

NICOLET PTSO Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2021

6pm – Zoom

Attendance: Traci Schwartz, Anne O'Donoghue, Deb Mortonson, Mr. Coyle, Sarah Damonte Vegas, Alex Waltrip, Andrew Franklin, Beth Meece, Marilyn Wilson, Jean Bernstein, Jill Maertz

- I. Call to Order: Traci Schwartz – 6:04pm
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Approval of Agenda –1st Alex, 2nd Monica
- IV. Approval of Minutes Presented by Monica Arnstein – 1st Monica, 2nd Traci
- V. Nicolet Representative Reports
 1. ADMINISTRATION
 1. Mr. Coyle
 1. Things are slow this time of year as far as events go in addition to the altered sports season.
 2. No sports in season right now
 3. End of year events
 1. Exams
 1. Exam week info is going to come out a week or two after spring break
 2. Going to look similar to the way they were first semester – for consistency
 3. Seniors always looks a little different – still making those decisions
 2. Graduation
 1. Originally thought about doing an outdoor ceremony in the stadium but there are issues to think about – weather, still have number limits, religious obligations if rain date were to be on a Friday
 2. Milwaukee Theatre still has our deposit from last year. For no extra cost, we can do it at the UW Panther arena.
 3. Will have one date – no rain date needed
 4. 25% capacity limit but given that it's in the arena – we can have 2800 attendees. 8-10 attendees per graduate.
 5. Not as intimate as Milwaukee Theatre but having a clear date and not dealing with outdoor needs is important

6. June 2nd is Senior Awards Night – outdoor on the football field. Backup plan might be virtual? Still working it out.
7. What safety protocols are going to be in place for the event?
 1. Everyone will be in masks
 2. We will have to follow their protocols
 3. Family groups will pod together and stay separate from others
 4. As for cheering, we'll need direction from experts as to weather or not that would be ok.
8. Need to find a way to do a rehearsal
3. Prom
 1. As things have gotten better and vaccines are out, we have been looking at what's possible.
 2. Senior only dinner – no dancing.
 3. Grand March
 4. Late May
 5. Student Council is working on finalizing details
 6. Still have a deposit at River Club of Mequon – nice set up as far as safety protocols are concerned
 7. Some schools are doing full on Prom's but we're not interested in doing that.
4. AP Testing
 1. Different this year – really spread out
 2. Schools have a lot of choice – in person vs. online
 3. Spread throughout the month of May
 4. Spring Break in 10 days
5. In person and Virtual kids
 1. Can we bring virtual students back?
 1. Dr. Kabara will discuss with the board on Monday
 2. Right now we have 6 feet of social distancing in all classes. If we bring more kids back, we won't have that.
 3. CDC has been saying that three feet is ok with other mitigation strategies
 4. Zero known cases of Covid since bringing students back
 5. Sarah made a case for getting Seniors back if only some kids are allowed to return
 6. Struggling virtual kids have been coming in on Wednesdays

6. ACT Testing
 1. Went well
 2. Virtual kids came in to take the test
7. Vaccines
 1. All teachers have had access to vaccines
 2. Some are fully vaccinated, others will get their seconds within the next week
 3. Starting Monday 53209 eighteen years old and up can get vaccinated – many seniors are making appointments to do so.
8. Other questions?
 1. Has fall been discussed at all?
 1. We have been discussing ramping up summer school options and adding additional courses
 2. Plan is to open up full in person but there's an understanding that not everyone will be comfortable coming back. We need to address how we deal with this. Concurrent instruction? Quality virtual education?
 3. The hope is that everyone will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated by then.

VI. Officer Reports

1. Co-Presidents- Traci Schwartz/Alex Waltrip
 1. Nothing new to report – just that we're looking for more board members (Monica is reaching out to a couple of friends)
2. Treasurer, Dawn Sweet -Report
 1. Nothing new to report
3. PTSO Committee Chair Reports
 1. Spirit Award - Marilyn Franklin and Traci Schwartz
 1. Mr. Coyle will get the criteria typed up and sent out by April 20th – before AP testing and things wrap up for the end of the year
 2. Merit Awards - Anne O'Donoghue
 1. Due April 9th (Friday after spring break)
 2. We'll do a big push at lunch announcements next week and right after break.
 3. Anne's been getting questions to the gmail account that she's been able to easily answer
 4. We are very flexible with all of it
3. Senior Breakfast
 1. Typically happens the morning of graduation rehearsal
 2. The idea is to have an outdoor area and the kids would get passes to be able to go to this outdoor area each day to do special things (sign yearbooks one day, get a treat another)

3. The fact that there's going to be a senior prom and in school graduation is good news and we're now open to other ideas of what we can do to make the time special for these kids
 1. Kayaking down the river?
 2. Something at Maslowski park – root beer floats?
 3. Swag bags for the seniors? There is a budget for this.
 4. Do this the week of memorial day so it's four days instead of 5 and do something special each day for them.
 5. Question – can we allow the virtual seniors on campus?
Yes!
 6. We could pull off a senior breakfast with pre-packaged food.
 7. The week of May 24th, there will be a 40 x 80 foot tent set up for music performances and it could possibly be set up the next week for senior activities
 8. Bonfire? Food Trucks?
4. Teacher Appreciation Week- Jean Bernstein
 1. Six parents involved in TAW
 2. PTSO is going to cover 2 days, admin wants to cover the other three
 3. Mr. Coyle will work on doing a video
 4. Heather was able to stretch the TAW really far. Administration will be doing a little something every day for the teachers. PTSO can do whatever days work for them
 5. Jean will connect with Heather about her ideas
 6. Hoping to do a raffle each day to give everyone a prize. An ask for donations is going out in Mondays email blast. Every day there would be a drawing for the teachers and everyone would get something.
5. Grad Grams - Dawn Sweet/Deb Mortenson
 1. Has a message gone out to senior parents yet about grad grams?
No.
 2. We will get the program ready to go out after spring break
 3. There was a huge response last year
 4. Will work with Mr. Coyle to make sure this stuff gets sent out with other senior communications

VII. Foundation and other organizations Updates- Traci BKI DISCUSSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:03pm