



NHS PTO
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018

Attendees: Cindy Strevell, Tracy Cazer, Maria Polsinelli- Dean, Putnam Kerr, David Koes, Teri Shanahan, Anthony Malizia, Eva Jones, John Rickert, Vince Bianchi, Michele Harland, Claudia Agostino, Kristin Kennedy, Nita Chicatelli

Open: Meeting called to order by Kristin Kennedy at 6:07, seconded by Cindy Strevell. Motion to approve Minutes from March 2018 meeting made by Kristin; seconded by Vince Bianchi and approved by the board with changes to be made to the BOE section.

Committee Updates:

College Night

Stacy Frisoni

- Event was well attended and came in under budget by \$77. Stacy will continue as event Chairperson for next year.

After Prom

Maria Dean

- Planning progressing and continuing to receive donations. Contract has been signed. Need volunteers to solicit for raffle prizes. Have \$5500 approximately in donations so far.

Junior Prom

Vince Bianchi

- Dates for selling of tickets has been set. Class advisors agreed to have the prom filmed by Brian Behan and will be downloaded to be shown at the after prom.

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Staff Appreciation

Kristin Kennedy

- Perreca's confirmed for event catering and planning progressing.

Senior Gala & BBQ

Tracy Cazer/Denise McGraw

- Gala June 8th. Chairs met with Vince Bianchi to review timeline. Flyers to Senior parents requesting donations to be sent this week. Plan to meet with Glen Sanders before the end of the month to coordinate Gala details and dates for future Galas to be secured: June 7, 2019 and 2020 date. Gala tickets on sale: May 31, June 1 & 4 10:30-1:30. June 5th 2:45-4:00; June 6 & 7 10:30- 1:30.

- BBQ Monday June 18th.

- LT's catering again this year. Met with Michelle Della Ratta to get her materials. Letter to be sent on May 15th to Seniors & families requesting food donations and volunteers with online sign up available. Food donation drop off: Sunday June 17th 11-12pm and Monday June 18th 7:30-9:00.

Student Speaker

Claudia Agostino

-Conducting a study of student behavior in school and ways to improve the student behavior /culture in the school. Board provided feedback that she could survey students, teachers and parents.

Putnam Kerr (VP of Sophomore Class)

-Sophomore Class is going to undertake a DVD collection drive for troops stationed abroad; work with AMVETS. PTO can do an email blast to publicize it and there will be a collection bin the day of the budget vote. Suggested that the class put a box at the High School, Town Hall & Library which Putnam will look into.

Presidents Report

Kristin Kennedy

2018-2019 PTO Positions: **Need two Co -Presidents. After Prom and Senior Gala Chair, Webmaster, Directory, NCAP Rep, Shared Decision Team Rep positions are open also. Please contact any Board member if you are interested in the position or learning more about it.** The Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary positions are filled for the coming year.

File Storage- follow up: A cabinet was purchased to manage file storage.

CLYNK- set up at NHS main entrance so parents can pick up bags.

Treasurer's Report

Tammy Bernard

No new issues, all on track.

School Board Report

David Koes

Strategic Planning meeting 3/16. Board Meeting 3/13. Superintendent giving few plans for projected budget. Tax cap 3.07%. Need simple majority plus 1 if at cap or under, if over cap need majority vote. Will have option under cap. 3/23: Superintendent will Propose Budget to adopt and adopt calendar for next school year.

Superintendent will be at April 9th PTO meeting to discuss the budget.

Principals' Report

Assistant Principal

Eva Jones

Student Forum on safety well attended with 75-100. Talked about need for greater security at high school and how easy it is to get into building. Students felt safety drill needs to be improved by Administration. Students expressed they really didn't know what to do if an actual event happened.

Security measures enacted by the school: limited access to building in morning, doors don't open until 7:00 am.; there will be a staff member at booth when you enter first set of doors to check visitors ID and then allowing people through to the second set of doors into building.

Scanners: putting up front so students will have to scan ID when they go out of the building and scan when they come back in. Will give better idea of who is in the building. A scanner will also be at the Nurses Office and the Counseling Office.

Assistant Principal

Anthony Malizia

3/ 22-23 NCAP conducting Needs Prevention session during English for 10th and 12th grades.
4/21 Dance Marathon. Teams can sign up and raise money for the charity of your choice.

Principal

John Rickert

Congratulations to students who worked on and preformed in the play Camelot. They did a great job!
Congratulations to boys swimming Sectional Champions. Congratulations to the girls track Sectional Champions as well as two teams participated in Nationals. 4x8 relay placed 3rd nationally.
Campus Safety Lockdown Drill was held on 3/6. Campus supervisor in charge of building security and monitoring off grounds traffic especially at lunch. Plan to monitor perimeter to help reduce students leaving campus.

Student Events: 3/15. Walk Out

School believes in education and wants students in class. Does not support walkout but understands students need to have a voice. There will be no disciplinary action for leaving class and students are expected to return. Walking out to flag pole for 17 minutes and reading names of 17 killed in Florida. Police will be monitoring the events as well as staff. Student only participation.

4/20 walk out is more political in tone. Students who walk out and leave school grounds will face disciplinary actions. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in events that day.

Meeting adjourned by Kristin Kennedy at 7:46 pm and seconded by Cindy Strevell

- Next PTO Meetings:
 - 5/14/18 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
 - 6/11/18 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center