

NFSIS Community Council Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017

1. Attendees: Sam Cox, Jenica Schevene, Shari Paulson, Jason Kassoff, Jamie Gilroy, Sami Akert, April Selman, Pat Frazier
2. Principal's Report
 - i. SPF Report
 1. NFSIS received an accreditation of Performance School based on 2016-2017 School Performance Framework and CMAS assessments (3d-5th grades)
 2. This is the first NFSIS accreditation, and a great accomplishment
3. Events:
 - a. Michaelmas/Festival of Courage
 - i. Wednesday, September 27
 - ii. Students will take a trip to Pat's Farm
 - iii. Student performance will be selected by teachers and Thesa
 - iv. Invite Wildflower Children's Collective
 - v. At next Events meeting discuss meal, transportation, schedule, estimated budget, invitation to community members, outside of the school
 - vi. How to incorporate older students (not NFSIS age) into festival (dragon?)
 - vii. Set aside \$50 for this event at this time.
 - viii. Can we use TLC email blast, or 'Friends Of' email list.
4. Marketing
 - a. Mountain Harvest Festival
 - i. We will not have a booth, but may approach TLC about displaying some NFSIS materials.
 - ii. April will approach TLC about co-hosting a booth
 - iii. Pat shared the idea of having a tri-fold display (pictures/articles/testimonials) to travel to events
 - iv. Pictures are available from Jenica, Pat, Flickr/Facebook accounts
 - v. April asked about video interviews of parents
 - b. Next meeting is September 20. They haven't met as a committee yet.
 - c. April is wrapping her head around the needs of marketing
 - i. Ideas: Grandparents Day
 1. Thanksgiving Time, open house style event for extended family, Tuesday before the Thanksgiving Break
 - ii. Ideas: Kindergarten open house on a regular basis
 - iii. Ideas: Friday Assembly, first thing on Friday morning
 1. 1 class performance, school song, birthday celebrations, announcements
 2. builds community
 - iv. Ideas: Friends of NFSIS website
 1. A lot of support for a community-based website
 2. What is the budget? Who's going to develop/maintain the website?
 3. Discuss how BCSIS does their fundraising
5. Finance/Fundraising Committee:
 - a. Shared updated budget report from 8/30/17.
 - i. We have approximately \$25,000 in cash across all accounts
 - ii. Fundraising goal around \$13,000 to meet enrichment and marketing needs.
 - iii. Next meeting is September 20th to work on the expense side of the budget for 2017-2018 school year.
 - iv. There will be a separate meeting for fundraising events.
 - v. Spanish can bill 6 hours a week at \$25 per hour.

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6. ACE Committee

- a. This committee will meet on a quarterly basis, or as needed.
- b. Membership will include principal, teachers, and one parent rep. per class.
- c. Parents should refer topics to discuss to their ACE committee rep for their class.
- d. 1st Quarter meeting will be September 26th at 4:00
- e. Topic will be:
 - i. 1st Quarter: district attendance and discipline policies and Capturing Kids Hearts
 - ii. 2nd Quarter: Student Semester Reports
 - iii. 3rd Quarter: Curriculum (block/standards alignment)
 - iv. 4th Quarter: to be determined
- f. There will also be a time for parent Q and A during each meeting

7. New Business

- a. Compost – we can have compost bins in the classroom to transfer to the garden compost bin.
- b. Strings:
 - i. Cassandra cannot continue with the program
 - ii. New instructor is available (Keith Ellison) at \$20 per class
 - iii. This is for 4th grade students only
 - iv. Could be provided as an extracurricular and we could get some financial support (i.e, TLC).
 - v. Budget would be approximately \$1,360 for the year.
 - vi. Communication needs to be improved to the parents about what is happening with Orchestra
 - vii. Preference is to have the class for all students, and provide two instructors to meet the different ability levels of students.

8. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/3.

- a. Topics for next meeting:
 - i. Committee Reports

9. Adjourn