



NHS PTO
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018

Open

Call to Order 6:06pm.

Approve minutes from March 2018 meeting. (Edit from Vince Bianchi). Motion to approve the March Meeting Minutes by Kristin, second by Tammy Bernard.

Superintendent Tangorra- Budget Presentation (copy attached?)

Budget is financial representation of the Niskayuna School District Strategic Plan principles. Review each line of budget and review from ground up each year. Social supports for kids, classroom size some important factors considered. Of the increase in budget (\$81,400,312 to \$84,193,864), 2.5% of the 2.64% increase supports new staff. Four areas of focus: social supports for students; supports for students with disabilities; class size management; other staff additions. Proposition- 6 new buses purchased. Board of Education 2 seats open- May 1, 2018 7pm meet the candidates night. Budget vote Tuesday May 15, 2018.

Questions about any funding for drug awareness in this budget? No. Question about team approach in VA- will it be fully restored? No, but more \$ for additional staff at VA. Contingency budget? No. BoE will reconvene to consider options if budget voted down.

Committee

Junior Prom Forum

Vince Bianchi

Prom Forum this Thursday. Webpage to be announced. Sale dates are the same. Contracts ready. PTO will send announcements to junior parents.

Junior After Prom

Maria Dean

April 23rd the next and last meeting. \$6211 in donations incl. PTO donations. \$4200 pays for event. Vince sent insurance waiver to Via Port & PTO. Raffle & prizes to be announced.

Staff Appreciation

Becky Stansbury

Planning progressing. Marisa Etkin will be the Chair next year.

Senior Gala and BBQ
(Add Notes from Tracy)

Tracy Cazer/Denise McGraw

Need to establish price for Gala event - comment from Vince.

Craft Fair

Paulette Doudoukjian

Application ready for Fall! Budget increase request to \$1500. (\$300 increase) Kristin made motion to approve, which was voted on and approved.

President Report

Kristin Kennedy

Open PTO Positions Update

- Two Co Presidents needed; Open Chairs:Directory, Communications

Nominating Committee- needs to be formed or PTO can vote. 3-4 people. Potential Chairs need to present at the next meeting. Vote at last meeting.

PTO End Year Contribution- Principals Rickert & Jones to prepare a proposal for funding for the PTO to consider.

Need to address who will take over PayPal management per Kristin. Teri Shanahan agreed take over managing PayPal when Kristin's term ends.

Treasurer's Report

Tammy Bernard

Finances on track; surplus spend down to be considered. Important to carry surplus of at least one years' budget (\$10-12K). Discussion about trying to increase classroom funding requests from teachers that meet PTO criteria of student focused initiatives or needs. Review PTO funding request form and update to hopefully encourage more teacher participation.

School Board Report

Board Update

David Koes

The Administration available for any questions about the budget. Safety improvement issues. School Resource Officer Position under discussion and would take over in a year working with Niskayuna Police Dept. Potential funding opportunities for the position can be explored.

Principals' Report

Assistant Principal

Eva Jones

Final exam schedule will be posted next week. Jr. parking lot applications available. Safety issues: scanners in place at main entrances; camera and intercom system outside main entrance; replaced &

repositioned cameras incl. in parking lot; Emergency packets/procedures in red folders at doors that Anthony developed. (per Eva). "Turn it in and disconnect day" under consideration.

Principal

John Rickert

Teachers volunteered for safety committee. Staff very involved. District wide safety committee including Police Chief. About the April 20th student protest, NHS position the same, it's not condoned. YMCA breakfast event at Proctors to honor nominated students and teachers. Student athlete infractions reported quarterly. Vaping is a primary issue. All programs would be intact at NHS with current proposed budget.

7:53 Kristin closed the meeting.

- 5/14/18 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
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