

PTG 2.3.2021

Meeting started at 7:03pm

In attendance: Beth Foley, Stella Dikas, Liz Spinney, Tiffany Bubriski, Steve Wiltshire, Kristin Wood, Julie Flynn

### **Discussion of December 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Kristin Wood motion to approve December 2020 PTG Meeting Minutes; Julie Flynn second motion, unanimous all in favor

### **Discussion of December 2020-January 2021 Treasurer's Report**

Discussion regarding spending since Aug 2020. Revise mini grants to include Mrs. Largesse \$115.96. Stella Dikas motion to approve Dec 2020-Jan 2021 Treasurer's Report; Steve Wiltshire second motion, unanimous all in favor

Community Reading Day March 2nd at NSES

### **Principals Updates**

#### **North Grafton Elementary School**

**February 3, 2021**

**Holiday Treats:** Feels overdue, but a HUGE thank you to the PTG for such a sweet treat for our staff back in December. The staff were so grateful for your thinking of them and the combination of the brownies and oreos was perfect:)

**Full Return:** This past month we shared with families that we would be returning all students for full time as of February 8th. Families had the opportunity to opt to move to RLA or from RLA to in person. There will be no hybrid moving forward. We are beyond excited to have our students back in person and ultimately are able to do so given the space we have in our buildings at the K-1 level. The date of the return is February 8th. Two webinars were offered to families to share the plans and respond to questions.

**Black History Month:** A goal of ours at NGES in the past year was to identify ways in which we could more explicitly support our black and brown students and families. Some of the

steps we began to take (during the closure) was to identify texts that lent themselves to our grade level to provide all students the opportunity to see themselves in the texts available in our school each day. We purchased several hundred dollars worth of books which are available for teachers to have available in their classrooms. Teachers are using these books regularly by having them available however this month are working to read them aloud throughout this month to begin to more seamlessly integrate them into our instruction. As part of BHM and World Read Aloud day today, several kindergarten and first grade classes listened to the story Amazing Grace today and then participated in an activity to identify the many different colors we are, as well as to identify the many other differences we each have- culminating in conversation about how our differences are what make each of us so special.

**Valentine's Day:** We will be celebrating Valentine's day with cards, however with some different parameters. We are asking that there are no "add on's" such as pencils, erasers, etc. Students will be offered to bring a special snack in a sack too:)

### **North Street Elementary School**

**February 3, 2021**

1. Holiday Treats - On behalf of the staff we thank the PTG and all those directly involved in providing the tasty treats to the staff. It was greatly appreciated!
2. Model Changes - As Dr. Cummings shared, the district is asking families to commit to their model of learning through the end of the year by February 12th. This will allow for effective and more accurate planning for the months ahead.
3. Coin Drive Student Council - Our student council is engaged in a charity coin drive to support a charity to be determined.
4. Cohort C - In recent weeks we have received a number of requests for students to switch models to cohort C, full time. Although we would love to accommodate all of these requests, we simply can not guarantee that every student that wants to return full time is able to.
5. Valentines' Day - We are collaborating with UMASS Memorial Medical Center to share Valentine's with the UMASS front line workers. We will be sending pictures to the

UMASS staff that will be displayed in bulletin boards around the office.

**Mini Grants:**

**NSS: e-book from Lightbox | 4th 18 books \$314 | 5th: 27 books \$628**

Liz Spinney motion to approve NSS Mini Grant e-book for Lightbox; Kristin Wood second motion, unanimous all in favor

e-book bundle from Lightbox, the school owns the book forever (not a subscription). You get a physical copy of the book as well as access to an electronic version that an unlimited number of students can enjoy at the same time. It can be assigned through Google classroom or used on tablets by in-person students. Each book bundle includes additional online content, quizzes, worksheets, etc, and Mr. Wiltshire thinks the bundles purchased for 4th and 5th grades would also be appropriate for 3rd and 6th grade students, as they're targeted to a range of reading levels.

**NSS Library mini grant \$300;** Mrs. Cross will be using her remaining program funds; **\$181.52** would be covered as a mini-grant.

Liz Spinney motion to approve Mrs. Cross library book mini-grant; Kristin Wood second motion, unanimous all in favor

Next meeting March 3rd

Motion to adjourn; Kristin Wood motion to approve, Steve Wiltshire second motion, unanimous all in favor