

# NSE PTO Meeting



**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

**I. PTO Zoom meeting was called to order by Nikki Tilson at 6:03pm.**

**II. Introductions:** Meeting attendees included the following:

PTO Officers / Volunteers: Nikki Tilson (President), Melissa Messer (Vice President), Ajit Vaidya (Secretary), Nicole Ball (Trunk or Treat / Garden / Teacher Appreciation), Kristin Hallstrom (Communications), Laura Porterfield (Trunk or Treat).

NSE Teachers / Admin: Vickie Boudouris (Principal), Kelly Neil (4<sup>th</sup> Grade), Judy Fletcher (5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Kristina Cameron (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Maryann Hewitt (Parent Coordinator).

PTO Members: Courtney Hvostal, Nancy Galvan, Natalie Dougherty, Margaret Whitehurst.

**III. Secretary's Report (Ajit Vaidya):** Minutes of the October 13 PTO meeting were approved. Maryann Hewitt will upload the final minutes to the NSE website.

**IV. President's Report (Nikki Tilson)**

We had a great turnout for Trunk or Treat. We are ready to begin school reopening to in-person hybrid instruction. Sacramento County is back in the purple zone, but schools that have begun transition to in-person instruction will continue with school reopening.

**V. Treasurer's Report (Nikki Tilson for Melody Benevides):**

We had \$1200 allotted for Trunk or Treat, but we only ended up spending about \$300 of that total amount. Please send in any outstanding Trunk or treat reimbursement requests. We also spent about \$200 for school reopening activities. Actual funds expended are outlined in the attached monthly Treasurer's report. As of November 1, 2020, the PTO bank balance was \$19,487.72. Budget to Actual report updated with activities through 10/31/2020.

**VI. Principal's Report (Vickie Boudouris)**

We have been very busy preparing for the return to hybrid in-school instruction. NSE went into the purple tier today, but since we started in red tier as of Monday, we will continue with school re-opening plans at this time. We are discouraging movement from one class to another. Banners are up for the school re-opening on Ashcat. We are a closed campus for parents and all visitors. Everyone wishing to enter the campus is required to check-in at the front desk to enter the campus. We have designated four distinct entrances and exits. We will have yard supervisors at most shifts. We have had to do a month's worth of work in the past three weeks getting ready for school reopening. Superintendent Koligan will be on campus on Thursday, November 12 to observe the first day of in-person instruction. Thanks to Nikki Tilson and her daughter Irie for the "Day in the Life" video describing what to expect for the first day of in-person hybrid instruction. We will require proper Covid safety protocol, including the wearing of masks, regular hand-washing, use of hand-sanitizing stations, and proper hygiene and sanitation. We feel like we are ready to welcome kids back onto our campus.

Ms. Boudouris requested support from the PTO. One of the staff members found protective eyewear on Amazon, so Ms. Boudouris requested the PTO to help fund eyewear for teachers. Request for touchless hand sanitizers. Thanks to Nicole Ball for the wonderful treats in October, as well as for her assistance with Trunk or Treat. Also, we have sent out a new campus map. Especially during the first two days of in-person hybrid instruction, there will be a lot of people outside helping to guide students to their correct rooms, etc. About 200 students are going to be attending in person hybrid, and about 250 will be continuing with full distance learning.

**VII. Teacher's Report (Kristina Cameron, Kelly Neil, Judy Fletcher)**

Thanks to the PTO for Halloween treats in October. Thank you for everything that was provided to get the costumes ready. This was the best Trunk or Treat in the past several years !! Thanks for the Friday breakfast once a month. At last year's Trunk or Treat, it was really dark outside. This year, we did it earlier, so it was bright and you could see everybody's faces, even if from a distance. The location on the blacktop was really good, open, and spacious. We are busy and excited to welcome students back to campus. Ms. Fletcher loved this year's Trunk or Treat. Teachers all dressed in theme. Thanks to the PTO for all the donations throughout the year, and for supporting the teachers all of the time with health and safety and campus signs, etc.

