

Nicolet PTSO Meeting

September 2, 2021

6pm Room B113

Attendance: Alex Waltrip, David Coyle, Monica Arnstein, Jaime Druck, Robin Rinehart, Devin Mehta (student council), Grace Gabrys (student council), Sarah Krauss, Dawn Sweet, Anne O'Donoghue, Bridget Carlson

1. Welcome – 6:08pm
2. Introductions
3. Agenda approval – Alex 1st, Anne 2nd
4. Minutes approval – Monica 1st, Alex 2nd
5. Budget approval – Anne 1st, Alex 2nd
 - a. All approved!!!!
6. Representative reports
 - a. Student Council
 - i. Homecoming week – week of sept 20th
 1. Spirit week, Bonfire (Thursday), pep rally (Thursday during enrichment), parade (Friday – set up at 430), game (Friday) and dance (Saturday)
 2. Parade – need help directing traffic (Daphne road and around to the school). Looking for about 10 volunteers.
 3. Bonfire – need financial support. In the past, PTSO has given \$500. This year, they're looking for snacks and tie dye kits for 200-250 students. Need around \$400.
 4. Everyone agreed to 10 volunteers for parade and \$400 for the bonfire.
 5. Dance – carnivale and masquerade theme!
 6. Spirit week
 - a. Monday – masquerade day
 - b. Tuesday – clash day
 - c. Wednesday - Decade day – (freshman) 60's, (soph) 70's, (junior) 80's, (senior) 90's
 - d. Thursday - (salad) Dressing day – (freshman) Italian, (soph) French, (junior) ranch, (senior) Caesar
 - e. Friday – Nicolet spirit day
 - b. Mr. Coyle
 - i. Covid testing
 1. Onsite testing every day
 2. Event testing
 - a. We **could** potentially do event testing for homecoming
 3. At approx. 75% vaccination rate for students

4. Kids and parents/families have generally been very supported of all decisions being made in regards of masks and mitigation strategies
5. School's communication has been great and transparent
6. Transitioning to a new communication process so families will be getting the same information but less often – less communication filled with more important information
- ii. Summer went well. Successful summer school. Make up classes, strength and agility, enrichment, etc.
- iii. Freshman orientation – day and a half
 1. 1st day was about creating culture, 2nd day was nuts and bolts traditional things
 2. Also brought in students who have never been in the building for an orientation (schedule, tour, etc)
- iv. First two days of school were a success
 1. 1100+ students are enrolled – great news!
- v. Facilities
 1. Facilities study was done pre-pandemic
 2. Building is old (original plumbing, roof, etc)
 3. Picking up the facilities discussion now that things are more back to “normal”
 4. Reconnected with EUA (architectural firm)
 5. After a survey, community supported a good renovation as opposed to a rebuild (makes more sense financially)
 6. Looking at starting to have a conversation about starting those renovations.
 7. Strategic plan is in place and giving teachers and staff goals to work on
 8. New principal and associate principals have had a great start. Great team!
- vi. Athletics are up and running and going smoothly
 - a. Football is 2-0; Cedarburg tomorrow night!
 - b. Girls volleyball – great team this year. Gigl tournament is this Saturday
 - c. Boys team is working hard and getting better every week
 - d. Girls tennis is in the top 10 in the state!
 - e. Boys soccer is young and is entering a rebuilding year or two.
 - f. Cross Country hasn't had a race yet – first one on Saturday
 - g. Girls golf – off to a good start
 - h. Girls swim – first meet tonight against Cedarburg
- vii. Theatre season is starting soon
- viii. FEAR is starting soon

- ix. Schedule is a little different this year – takes some getting used to block scheduling but looking positive
 - 1. Started looking into block scheduling in 2019-2020
 - 2. In the future, hoping to offer another section during the day to allow for more specific opportunities
- 7. Teacher membership drive
 - a. Make it a competition!!
 - i. Department with the highest percentage of members to join will get a prize (pizza, coffee, bagels, donuts, etc)
 - ii. In addition to financially supporting the winning department, we will also give thank you's to all who join (with a piece of candy)
 - iii. Bridget will write something to be sent to Mr. Coyle. He will give the pitch to the staff. This will also include the paper form.
 - iv. Payments will come via cash, check or venmo
 - v. Mr. Coyle will let us know the time frame.
 - 1. Staff meeting at the end of September, give staff a week to join. Drive will end October 8th. Parties given to top three departments.
 - vi. When the window is over, Monica will talk to Pat about who joins.
 - vii. Jaime and Sarah can help with the thank you's
- 8. Spirit Awards – Marilyn Franklin is still in!
- 9. Merit Awards
 - a. Anne will still chair this
 - b. Plug merit awards at the advisors – Mr. Coyle will reach out to the advisors about this.
 - c. Available online to print it out or pick up a packet in the office
- 10. Senior Celebration – Dawn, Janice and Alex to chair
- 11. Cocoa/Cookies and Cram – Katie Glaisner to chair
- 12. Grad Grams – Dawn Sweet will do this again
- 13. Raffle winners (Starbucks gift cards)
 - a. Lisa Griffiths
 - b. Marie Schroeder
- 14. Next Meeting – Thursday, October 21
- 15. Adjourn -