

**NICOLET PTSO Meeting**  
Thursday, November 19, 2020  
6pm – Zoom

Attendance: David Coyle, Steph Rasmussen, Janice Pfaffl, Alex Waltrip, Anne O'Donoghue, Deb Mortonson, Marilyn Franklin, Monica Arnstein, Andrew Franklin, Dawn Sweet, Sarah Krauss, Jaime Druck

1. Call to Order- Traci Schwartz 6:03pm
2. Monica Arnstein Recording Notes for Secretary
3. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Steph Rasumussen – Here representing the teachers and wanted to thank all of the help she received on HOCO spirit wear.
4. Approval of Agenda- Approved
5. Approval of Minutes Submitted By Jean Bernstein, Secretary – will approve next month
6. Nicolet Representative Reports –
  - a. ADMINISTRATION - Mr. Coyle
    - i. Wrapped up all fall sports:
      1. Girls swim team relay made it to state. 400 free relay
      2. Girls volleyball made it to regional final.
      3. Boys soccer had a good season. We are in the most difficult sectional. Lost in a shootout against Homestead. Will Navarre made it to All-State in a prestigious spot.
      4. Cross country wrapped up awhile ago.
      5. Football – We played 7 games. Some games were cancelled but got in a decent season. Had to cancel a game last Friday due to positive Covid test results. Coaches did a great job keeping the kids safe. There was no passing of infection during practices or games.
      6. Winter sports are up and running. It's all a go at this point but things can change quickly. By being 100% virtual, it's easier to do sports. Other schools in our conference are not all virtual and they end up needing to cancel sports due to quarantining from close contacts in school.
    - ii. HOCO week was great – tons of great feedback!
    - iii. Theatre is up and running. Bringing small groups into the building and filming the fall play.
    - iv. FEAR started last week Monday.

- v. Everything happening on campus is happening safely, probably even more protocols than required
- vi. Spectators – two families members per athlete.
- vii. Remote plus is going well. Small groups of kids doing hands on things with teachers when appropriate. We also have some kids with special needs and those with significant academic needs coming in for help.
- viii. More meetings coming up about future plans and what semester 2 will look like. Be sure to attend those board meetings.
- ix. Parent 101 video will be released tomorrow. Will be posted on the web. Traci – Will the different organizations have a chance to present? This will be happening in March or April.
- x. Juniors will be taking the practice ACT. The students have access to this in their canvas.
- xi. PSAT rescheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>
- xii. Questionnaire needs to be filled out about the referendum. Encouraging everyone to fill it out.

## 7. Officer Reports-----

### a. Co-Presidents- Traci Schwartz / Alex Waltrip –

- i. Membership is staying the same.
- ii. Winter Teacher Breakfast? Conferences?
  - 1. Brought breakfast to the teachers in the fall. Can we do this again?
    - a. Mr. Coyle and Ms. Rassmussen both expressed that while teachers and staff loved the breakfast, they feel that the staff would prefer more is done for the students.
    - b. Can we find something to do for the kids before winter break – this might be a better way to spend our funds as opposed to another breakfast for the teachers.
    - c. Anne – Can we deliver cookies or something to the kids in the same way that we did the HOCO spiritwear. Mr. Coyle noted that the delivery piece can be difficult.
- iii. 2021 Social Calender/ No December meeting.
- iv. Kids not going on vacation- Daily vacation alternatives?
  - 1. Traci - Any thoughts on getting those involved that aren't currently involved in anything?
  - 2. Alex – Will pep band be happening? Trying to get all club and activity advisors to come up with ways to get those clubs up and running, even virtually.
  - 3. Just an idea, can we connect in a fun way with the kids over winter break?
    - a. Jaime – Can we plan fun virtual nights? MDIH is working on things like that to connect. What about a having a concert, comedian, etc to perform for the kids?

- b. Anne – Could each club come up with one activity (movie nights, cooking class, etc.)?
- c. Andrew – Could we give the kids an incentive to get them to participate?
- d. Deb – Offer volunteer opportunities for kids, specifically outdoor opportunities (shoveling snow, etc). Can we create a list for kids to see where the needs are.
- e. Traci - What can we do along the lines of wellness and mental health?
- f. Alex – What about a fitness competition?
- g. Mr. Coyle is happy to explore other ideas.
- h. Mr. Coyle – Student Resources has a lot of information on their website. This is a hard time of year in normal circumstances and the pandemic has the potential to make it that much worse. We have the resources so let's make sure we use them.
- i. Ms. Rasumussen – She will reach out to Student Council and see if they have ideas on how to connect. 30 students participated in the trivia contest during the Homecoming football game – it was a great experience for those who participated!

8. Treasurer, Dawn Sweet -Report

- a. Nothing has changed. Dawn needs an invoice from Mr. Coyle – he will get it to her.
- b. Budget for Cocoa and Cram – it's normally \$245 but it was taken out of the budget because we aren't doing it. It can be put back into the budget.

9. PTSO Committee Chair Reports-----

- a. Spirit Award ---Marylin Franklin and Traci Schwartz
- b. Merit Awards ---Anne O'Donoghue
  - i. Heather in the front office and Anne worked together to make the application into a google form. Do we need the administration to approve it before it's posted? Mr. Coyle is in touch with Heather to make minor changes otherwise he gives is stamp of approval. Heather/Anne will post it. Annoucements will be made to let the kids know its available.
- c. Senior Breakfast
- d. Crams
  - i. If we deliver cocoa and cookies, it'll be very expensive. Instead of delivering actual items, can we send virtual coupons for local businesses? Why can't we do a pick up instead of delivery? It's an equity issue and required 3 weeks to a month to plan. And the growing pandemic and safety caused a problem.

- ii. Ms. Rassmussen – Put kids names into a raffle for attending review sessions.
- iii. Mr. Coyle – Do cocoa and cram virtually during enrichment blocks. We will do something called Cocoa and Cram just for continuity.
- e. Grad Grams --- Dawn Sweet /Deb Mortenson

10. Foundation and other organizations Updates- Traci BKI

- a. Moving the big event to the spring and calling it “Big Night IN!” Looking at Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. That’s the weekend of the State basketball championship. Might be a tough weekend to do the event.
- b. Working to make it fun! Looking to use some of the money raised for classroom libraries.
- c. There will be a food component, activities, etc.

Janice Pfaffl VP Select Raffle Winners\_\_\_\_\_

- a. Coach T and Austin won last month!
- b. Laura Mildebrandt and Amy Melik are this month’s winners!

Adjournment – 7:05pm