**VIII. Garden Report (Kristina Cameron)**

There is nothing new to report on the school garden. Lot's of things are in the works. Grandma Esther will be taking a back seat to stay safe over the winter. We are looking for kids to help out over the winter. Please contact Ms. Cameron for more details.

**IX. Parent Coordinator Report (Maryann Hewitt)**

- A. NSE Website and Pictures: This year, a lot more people are viewing the NSE website for resources due to the pandemic. So please continue sending pics for

distance learning and events, which we will upload to the website. For example, we have uploaded pictures from Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A, as well as Trunk or Treat pictures, to the NSE website and Cheetah Bytes.

- B. November gratitude challenge: We haven't had too many participants. We need to get the word out. Maybe we can put this challenge on Facebook.
  - C. Our school nurse (Brandie Lyons) is on leave. Amanda Turkbergen will be stepping in as our school nurse.
  - D. The Covid-19 Health Screener was included in the materials that went out to families who are attending in-person hybrid. "A Day in the Life" video was also posted to the website to explain protocol for daily Covid-19 screening. If parents have any questions about the Health Screener, please reach out to the school nurse, Amanda Turkbergen.
- X. Old/Current Business**
- A. Drive-thru Trunk or Treat was a success! Thank you for everyone's hard work to put this event on.
- XI. New Business**
- A. Student Council: is partnering with the PTO in the following ways:
    - 1. Videos for our events: Scavenger Hunt, Bookfair, Turkey Trot
    - 2. Spirit Nights
    - 3. Caroling outside during Dec. 2-6 Ruby's bookstore fundraiser.
  - B. Folsom's Love Our Schools Week: is scheduled for November 16-20. A bunch of local businesses are giving discounts to teachers and staff. Maybe we can get a banner and get kids to sign it.
  - C. Skipolini's Spirit Night: is scheduled for November 18, 2-9pm.
  - D. Virtual Turkey Trot: (Thanksgiving day and the week of November 23)
    - 1. We are creating a map, two different maps in Natoma Station. Starting point will be near the school. We will have a one mile and a Five K route.
    - 2. We will include it with the canned food drive.
    - 3. We will have signs outside to encourage runners. If people are Ok with keeping yard signs at their house, let Nikki know.
  - E. Ruby's bookstore fundraiser: is scheduled for December 2-6.
    - 1. We are doing an NSE fundraiser at Ruby's on Sutter Street.
    - 2. 12% of proceeds for cash purchases will be donated to NSE.
    - 3. Teacher wish-list: NSE teacher's have indicated some books which they would like for their class rooms. This will be a great way to support our

teachers than giving them the usual scented candles. This is a great way to support a local bookstore.

4. Each teacher will have a wish list of books for their classroom.
5. PTO is looking for PTO volunteers to wrap books on Saturday, Dec. 5, 10am-6pm, in 2 hour increments.
6. Student council will have a tent out and kids will be spread out and be singing Christmas Carols.
7. Reset Café will also be offering 10% off coffee and drinks for anyone who get books at Ruby's.
8. Margaret is helping with the pre-order catalog is posted on Facebook and in Cheetah Bytes and peach jar. We will have life-size cutouts of teachers and the Principal posing with their favorite book. We have recommended various books for different grades for families to pre-order.

F. Explore Folsom Scavenger Hunt: December 2-6 during the Ruby's fundraiser. Students will receive their scavenger hunts the week of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

G. 2020-21 Yearbook: Download pictures to TreeRing or email to natomastationyearbook@gmail.com.

XII. **For the Good of the Order**

- A. Thank you Mary Swick and Company, Spartan Screen Printing. She has been helping out with the flyers, banners, and Spirit Wear.
- B. Thank you Nicole Ball, Laura Porterfield, Monica Vincelli for Trunk or Treat.
- C. Thank you TEACHERS and STAFF!!

XIII. **Adjourn**: Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm