

Nicolet PTSO Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022

5pm Room B113

Attendance: Anne O'Donoghue, Katie Glaisner, Alex Waltrip, Marilyn Franklin, Jean Bernstein, Dawn Sweet, David Coyle, Dr. Kabara, Bridget Carlson, Jeff Houck, Monica Arnstein, Devin Mehta, Deb Mortenson, Jennine Pufahl, Andy Franklin

1. Welcome – 5:04
2. Introductions
3. Agenda approval – Bridget 1st, Anne 2nd
4. Minutes approval – Bridget 1st, Anne 2nd

NICOLET REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. Administration – Mr. Coyle
 1. Referendum (more from Dr. Kabara)
 1. Listening sessions available
 2. Winter Athletics
 1. Lots of success
 2. Individual wrestling this weekend – 10 being sent from Nicolet! Next weekend is team state tournament. Most successful in school history!
 3. Gymnastics competed in conference this past weekend and finished 4th. VERY competitive conference!
 4. Boys basketball is 18-4. #1 seed in the section! First round regional game will be hosted here next Friday.
 5. Girls basketball wrapped up last night with a 2 point loss.
 6. Ski team went to state last weekend and did great!
 7. Boys state swim last weekend. Jack Sullivan is the 200 Free champ. Finished six as a team.
 3. Musical kicks off tonight! Preview today during enrichment. Cool and funny! Still can get tickets online or at the door.
 4. FEAR had a robot reveal
 5. Mock Trial had state qualifiers
 6. Spring sports to kick off soon
 7. Things looking good with Covid. 1 or 2 positives in the last month. Most students and staff are vaccinated. Excited to hopefully get beyond all of this.
2. Superintendent – Dr. Kabara
 1. Referendum
 1. We've been studying our facilities for 2 years.
 2. Asked the community in an early survey about renovating vs new building. More were in favor of renovating.

3. Three areas of needs:
 1. Safety, security, and accessibility
 2. Building conditions and systems
 3. Learning environments, PE and athletic spaces
 1. 13-14% on outdoor athletic facilities
 2. Most of the project being spent indoors
4. Timeline
 1. If the referendum passes, the backfield would be designed this summer and under construction in the fall. The rest of the outdoors would be under construction in the spring. 2023-24 school year would be the first year all sports could use the new outdoor facilities.
 2. The entire indoor project would begin spring 2023 (major work to be done over the summer 2023) to be completed by fall 2024.
5. District is working on being debt free in the next two years. One 6 year operational referendum is currently on the books.
2. Question – Graduation? How’s it going to work?
 1. We usually rent out a space – last year it was at the Panther Arena and it’ll be there again this year. We have to book it a year out.
 2. It’ll be a weeknight
 3. Display boards, streaming
 4. Hoping to go to full capacity this year
 5. 60 minute ceremony
3. Covid mitigation update
 1. Area superintendents have been meeting
 2. Daily testing, quarantine, isolation will stay in place
 3. Large majority are vaccinated
 4. Going to the board Monday night to recommend mask optional
 5. Looking at lifting the mask requirement after the Monday night meeting
 6. The plan is if we have high case counts after a certain period of time, we would reinstate the mask requirement
 7. Most staff is comfortable going mask optional
3. School Board Update
4. Teacher Rep
 1. Can we get standard recognition when one reaches a certain level in sports or other activities?
 2. Talk to the coaches and activity directors about options of how to recognize students that reach a particular level.
5. Guidance Rep
6. Student Council
 1. Spirit Week March 14-18
 2. Trying to get a cash war going for that week. The teacher with the most donations would get pie in the face.

3. The pie in the face would happen during a student/staff basketball game on March 18th.
4. Prom (Junior/Senior)
 1. Checked out the River Club for the venue
 2. Theme is Midnight Garden (lilac, midnight blue, sage green and silver colors)
 3. Tickets will be purchased online (approx. \$65 – includes dinner)
 4. April 2nd at 6pm
 5. Working on caterers right now
 6. Students will be able to bring dates from other schools
 7. As far as masks are concerned, it'll be whatever is happening at the school at the time
7. Foundation

OFFICER REPORTS

1. President - none
2. Treasurer - none

UPDATES

1. Discuss timing/chair needs of other events
 - a. Spirit Awards – Marilyn Franklin
 - i. Award is 37 years old (started in 1985)
 - ii. In recognition of students who exemplified spirit (not tied to academics or athletics)
 - iii. Teachers nominate students who they feel exemplify spirit
 - iv. Nominations will happen after spring break
 - b. Merit Awards
 - i. Due March 14th (Monday before spring break)
 - ii. Anne could use some help going through the applications
 - iii. Anne has signs to be posted around school to remind students to complete their application
 - iv. How are we distributing medals? Class meetings? Going to discuss at a later date.
 - v. Create a PTSO “event” for the merit awards due date to post on social media.
 - c. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. Andy Franklin and Christine Duback are already on board to help.
 - ii. March 7th zoom meeting
 - iii. Last year there were 163 teachers and staff.
 - iv. We had more money last year than we likely will have this year due to leftovers from the year before

- v. Last year we had \$550 in family donations, \$200 from mathnasium, 30 gift cards from families
- vi. Is student council doing something?
 - 1. Last year students wrote personal notes for each teacher
- vii. Monica will send another reminder about the March 7th meeting to the PTSO membership
- d. Senior Celebration
 - i. Nothing to report. Still too early
- e. Cookies + Cram
 - i. Thank you Katie for cocoa and cram. Estimated date is Saturday, June 4th.
 - ii. For cocoa and cram, we got the food from the food service. It was cost effective and safely done with things being individually wrapped. Any feedback?
 - 1. Some didn't enjoy the food as much but they still came
 - 2. Katie hasn't seen the bill yet. Mr. Coyle will check to see if he has it.
 - 3. We got \$510 in donations
- f. Grad Grams
 - i. It'll still be available online and people can still drop off in the office.

RAFFLE WINNERS

- Mike Weidner
- Trinny Schumann

OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT - 6:18pm