

Nicolet PTSO Meeting

January 20, 2022
6:00pm Room B113

Attendance: David Coyle, Monica Arnstein, Bridget Carlson, Anne O'Donoghue, Dawn Sweet, Lauren Kranz, Devon Melita, Andi Winkle, Robin Rinehart

1. Call to order/welcome – 6:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda - 1st Anne, 2nd Dawn
3. Minutes approval – 1st Anne, 2nd Dawn
4. Representative Reports
 - a. Administration - Mr Coyle
 - i. Wrapping up 1st semester!
 1. It's had it's challenges but everyone is rising to the challenge and supporting eachother. It's been a change but all is generally positive and productive.
 - ii. Uptick in Covid right before winter break!
 1. We made it through the three day week before break. Half of the student body was out the day before break – combination of covid related absences and early vacations
 2. Goal is to stay in person – everyone supporting eachother
 3. We've used EVERYONE to sub in classes – Dr. Kabara, business manager, etc.
 4. Other schools seem to be struggling more than we are – asking seems to be helping
 5. Many people are using the testing services
 - iii. Sports are in full swing – halfway through seasons
 - iv. Musical in full swing – opens late february
 - v. FEAR putting in a lot of time
 - vi. Exam week
 1. Interesting to see so many kids (and staff!) that haven't experienced a finals week at Nicolet
 - vii. Looking forward to second semester
 1. Students select classes in the next couple of weeks
 - a. Choose up to 8 classes
 - b. Not official but looking like it'll be A/B schedule with a daily resource
 - c. Additional option (study hall, elective)
 2. Facilities study began 2 years ago. Referendum question was approved at the school board meeting last night to be on the ballot
 - a. \$77.4 million

- b. Safety, security, accessibility
 - c. Building updates – plumbing, electrical
 - d. Update learning environments (ie. Science labs)
 - e. Athletic updates (indoor and outdoor)
 - viii. Positive feedback on the discipline letter that went out in November/December
 - 1. Looking ahead to doing more in terms of connecting with parents
 - 2. Awareness of what’s going on is important for parents and makes us feel like we’re all on the same team.
 - 3. Is there information on repercussions for recording or taking pictures of conflicts or other things are school and posting/sending it out?
 - a. There hasn’t been anything in the handbook until now.
 - b. The filming/picture taking can be traced back and there will be consequences. It is criminal. The school is coming down very hard on kids that are caught doing it.
 - 4. Is it a new policy this year that students need to attend a finals period even if there’s no final?
 - a. No. It’s always been that way.
 - b. But students do seem to be leaving if there’s nothing happening in that class period.
 - c. This seems to be coming from a place of the school is responsible for kids during the school day unless they were marked absent.
 - 5. Are we going to bring back exemptions?
 - a. No. Not looking like it
- b. Student Council
 - i. February
 - 1. Spirit Week – Feb 14-18
 - a. Monday - Red, White, Pink
 - b. Tuesday - Jersey
 - c. Wednesday - Comfy sweats
 - d. Thursday – Neon
 - e. Friday – Nicolet spirit
 - 2. Decided against singing telegrams due to covid. Might happen in March if it’s safe enough or else table it until next year.
 - 3. Student Council created a logo! Nice work.
 - ii. March
 - 1. Student vs Staff basketball game
 - a. Contest for which teacher will have whipped cream in the face!
 - b. March 16th – 3:30-5:30pm

- c. Students team is aimed more towards seniors – a google form will be sent out. Basketball plays should be allowed to participate
 - d. Staff would be volunteer
 - e. Spirit week ideas
 - i. Comfy day
 - ii. Beach day
 - iii. St patty's day
 - iv. Nicolet spirit
 - f. Pep rally during enrichment on the day of the basketball game
 - iii. Prom
 - 1. April 2nd
 - 2. River Club
 - 3. Dj is booked
 - 4. Dance!!
5. Officer Reports
 - a. Treasurer – Dawn Sweet
 - i. New member – Monica to enter
 - ii. Cocoa and Cram donations
 - 1. \$510
 - 2. Katie will do thank you's
 - iii. Membership
 - 1. Increase in membership this year
 - iv. Staff appreciation for fall is entered
6. Updates
 - a. Cocoa and Cram update
 - i. Katie Glaisner did a great job organizing!
 - ii. Nicolet did the food
 - iii. Starbucks donated coffee – SUPER generous!
 - iv. Set up was easy – food service had everything prewrapped
 - v. School board member volunteers
 - vi. Approximately 200 kids
 - vii. Administration was there
 - viii. 4 or 5 teachers attended
 - ix. There was a concern that the food might not have been attractive enough but seemed ok
 - x. Changes are coming to the food service (in order to take advantage of free and reduced lunch among other things) but hopefully we can still use them for events
 - b. Other events
 - i. Spirit Awards
 - 1. Mr. Coyle to reach out to Marilyn Franklin
 - ii. Merit Awards

1. Anne will reach out to do a communications push
 2. Due date is Monday before spring break (March 14th)
 - iii. Senior Celebration – Dawn Sweet
 1. Dawn will put together a committee sometime in the next couple of weeks
 2. Dawn is connecting with seniors to find out what they want
 3. Last year they brought jimmy johns outside, sign yearbooks etc.
 4. Previously it's been a breakfast and then students stay for graduation rehearsal
 5. When can we give out merit awards? TBD
 - iv. Cookies and Cram
 1. Saturday before finals week – June 4th
 2. No seniors
 - v. Grad Gram
 1. Start in April/May
 - vi. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2nd – 6th
7. Raffle – Kopps gift card
 - a. Dan Gibbon
 - b. Caleb Franklin
8. Adjournment – 6:54
 - a. Next Meeting – Feb 24th (a week later than usual)