



NHS PTO Meeting

November 13, 2017

Attendees:

Kristin Kennedy, Vince Bianchi, Cindy Strevell,, Nita Chicatelli, David Koes, John Rickert, Tammy Bernard, Cynthia Diefendorf, Eva Jones, Anne Skrebutenas, Becky Stansbury, Paulette Doudoukjian

Meeting called to order by Kristin Kennedy at 6:05 pm and Becky Stansbury made a motion to approve minutes from the September 2017 meeting with Tammy seconding the motion.

Fall 2017 Committee Event Reports

Committee Updates

Negotiating the contract for the after prom @ the Via Port location. Junior Class meeting and thinking about not taping the prom walk in to save money, but will poll the class. Gala and Senior Class BBQ planning progressing. BBQ going to add a field day to the event to extend the event and officers and advisors will coordinate it. May need tables & chairs.

Craft Fair

10/28

Paulette Doudoukjian

31st annual event very successful! Committee debriefed after and its members will continue for next year's event which is scheduled for Oct 27, 2018. Football team volunteers and other student volunteers were very helpful. Need to have student volunteer meeting on the day prior next year to improve coordination. \$10,600 net profit! Fundraising for the Houston 'Sister' School damaged by flooding raised \$250 which was sent to school. Kristin made a motion for the PTO to send a \$250 donation match which was approved. For next year, consider a fundraising collection for Nisky Now.

School Board Report

Board Update

David Koes

Brian Backus sworn in- newly elected Board member. IPAC and ECAC committees meeting. Board hired consultant for capacity enrollment study which is in draft form.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report-Budget

Tammy Bernard

Treasurer's Report submitted. Four cash boxes purchased. Still waiting for PTO Council close out invoice.

President Report-Budget Review

Kristin presented the PTO budget for this year. A motion to adopt the budget as is was made by Cynde Diefendorf. The budget was voted on and passed unanimously.

Principals' Report

Assistant Principal Report

Eva Jones

Received check from RedCap/ Exxon Mobil for \$500 grant. Thank you to the Red Cap company. The grant will be deposited into the Mark Treanor Fund for students in need.

Students need to scan or enter student ID when entering the library starting today. On Friday, City Mission presentation about 'small acts of kindness' and homerooms will be doing 'kindness' /community activities like writing notes to Veterans. A technology survey was sent out to families today. The Environment and Culture Committee- meeting w. minority students and parents Nov.30th to get their feedback on minority experience in Niskayuna; Dec 12 & 13th video of meetings shown to District students to engage them in diversity discussions.

Principal

John Rickert

Congratulations to Dr. Eva Jones on completing her PhD! Veteran's Day presentation of two veteran interviews. Tradition to stop classes 5 min early on Veterans Day to mark the occasion. 300+ graduates went into military service from NHS. Student athlete signing ceremony last week. Feedback from College coaches very interesting because they expressed a particular interest in Niskayuna student athletes being very coachable, successful. School safety drills & lock out drills upcoming. Evening of History event with teachers and student participants on January 8th at 7:00pm. Thanksgiving Day concert at noon Nov 21st at NHS.

- Next PTO Meeting:
 - 1/8/18 @ 6:00 - NHS Media Center
 - 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

Kristin closed the meeting at 6:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Chicatelli, PTO Secretary