

Nicolet PTSO Meeting

October 21, 2021

6pm Room B113

Attendance: Jean Bernstein, David Coyle, Monica Arnstein, Christine Duback, Katie Glaisner, Michelle Buerger, Anne O'Donoghue, Bridget Carlson, Joe Patek, Dawn Sweet, Janice Pfaffl, Kiki Hoenik - Thompson

1. Welcome – 6:06pm
2. Introductions
3. Agenda approval – Monica 1st, Anne 2nd
4. Minutes approval – Jean 1st, Michelle 2nd
5. Representative reports
 - a. Administration - Mr. Coyle, Mr. Patek
 - i. School Board
 1. Reengaging with facilities project
 2. Pre-covid we did some surveying of the community – late November/early December
 3. Listening sessions and tours coming up
 4. Referendum in April
 5. Working with EUA (architecture firm)
 6. Is Nicolet talking to other area districts who will also be asking for money (ie Fox Point-Bayside)?
 - a. Yes, superintendents are talking and meeting
 - b. Nicolet recognizes that timing isn't ideal with other area referendums
 7. District has done a really good job of reigning in the spending and being efficient – spending money on instruction and making sure those things are happening.
 - ii. Athletics
 1. Fall sports are wrapping up
 2. Football has had its most successful season since 1989
 - a. Hiring of football coach has made a huge difference – gotten buy in from students athletes not only on the field but also in the classroom and in character
 - b. Hosting a home football game on Friday
 - c. Set records the past three home games
 3. Girls tennis finished up state this past weekend
 4. Cross Country wrapped up
 5. Girls swimming is still going
 6. Boys Soccer has regional final on Saturday
 - iii. Performing Arts
 1. In house field trip with an actress from Hamilton this past Monday

- a. Workshop and q&a session
 - b. In general, working on having more in house field trips
 - iv. Homecoming
 - 1. Great week!!!
 - 2. Not having a dance was a slight disappointment but 500 kids showed up to the bonfire and it was a success
 - v. Parent-Teacher conferences
 - 1. Virtual
 - 2. Feedback was good
 - 3. It's nice for teachers to be able to prepare ahead of time
 - vi. Pep band played at Target opening!
 - 1. Great opportunity to showcase our school
 - vii. Onsite testing is going well
 - b. Student Council
 - i. Blood Drive – October 28th
 - 1. Student, faculty and staff
 - 2. Partnering with the JCC
 - 3. Happening at Nicolet for students and community members at the JCC
6. Officer Reports
 - a. Homecoming – Bridget to follow up with student council to settle up with them
 - b. Membership drive – huge successful 95-100%
 - i. Figure out which departments won and have them choose between a bagel and donut party
 - c. Dawn received a check, Monica will follow up on what the check was for
7. Updates
 - a. Fall refreshments (Welcome and Membership Drive)
 - i. Can we supply some treats on a day off when teachers have an inservice?
 - ii. Day after thanksgiving break – “We’re thankful for you!”
 - 1. Coffee
 - 2. Oatmeal
 - 3. Yogurt
 - iii. Ask for donations and an organizer – Bridget to follow up
8. Updates
 - a. Spirit Awards
 - i. Nothing to report
 - ii. happens in the spring
 - b. Merit Awards
 - i. Nothing to report
 - ii. Paper application only
 - iii. Due the Monday before spring break
 - c. Senior Celebration – Dawn Sweet, Janice Pfaffl and Alex Waltrip
 - i. Nothing to report
 - d. Cocoa/Cookies and Cram – Katie Glaisner

- i. Janice and Katie to talk
 - ii. Sign up genius (before winter break), asking people to help (10-15 people), communicate with school
 - iii. Anne has the binder to pass along to Katie
 - iv. Cocoa – January 15th
 - 1. Kids come and study, get cocoa and bagels, get help from teachers
 - v. Cookies - Spring
 - e. Grad Grams – Dawn Sweet
 - f. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. Nothing to report
 - ii. First week in May
9. Open Discussion
- a. Cafeteria food
 - i. Some parents are concerned about the alarming amount of junk food offered
 - ii. Can we offer fruit and veggies as an a la carte option?
 - iii. Conversations within the school have already been started about what we can offer kids and have even toured area lunch programs
 - iv. Is the lunch program a money maker for the school?
 - 1. Years ago, the food service lost money at Nicolet so the focus became offering things that would allow the food service to make money
 - 2. Food service lost tons of money over the past two years
 - 3. Money that's earned by the food program needs to be spent on the food service
 - b. Schedule discussion
 - i. 2 enrichment blocks in a row should be seriously reconsidered – administration is on board to make a change
 - ii. There are some benefits to the enrichment blocks but also some down sides
 - iii. Driving force between block scheduling and having 8 periods was being able to give an additional offering to kids
10. Raffle winners
- a. Michael Flaherty
 - b. Molly Krychowiak
11. Next Meeting - November 18th at 5:30pm (**note earlier start)
12. Adjourn – 7:02pm