



NHS PTO Meeting
September 11, 2017 6:00pm

Attendees

Kristin Kennedy, Eva Jones, Paulette Doudoukjian, Cindy Strevell, Cynde Diefendorf
Tammy Bernard, Becky Stansbury, Caroline Thompson, Anne Skrebutenas,
Teri Shanahan, Annette Benson, David Koes, John Rickert, Vince Bianchi, Anthony Malizia,
Nita Chicatelli

Meeting called to order by Kristin Kennedy at 5:59pm.

Approval of June 2017 meeting minutes- motion by Cindy Strevell & Dave Koes 2nd.

Fall 2017 Committee Event Reports

New Comers Dinner 9/19 Caroline Thompson

- 385 hard copy invitations sent; posted on outdoor electronic board
- Potluck event for 9th grade parents and new families to meet teachers & parents; Principal update and Q & A

Back to School Night – PTO Table 10/5 Teri Shanhan

- Distribute PTO Directory hard copies on site when dues collected; Committee sign up sheets will be available; Honor Society students to staff table; PayPal available
- Need prominent signage
- \$25 event budget

Craft Fair 10/28 Paulette Doudoukjian/ Cheryl Gerstler

- 93(?) total booth spaces rented to date; 14 available; 15 vendor spaces
- New this year: the Committee Chairs would like to use the G Hall to add more vendors and improve traffic flow at the event; consider adding Scholastic Book sale to the event; a henna tattoo booth is another possibly
- Remember that ACT Testing conducted that day in C Hall and no announcements allowed
- Loading and unloading for crafters and vendors at Pool/GYM entrance
- Principal Rickert to arrange for bus transportation for Town Hall parking
- Niskayuna Police will be at the event
- Publicizing the event through: Social media/FB promotion; lawn signs; flyers; on High School digital sign; big signs on fence; ad in NTN; Gazette ad?

Directory/Email Cindy Strevell

- Distribute some on BTS night; \$10 directory fee

Spring Committee/Event Reports (NO reports tonight)

Junior Prom Forum

- April 12, 2017 at 7:00pm Little Theatre

Junior After Prom 5/12 Vince Bianchi

- Ticket sales from April 24- May 4th only; plus one additional day for ticket sales on the Thursday before the prom

Senior Gala and BBQ 6/1 and ? Vince Bianchi

- Can and bottle drive at Town Hall next weekend to raise \$ for the Senior Class

School Board Report

Board of Education Update David Koes

- Next BoE meeting on 9/12 at VA; Capital Project update sent via email to community
- School lunch update— NHS food cart reopened this year.
- IPAC & ECAC; IPAC will be more active with membership opening up to community, Plan to address topics like coping with stress; health wellness, school start time; homework topics
- BoE representative Pat Lanote resigned and election petitions were distributed; three candidates picked up ballots: Calabrese, Greer, Bacchus
- ***School Board Open Seat Election Tuesday, Oct 10th***

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report-Budget Tammy Bernard

- Bank of America- new PTO bank account opened here. More customer oriented with check scanning; other online capabilities
- \$4,420 + \$2100 craft fair deposited (?)
- Committees Chairs— MUST have receipts to get reimbursed for expenses; only use PTO debit card for all purchases; can't write personal checks and get reimbursed

Principals' Report

Assistant Principal Eva Jones

- First day of school just for freshman important for getting oriented; ran through entire schedule on Thursday with A day/ B day schedule on same day
- Sept 19th last day for add /drop; Sept 29th election for student officers

Assistant Principal Anthony Malizia

- Hurricane Relief fund raising thru student congress
- Club/Activity Fair Sept 29th; New Mentor Club (Best Buddies type of club)

Principal

John Rickert

- Focus on tying academic programs to District strategic plan; Areas of focus are culture, curriculum and partnership themes
- 10 NYSSMA students this year
- Class of 1967 tour of NHS- John Rickert & Vince Bianchi to lead group tour
- **Pep Rally - Friday October 6th**
- Boys & Girls cross country teams in State top 5
- Sept 20th- no after school events after 4:00pm; Sept 21 & 22 no classes
- Oct 5th- BTS Night
- Two new after school supervisors hired by NHS (On duty 1:30-6:30pm)
- Capability to send messages through Messenger customized to each High School class if needed

President Report – Kristin Kennedy

- 501c3 update - Approved; EIN; cert of incorporation; awaiting tax exempt number/designation; operating independently; District insurance coverage still in effect
- Clarify Junior Prom Forum and BBQ dates
- Need volunteer to manage electronic *Crossroads Chronicle*- PTO seasonal newsletter already formatted; need another volunteer for Shared Decision Making position (only meet 1-2x year)
- Next PTO Meetings:
 - 9/11/17 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
 - 10/16/17 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
 - 11/13/17 @ 6:00 – NHS Media Center
 - 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

Other topics

A parent asked about how the District is addressing drug awareness education. Principal Rickert cited NCAP & the Warrior Project promote health lifestyles; anti drug education.

Meeting adjourned 7:33pm by President Kristin Kennedy; seconded by Cindy Strevell.

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Chicatelli- PTO Secretary