

NGES/NSES PTG Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2019 7pm, NGES Cafeteria

In attendance: Liz Spinney, Wendy Allen, Stella Dikas, Tiffany Bubriski, Kristin Wood, Amanda Godbout, Liz Oikie, Holly Burch, Monica Rogers, Melissa Chandler

Liz called the meeting to order 7:00; opened the meeting with a Helen Keller quote

Review and approval of November meeting minutes: Kristin Wood motioned to approve; Wendy Allen second – all in favor (unanimous)

Review and approval of October Treasurers report: Amanda Godbout motioned to approve; Melissa Chandler second – all in favor (unanimous)

Upcoming events at NGES & NSS:

All events are in need of more volunteers.

Nov 8th (Fri): **Pizza & Magic Night**. Last day to turn in forms Thursday 11.7

NGES & NSS Book Fairs: Setup November 7 & 8 @ 9am

Dec 14th (Sat): **Holiday Breakfast** - Frozen theme

Laura Often final year chairing the event

Enrichment:

After school enrichment issue with Young Rembrandts; after school program cancelled. Parents will be reimbursed for funds for entire session

Colonial Day – Thursday Nov 21st [5th grade]

missing foil quills. Monica reminded them of location

Many Thanksgivings – Friday Nov 22nd

Prep at NSES morning of 11/15

Mysignup to be sent

More volunteers needed

Yearbook contest for NGES

NGES – Kindness Grows Here

NSES – open theme

Picture upload instructions on website

Visitng Author, Aaron Polansky – Tuesday, Nov 12th – Kindness & Trees

In coordinating with GMS

Flyer to order books to be sent home the same day

Directory out now! Form to be sent

Boxtops: Melissa Chandler
\$393.50 clipped & scanned
NSS: 5th grade won
NGES: K- Anderson | 1st- Poquette/Fletcher

Wachusett Fundraiser
flyers to be sent

Spoaghetti dinner raised just shy of \$900 for Nature's Classroom expenses

Principal's Updates:

North Grafton Elementary School

November 6, 2019

Community Reading Day: We held a successful CRD this past month, hosting 13 community members across all classrooms! Thank you to the PTG for coordinating this wonderful event, our students love to connect to community helpers and this is a great way to do so!

Walking Field Trip to the Library: Last week, all first grade students walked to the library and had the opportunity to learn about all that the library has to share! All students were able to take out a book and if desired, got their first library card!

Celebrations: The weather was a bit iffy to start our Halloween parade, but a minute or so after we got outside cleared up so that we could enjoy our parade outside! Thank you to the families and relatives who came to support our students. Additionally, students learned about and shared (in class and during our "bonus time" on Diwali. As we enter into a season of various celebrations/holidays, we will continue to create opportunities for students to share what is important to their family and learn from one another!

Tower of Books Challenge: As you can see from our ToB board, the home to school reading challenge has begun! The first challenge is for all students to complete 1 challenge! Students are able to choose a book from Ms. Flynn's library to take home and keep once they complete their first challenge! Stay tuned for the next challenge which will be from December- January.

Nature Walks: Thank you to Susan Thomas for sharing her passion and love of all things nature by guiding our students in K and 1 on a Nature walk through our trails, out back. Students loved using their senses to learn all about the outside world!

Acts of Kindness: We enjoyed hosting Kelly the Kindness Ninja! To date, we have logged 370 acts of Kindness!

Sensory Path: Thanks to our very successful Fun Run, we are working with local company Sunshine Signs to move forward with a sensory path here at NGES. We are learning a lot about what goes into this process and are excited to create our very own path to support the movement needs of all students!

Upcoming events: Book Fair, Clay Art, Pizza and Magic Night, Parent Teacher conferences, Holiday Breakfast

PTG Principal's Update
North Street School

November 6, 2019

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

Kindness Challenge - We are just about at 4,000 acts of kindness and only 1,000 more to go!

Conferences- Conferences for all students will be next week. Our 5th and 6th grade teams will be offering additional days beyond the November 14th evening date and the Friday, November 15th date.

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.

Enrichment:

Colonial Day - November 21st for our 5th graders.

Many Thanksgivings - November 22nd for 3rd graders.

Aaron Polansky - November 12th - All School

Motion to approve NSS laminator \$1,787 including 4 rolls film plus free shipping
Wendy Allen first motion approve 1787 for laminator coming out of all school spending;
Liz second – all in favor (unanimous)

Liz read thank you card from Mrs. Chartrand

Next meeting Dec 4th @ NGES 7pm

Meeting adjourned