

# NSE PTO Meeting



**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

I. **Zoom PTO Meeting was called to order by PTO President Nikki Tilson at 6:07pm.**

II. **Introductions**

PTO Officers: Nikki Tilson (President), Melissa Messer (Vice President), Melody Benavides (Treasurer), Ajit Vaidya (Secretary).

NSE Teachers / Admin: Vickie Boudouris (Principal), Maryann Hewitt (Parent Coordinator), Hayley Doe (KG), Tara Delgado-Bridges (K-5 Medically Fragile class).

PTO Members / Volunteers: Kristin Hallstrom (Communications), Courtney Hvostal, Nicole Ball, Mary Swick (Yearbook/Talent Show), Margaret Whitehurst, Eva Esping, Emily Ochoa.

III. **Secretary's Report: (Ajit Vaidya)**

The minutes of the March 9, 2021 PTO meeting were approved. The minutes will be uploaded to the NSE website.

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

PTO Positions Available: The PTO is looking for new people to volunteer for board positions and committee chairs for next school year. If possible, we will try to schedule a meet-up for those people interested sometime before the end of the school year. Here are some of the positions that are available:

- PTO Secretary
- Room Parent Coordinator
- Cheetah Chase (2 people, Fall)
- Spirit Wear (Fall/Spring)
- Membership (Fall)
- Spirit Night Fundraiser Coordinator (monthly)
- Pancake Breakfast (Winter)
- Field Day (Spring)

Student Council: The Student Council had their meeting today. They will have six volunteers for the talent show. Every Friday is Spirit Wear Day. The school will be selling additional spirit wear T-Shirts in the future. There are about two dozen tie dye design T-shirts left. Upcoming Spirit Days are as follows:

- a. April 23: Crazy Outfit Day
- b. May 21: Beach Day

#### V. Treasurer's Report (Melody Benavides)

As of April 1, 2021 the bank balance was \$16,946.70. The Budget to Actual report has been updated with activities through 3/31/2021. All kindergarten classes received \$328.68 of the \$400 that was budgeted for supplies at the last PTO meeting. The Site Improvements budget was increased to include \$330.69 paid to replace rose bushes around the flag pole. We have approximately \$800 in deposits.

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

- Rose Garden: The roses in the garden around the flag pole had not been doing well, and needed some rehabilitation. Some of the flowers were replaced with new roses using funds provided by the PTO. Thank you, PTO for the assistance.
- Learning Interventions and Recovery: We have started interventions for students who haven't met grade level standards and need a little extra support. Extended learning summer school will be held for grades K-5 in the first three weeks of June, and will be hosted at various schools throughout the district, including at Natoma Station Elementary. NSE teachers will be teaching grade level classes.
- Standardized Testing: This year, California was granted a waiver to do an alternative assessment. So instead of CAASPP testing for Grades 3-5, we will use iReady to measure student progress and growth. Parents of students in grades 3-5 will receive a detailed report of their students' performance. GoGuardian will be used to monitor students during testing.
- 5th Grade Promotion: Like last year, there will be some type of drive-through event for promoting 5<sup>th</sup> Graders on the last day of school. We may require PTO support for this event.
- Modernization Update and Playground: The construction of two new playgrounds for Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are complete. The primary playground is almost complete. Kids can use the playgrounds one cohort at a time. Other school modernization projects will include HVAC modernization, and a shade structure for the amphitheater and Kinder picnic tables this summer. The bulk of the modernization work, however, will take place in Summer 2022.
- Social Distancing: The new CDC Guidelines for social distancing in classrooms has been reduced to 3 feet. However, we plan to continue with the six foot distancing policy through the end of the school year. We look forward to fully re-open in-person for everybody in the Fall.
- Virtual Academy: There will still be a full distance learning option for anyone in the FCUSD school district through the new Virtual Academy being established for all Grades K-12. This will be a district wide school, not part of Natoma Station.
- Enrollment: We have strong enrollment for next year. The Virtual Academy might siphon off some students and families who prefer the full distance learning option.
- Classroom Enrichment: Teachers need to submit their requests for reimbursement for classroom enrichment.

#### VII. Teachers Report (Ms. Doe, Ms. Bridges)

Ms. Doe: It's a little challenging with distance learning for Kindergartners. Parents are doing a great job helping the kids. Thanks to Ms. Bridges for her efforts.

#### VIII. **Garden Report (Vickie for Ms. Cameron)**

The Garden is doing great. Beds have been planted for summer. Small groups of students (3) who are part of our Green Team have been working in the garden with Mrs. Cameron on Monday afternoons. Grandma Esther is helping out. Garden is looking more beautiful than ever.

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

- Please check out the NSE website and Cheetah Bytes to stay up to date with the happenings at the school.
- School Needs Survey: If you go to NSE website, there's a link to a FCUSD School Needs Survey to get parent input. Survey closes April 15.
- Please continue sending pictures for distance learning and events. Third grade has been sending in a lot of pictures.
- We need to encourage kids to participate in the monthly Integrity Challenge.
- Parent volunteers: We don't have any firm plans for resuming parent volunteers on campus. We will eventually need to focus on getting current TB tests if we return to in-person parent volunteering.

#### X. **Old/Current Business**

- April 12-16: Code Ninja classes - sign up required
- April 12-16: Usborne Book Fair is a virtual fair this year. You can find details on Cheetah Bytes or on the NSE website.
- April 30 is the deadline to purchase 2020-21 Yearbook, including personalized pages.
- Talent Show: The NSE Talent Show viewing is on April 23 at 6pm. The link to the event will be sent out the same day. We will send it out on Blackboard and Cheetah Bytes. The Talent Show will be pre-recorded videos compiled into one continuous program. There was some discussion about adding a live component to the show, but this might be challenging.

#### XI. **New Business**

- May 3-7: Teacher Appreciation Week. Nicole Ball and Natalie Dougherty are leading this effort, including door decorations for all teachers. We will have opportunities for in-person and distance learners to show appreciation for their teachers.
- May Spirit Night- Might be fun to do a combination Spirit Night. We could do The Habit and Handels Ice Cream as a combination. Need someone to help coordinate with the Habit.
- We are looking to do Muffins event on Monday, May 17. We had a lot of traffic for the Donuts event in March. Kids all had a great time.

#### XII. **Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.**