the bus each day. They participated in a greeting, as well discussion of expectations while creating "Bus Rules". They all agreed and signed off on our bus rules and shared their posters with the bus driver. If you are ever wondering what your child's bus rules are- just ask! Or, take a look at the poster which is posted in the very front of the bus!

**PD:** Last week, we had our first ½ day PD. During this half day, staff met with Jodie Rapping (ALICE TOT), and two local police officers to review ALICE training. Prior to our meeting, we all participated in an online training. At this meeting, the facilitators reviewed the components of ALICE and staff participated in several role plays which were followed by Q & A time. All classrooms have the book "I'm Prepared, Not Scared" a book that is as developmentally appropriate as can be under such a situation. Already this year, we have practiced fire drills and our shelter in place drill. We do not currently have a plan to practice an evacuation, however will continue to work with the GPD.

**Coming up:** Progress Reports (October 9th), Community Reading Day (October 18th), Nature Walks, Potential Walking Trip to the Library, Picture Re-Takes (October 25), Halloween Parades, Tower of Books Challenge to begin after Columbus Day

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

**October 2, 2019**

1. **Fun Run** - We had an amazing day today during the run and we were excited to be outside. The students and staff were very much invested in having a successful run and fundraiser this year. Many thanks to those that helped in many ways over the past two weeks.
2. **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 Wendy and Liz for providing and setting up refreshments for the parents in attendance.
3. **MCAS Data** - Coming late October and early November
4. **Summer Learning Passports** - Winners were drawn this past Thursday. Collectively the students turned in 1.7 million points!
5. **Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment** - This new reading program was the focus of our ½ day PD at NSS. You will be receiving information on this change and how it impacts your child's reading level.
6. **Picture Retake Day** - October 15, 2019
7. **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. Thank you to Laura Often for organizer this great opportunity!
8. **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. Parents are welcome to begin arriving at 8:15 and the parade is set to begin at 8:30. Please know this day is also set as a half day.
9. **Progress Reports** - Our first trimester progress reports will be going home with students on October 9th. Our conferences this year will be held on November 14th and 15th. Report cards will then go home with students in early December.
10. **Stomp Out Bullying Day - October 7**. We will encourage all students and staff to wear blue on Monday, October 7th in recognition of anti-bullying day.

Meeting adjourned 8:39pm