

PTG Meeting - 10.14.2020

Attendance: Beth Foley, Stella Dikas, Renuka, Tiffany Bubriski, Julie Flynn, Liz Spinney, Maria Adamo, Kelly O’Harra, Wendy Allen, Diana Montville, Mark and Kate Blinn, Mia Ayers, Ashley Ralph

Introductions of Officers - Maria Adamo, Tiffany Bubriski, Stella Dikas

Julie Flynn Introduction

Beth Foley Introduction

Discussion of July 2020 Meeting Minutes

Liz Spinney motion to approve July 2020 PTG Meeting Minutes; Maria Adamo second motion, unanimous

Presentation of 2020/2021 Budget

Discussions around Classroom funds for in-person/hybrid, RLA, Music, Art funds
Stella Dikas motion to approve 2020/2021 Budget; Maria Adamo second motion, unanimous

Principals Updates

North Grafton Elementary School

October 14, 2020

Welcome back! All things considered, the year is off to a fantastic start. We have students participating in 4 different cohorts, both in person and remotely. When in the building, students are working to identify their hopes and dreams for the school year as well to understand and implement new procedures in the school.

Masks- students are doing an exceptional job. Teachers offer mask breaks throughout the day outside for the whole class, and if needed, a student can take one in the class as needed (at least 6 feet apart).

Buses: Students riding the bus are sitting in alternate seats, socially distanced. Given low ridership, this has gone fairly well and no issues have come up to date. Bus arrival/dismissal has gone very well. First time in 6 years we haven’t spent the afternoons hoping that the buses are not running late! Some issues with early buses seem to be slowly but steadily resolving themselves.

Cafeteria: 2 students per table, lunches delivered to tables. Students are adjusting well and eating more!

Recess: 4 quadrants: each class uses a quad for a 2 week rotation. Once all classes have moved through each of the sections of the playground, we will revisit combining two classes in two sections.

Specials: We are running specials in 5 week blocks. We are just about to wrap up the first block of 5 weeks of music. Next week will begin weeks 6-10 and Ms. Runne and Mrs. Largesse will return to NGES for Art and PE!

Sensory Path: Is in place and being used all the time! The students are loving it! Whether they are on their way to the bathroom, taking a break, or needing to move while in the cafe- they love it!

Enrichment: We are excited to welcome Sarah Bannister back to prek this year! She has already zoomed in once and we look forward to meeting with her more! We are also very excited to share that we will be holding a virtual Community Reader Day next month. CRD has always been a wonderful part of our community building experience for students and so we are excited to make it happen!

RLA Pick ups: We have had 2 RLA pick up times. This past week, less than 30% picked up. Have reached out again to share that materials are ready for pick up. We would like to try to have parents pick up on 1 day, so as to limit visitors to the building. On nice weather days, we can have them outside, but as the wind picks up and rain/cold, we do need to have them inside.

Coming up: Progress Reports (October 19), Dance Fit (week of October 19, October 26) Community Reading Day (November 12th), Picture (October 24 and November 4),

Steve-

Yearbook Discussion - Liz Spinney

Dec 1 cover contest end date

NGES = Stella Dikas

NSES = Liz Spinney

Reflection on Grade 6 - Ice Cream & Yearbook distribution (Aug)

Big THANK YOU to Shana Eddy - Custodian Appreciation Day Chalkboard Art & DD Gift Cards

Reminder:

Spirit Wear - ends on Oct 24th - All orders Ship to School

Fundraiser: DanceFit - new FunRun

Chair: Liz Spinney

Cohort A - NSES - October 20th - NGES - October 28th

Cohort B- NSES - October 27th - NGES - November 4th

Community Reading Day will be held on Nov 12th

Fundraiser idea: Hand Sanitizer

\$250 upfront, can sell \$5-\$7each (would need to sell 35 units to break even at \$7)

Fundraiser: Square1 Art after November

NGES = Stella Dikas

NSES = Diana Montville

Kindergarten - Enrichment

Butterfly Learning Kits (Spring 2021)

Enrichment Updates - holding separate meeting with each grade

More info to come on teacher leads; each grade to reach out for possible enrichment 20/21

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm - Liz Spinney motioned to adjourn; Julie Flynn second motion, unanimous