



NHS PTO Meeting Minutes January 8, 2018

Attendees: Kristin Kennedy, Cindy Strevell, Tammy Bernard, Maria Polsinelli Dean, Anne Skrebutenas, Eva Jones, John Rickert, David Koes, Cynde Diefendorf, Teri Shanahan, Becky Stansbury, Nita Chicatelli

Open: Kristin called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Second by Tammy Bernard. November meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

Spring Committee Updates:

College Night

Stacy Frisoni

Event scheduled for March 6th at 6:30pm. Possibility of Schenectady High School students to be invited and Niskayuna students could attend Schenectady's College Night which is more of a college fair/booth format.

After Prom

Maria Dean

Via Port contract to be finalized and meeting with parents next week. Seeking donations for the event from Junior parents and request letters will be sent out.

Staff Appreciation

Becky Stansbury

Luncheon scheduled first Friday in June on the 1st. Will order food from Pereccas as in the past which has been very popular.

Senior Gala & BBQ

Tracy Cazer

Seniors had a coupon book fundraiser; bottle & can drives at Town Hall. They will do a direct mailing for donations in the Spring to parents. Students will organize a field day.

Hanaford ongoing bottle drive program should be considered. Tammy will look into it.

Presidents Report

Kristin Kennedy

2018-2019 PTO Positions- Need Officer positions filled by May. President, Co President, Treasurer (possibly), Vice President, Secretary, Committee positions. Contact any of the current officers or Principals if you are interested!

Bulk Mailing- Will look into renewing bulk mailing if feasible and useful.

GE Check- The check located last year is for the GE Engineering for Young Women contribution, not for the PTO.

The PTO sent a note of support to Anthony Malizia and his family.

Treasurer's Report

Tammy Bernard

Attached is the Treasurer's Report. A check was sent to the Texas PTO impacted by Hurricane Harvey- a \$250 match.

School Board Report

Board Update

David Koes

BoE Meeting tomorrow on 1/9/2018. Capacity and enrollment study to be reported on by a consultant. It will be posted on the District website too. Budget presentations will begin. NCAP holding an event on substance abuse awareness topics on January 27th at VA. Open dialogue format. Looking for community and student participation. Student survey to be distributed this year too.

Principals' Report

Assistant Principal

Eva Jones

Close to end of semester- Jan 22-25th Regents exams. No classes in session. Resume classes that Friday which starts the new semester. 8th grade Wed 24th orientation at NHS. More direct high school student and 8th grader interaction and questions. National Honor Society students. Consider PTO table at the 6:30pm 1/16/2018 8th Grade Parent Night next week.

Electronic vape cigarettes a problem in school. Kids and adults should be aware of what they look like and that they can be easily concealed. It is illegal to use any type of cigarettes in school.

Assistant Principal

Anthony Malizia

Principal

John Rickert

Anthony Malizia is out due to family issues, but plans to return next week.

Important for students to attend school on Friday which is the first day of the next semester.

New memo issued by the State Education Commissioner about graduation: expanded ways available for kids to get diploma for special education/special needs students. Also finding ways to increase BOCES certification opportunities. The High School is reaching out to eligible kids.

Next PTO Meetings:

- 2/12/18 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
- 3/12/18 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
- 4/9/18 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
- 5/14/18 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
- 6/11/18 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
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Kristin adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm Seconded by Cynde Diefendorf.