

NES PTAC General Board Meeting Minutes
“Makerspace Showcase”
9/19/2017 7PM

Attendees:

Executive Board: Nancy Pitz, Pilar LaFaye, Riki Frea, Rita Ayer, Jess Sekley, Eve Bonn, Angela Hudgins, Nikki Lee, Susan Granstrom

8 Parent Members

Teachers: Mrs. Sherwood and Mr. M-K

1. 7PM Riki Frea leads Call to Order. Pledge of Allegiance is recited. The minutes of the May 2017 were reviewed and approved as posted. Welcome introduction and thank you to the parents.
2. Principal's Report: Nancy Pitz, Thank you for support of PTAC and all they do. 3 main points were focused on. 1) 2 New PTAC PARAs with an additional 3rd funded by district to help with large 2nd grade. A new autism specialist was hired. A principal newsletter is expected in near future. 2) Technology is vital for today's youth. This year we received 6 new ipads. The 3-5th graders share 3 new chrome carts with 30 chrome books and 1-2nd graders share an additional 30 chrome books. 3) Celebrate everything about little people. SPF last year was 70.8% and this year it jumped to 77.6%. There are 15 subgroups in the testing- all except one we were at 50% or above. (50% is equivalent to 1 year average growth)
3. Pilar LaFaye expressed thanks for IXL in grades 2-5. PARAs make differentiated growth possible.
4. President & Treasurer's Report: Lightly explained annual budget and expenses. Budget is \$115,070. PARAs are largest cost at \$58,500. Other expenses include field Trips, educational support, community activities. The largest donation is from the Cougar Campaign that expects \$49,592 and kicks off Sept 29th. Larger donations include Activity Fundraising brings in roughly \$37,000, Community events \$9,850, and Corporate Cash \$8,800. Provided website info for more detailed breakdowns.
5. Rita Ayer introduced activities such as WATCH DOGS, Trip Tracker, Spirit Day & Movie Night. Sock Hop and Silent Auction are on 2/23. Talent Show 3/22. Ways to get involved include Room Parents, Movie night help, We need 'Dining 4 Dollars'

coordinator, and a book fair coordinator. Online Shopping helps, need yearbook Photographer.

6. Nikki Lee briefly went over various fundraisers and how to help. Niwot Trot. Cougar Campaign beginning soon has a suggested donation of \$225. Grocer cards help donate money to the school on a refillable card.

7. Makerspace Showcase: A special Presentation from Mrs. Sherwood and Mr. M-K. The Makers Movement is growing. It allows children to make mistakes and learn through building. The school has acquired several large items to help facilitate this special type of learning. These include but are not limited to: 'Compose', K'Nex, Marbles, Ozobots, LegoWall, Brain Flakes, Snap Circuits, Suspend Game, Osmos and iPads, Cublets, Bee Bots, Spheros and iPads, "Build Your Own". It isn't just about money and technology; it's about creativity. Several items were donated to help make it all possible.

The parents were released and allowed to try most of these Makerspace programs for the remainder of the evening!

Minutes Compiled by Susan Granstrom, Recording Secretary