

NICOLET PTSO Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2021

6pm – Zoom

Attendance: Mr. Coyle, Monica Arnstein, Alex Waltrip, Janice Pfaffl, Traci Schwartz, Andrea Minkin, Anne O'Donoghue, Dawn Sweet, Lisa Vondra, Sarah Damonte Vega, Hiroko Kawai, Christine Duback

- I. Call the meeting to order – Traci 6:00pm
- II. Approval of Agenda – Traci 1st, Janice 2nd
- III. Approval of Minutes Presented by Monica Arnstein – Monica 1st, Janice 2nd
- IV. Nicolet Representative Reports
 1. ADMINISTRATION
 1. Mr. Coyle
 1. Brought more students back to school today (170 students). Wasn't as weird or bumpy as January 28th. The kids that came today were able to assimilate and follow the lead of those who've already been in the building. We've been able to maintain 6 foot distance in MOST classrooms. Went from 3 to 4 students at a table for lunch.
 2. Spring sports are up and running. Girls LAX had their first game today. There's an athletic event almost every day due to the shortened season. Sports are happening all over the place. Track and Field is the only thing that's on campus.
 3. Musical is operating and rehearsing. Unsure if the performance is going to be live or taped. There will be a show for parents.
 4. Staying diligent on safety protocols and mitigation strategies. We've done a good job, especially compared to other schools in the area – community and school rates are much lower. Very few positive cases on campus (8 weeks from when we started bringing students into the building).
 5. Looking forward to year end events:
 1. Exams – similar exam week to first semester. Final unit assessment, not cumulative, 20% of your grade exam. Seniors will finish up early
 2. Graduation – June 6th at Milwaukee Panther Arena. Mr. Coyle did a walk through and it's going to be really nice. Every year they do 12-15 graduations and past events look really nice. Jumbotron will be on as well as corner screens and floor screens, etc. 6 guests per students (dictated by city of Milwaukee for capacity limit). Could change if things get worse but hopefully it won't.

3. Graduation Rehearsal – at the school. Trying to come up with something to do with the students that morning. Don't want to do anything too risky (ie breakfast or gathering). The tent that will be up for music stuff isn't big enough for the whole class to safely fit in.
4. AP exams – the whole month of May.
5. Senior dinner – in place of Prom. At the River Club in Mequon. It will basically be prom without the dancing. Grand March will be outside. Able to provide funding with student council funds to get costs down.
 1. PTSO usually donates \$500. Does the school still need it? Maybe it could be used for a scholarship for some to attend that otherwise wouldn't be able. Mr. Coyle to get back to Dawn with an answer.

V. Officer Reports

1. Co-Presidents- Traci Schwartz/Alex Waltrip
 1. Nothing to report
2. Treasurer, Dawn Sweet -Report
 1. Where are we at? What do we still need to spend?
 1. Senior Breakfast – \$3500. Probably won't spend all of that money but we can use the money to get the graduates a nice gift.
 2. Cocoa and Cram - \$500 for both semesters
 3. TAW
 4. Merit Awards - \$2000. Should be plenty (last year it was \$1460). Might only need \$1000 this year.
 5. Grad Grams – Are people purchasing these online or in person? Purchasing online would be best in order to limit the number of people coming into the school/office. Do we want to allow people to draw on them and make them fun and creative? Do grad grams need to be a fundraiser? Since we don't need the money, can we just give them for free? We don't want to set a precedent for future years and it would also be a lot of work in the end if they were free since EVERYONE would be doing several of them. The decision was to charge but not worry about those who slip through the cracks.
 1. Motion to spend money on a system to help simplify payment for grad grams. Alex 2nd. Motion approved.
 2. Set the budget for next year
3. PTSO Committee Chair Reports
 1. Spirit Award - Marilyn Franklin and Traci Schwartz
 1. Language for the criteria was updated to reflect the new, different year.
 2. Merit Awards - Anne O'Donoghue

1. Next step is for Mr. Coyle to confirm that all applicants are on the up and up.
2. The company making the plaques can do a turn around in 2 weeks. Medals left over from last year for the seniors.
3. Heather is willing to reach out to teachers and/or coaches to ask about students eligibility. Mr. Coyle and Mr. Johnston willing to look at the applications and review.
4. Thank you Anne for doing this!
3. Senior Breakfast
 1. Gift bag instead of a breakfast – includes grad grams and other goodies
 2. When would the kids be able to sign yearbooks?
 1. Do we want to be passing things back and forth and create and unnecessary risk, especially so close to graduation.
 3. Next step is to talk to student council and other kids and get their thoughts on what they want/can do for end of the year celebrations.
 4. Can you get tickets from a family who doesn't need all 6 of their tickets? The way it's set up right now, the answer is no.
4. Teacher Appreciation Week- Jean Bernstein
 1. \$420 to Dawn plus another \$500 in cash and lots of gift card donations.
 2. Jean is very organized.
 3. Do we want to do a cookie or a donut from National Bakery. Individually wrapped cookies will be better and easier to present.
 4. Admin has great stuff planned for every day, student council is planning things as well as everything planned from PTSO. It's going to be a great and special week!
5. Grad Grams - Dawn Sweet/Deb Mortenson
 1. See above in budget report

VI. Foundation and other organizations Updates- Traci BKI DISCUSSION

1. Traci is staying on the foundation board one more year.
2. Big Knight In – big fundraiser for the year to provide enrichment for students.
3. Bidding for Good has many options to bid on, wine pull, signature cocktail, heads and tails, etc.
4. April 24th – event is free.
5. Restaurant Nights
 1. Lou Malnattis
 2. Portillos
 3. The Brick and Los Paisa – on April 24th
6. All of this info is on the flyer!

VII. Raffle Winners

1. Thomas Medved
2. Sandra Couch

- VIII.
 3. Congrats!!!
- ADJOURNMENT – 7:03pm