

NFSIS Community Council Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2017

1. Attendees: Sam Cox, Pat Frazier, Colleen Dolan, April Selman, Alima Friar, Sami Akert
2. Principal's Report
 - a. Finance Information
 - i. Scholarship Request Applications went home today.
3. ACE Committee
 - a. Next meeting is November 27 at 4:00.
4. Events
 - a. Lantern Walk
 - i. Scheduled for this Friday at 5:30
 - ii. Need a map of the houses to visit – Sami is going to connect with the houses to visit (4-5 houses)
 - iii. Will end at the old baseball field part of Town Park
 - iv. Pat has bowl's for the event at Alicia's
 - b. Winterfaire
 - i. Discussion regarding whether to hold Winterfaire this year
 1. Cons: Several events happening in November/December, are we asking parents for too much time,
 2. Pros: tradition, exposure to broader community
 - ii. Alternative:
 1. In house Winterfaire during the school day. Students do Winterfaire crafts in the classroom
 2. For future years do we provide craft stations during the Paonia Holiday Festival
 - iii. There is a NFSIS Holiday concert scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:00 at the school.
 - iv. NFSIS is hosting a Soup Kitchen on Dec. 1st and 2nd from 12pm-9pm
 - v. We will not hold the Winterfaire this year, but will include crafts into the school day and celebration during the holiday concert
 - c. Spiral Garden
 - i. Sunday, December 3 at The Yoga Tree in the evening
 - ii. It will not include a meal
5. Marketing
6. Finance/Fundraising Committee:
 - a. Annual Giving
 - i. Handwritten notes will be written to contributors
 - b. Enrich a Child's Life Fundraiser
 - i. Reach out to local businesses and other community members
 - ii. Set fundraising goals for each class – number/percentage of families participating – is this something that our families feel comfortable with.
 - iii. Would include marketing video to highlight benefits of the school
 - iv. Will need to include social marketing campaign
 - v. Funds raised under this program will be targeted to program enrichment through The Learning Council
 - c. Fundraising thermometer posted in the school (overall fundraising goal)
 - d. Shared current budget statement
 - i. Many enrichments and Kindergarten district payment have not been paid yet, that is why our budget is looking pretty good.
 - ii. Trying to find a Eurythmist for the spring, last year's teacher is not able to provide classes.
 - iii. Not having Winterfaire will reduce our budget by approximately \$1,300

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7. New Business

- a. Creation of our own non-profit
 - i. Contact BCSIS on how they manage their 'Friends of BCSIS' 501c3
 - ii. Partnership with Wildflower Children's Collective
 - iii. Shari Paulsen is investigating as well
 - iv. Our umbrella 501c3 status is
- b. Food service – food from local sources; are there grants available
 - i. Sam will contact Rhonda Vincent about what the process is for local foods to be provided to the schools
 - ii. Jim Brett is another local contact who has worked on Farm to Table school meals in the past
- c. Pat reviewed discussion with Kurt Clay
 - i. Staffing, administrative support, teacher load for meetings, APWE membership

8. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 12/13 at 4:30.

9. Adjourn