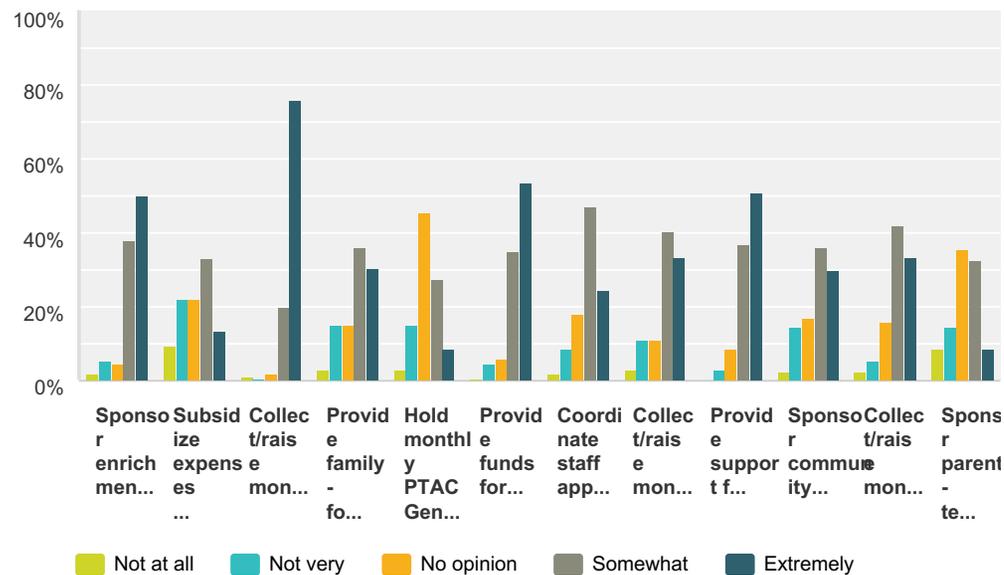


**Q1 As the student body at Niwot Elementary grows and changes, parents may wish to adjust the focus of our PTAC. Given this, we would like to know what areas of focus you value most. Please rate the following areas or add your own in the "Other" field:**

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



	Not at all	Not very	No opinion	Somewhat	Extremely	Total
Sponsor enrichment programs such as special presentations and guest speakers that enhance curriculum, art enrichment, character education, featured authors, science assemblies	1.88% 3	5.63% 9	4.38% 7	38.13% 61	50.00% 80	160
Subsidize expenses to reduce family costs for field trips	9.38% 15	21.88% 35	21.88% 35	33.13% 53	13.75% 22	160
Collect/raise monetary donations to fund Paraprofessionals in the classrooms (at least one per grade level)	1.25% 2	0.63% 1	1.88% 3	20.00% 32	76.25% 122	160

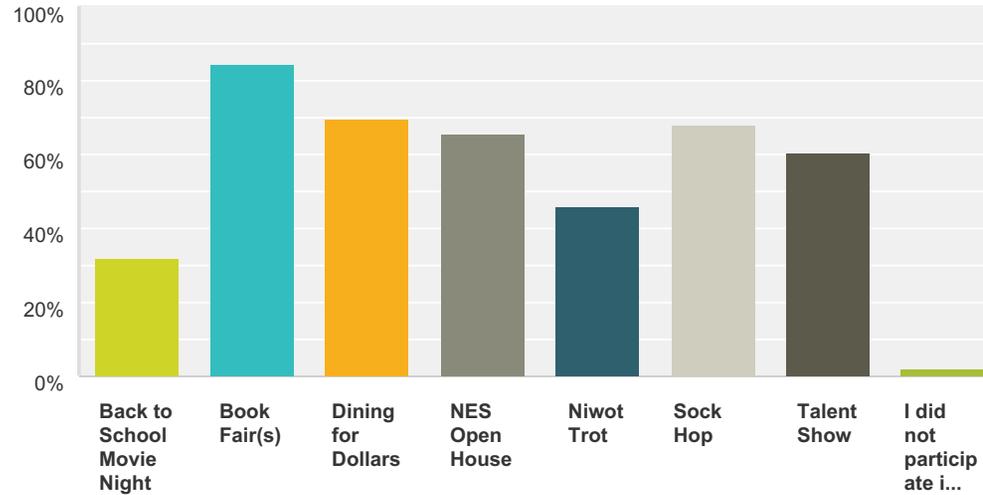
Provide family-focused social events (Back-to-School Movie Night, Talent Show, Sock Hop, etc.)	3.13% 5	15.00% 24	15.00% 24	36.25% 58	30.63% 49	160
Hold monthly PTAC General Meetings	3.13% 5	15.00% 24	45.63% 73	27.50% 44	8.75% 14	160
Provide funds for supplemental classroom materials, teacher grants, etc.	0.63% 1	4.38% 7	6.25% 10	35.00% 56	53.75% 86	160
Coordinate staff appreciation (Teacher Appreciation Week, Teacher Gift Idea pages, etc.)	1.88% 3	8.75% 14	18.13% 29	46.88% 75	24.38% 39	160
Collect/raise monetary donations to increase technology resources	3.13% 5	11.25% 18	11.25% 18	40.63% 65	33.75% 54	160
Provide support for teachers through classroom volunteers, parent education, Science Garden programming, etc.	0.00% 0	3.13% 5	8.75% 14	36.88% 59	51.25% 82	160
Sponsor community education programs (internet safety, dealing with bullying, etc.)	2.50% 4	14.37% 23	16.88% 27	36.25% 58	30.00% 48	160
Collect/raise monetary donations to increase media/library collections	2.50% 4	5.63% 9	16.25% 26	41.88% 67	33.75% 54	160
Sponsor parent-teacher-administration activities, like quarterly Parent-Principal Coffees	8.75% 14	14.37% 23	35.63% 57	32.50% 52	8.75% 14	160

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Provide an place for an open exchange of thoughts and ideas about the changes both enacted and planned at school. There is currently very little communication between administration and parents about the multitude of changes going on unless they are directly in the parents view. Perhaps publishing School Accountability Committee minutes also?	3/19/2015 7:03 PM
2	Reducing class size	3/19/2015 2:22 PM
3	Student art show	3/9/2015 9:21 AM
4	Improve school lunches. Increase 20 min. lunch time and increase quality of food.	3/6/2015 5:06 AM
5	Many technological expenses that the PTAC has incurred over the years should now be funded by the SVVSD and are included in that budget accordingly.	3/2/2015 12:23 PM
6	To be the heart of the community - to make NES feel like one tight community.	2/23/2015 8:48 AM
7	Please continue to fund the Spelling Bee	2/19/2015 12:36 PM
8	support reduced traffic around school, safer access for walking and biking to school, healthy meals at school	2/19/2015 6:57 AM
9	Would like PTAC to work with school for better nutrition at school	2/18/2015 9:17 PM
10	Special Education - Special Needs Class Funding	2/18/2015 9:10 PM

11	It's really ALL important.	2/18/2015 8:23 PM
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### Q2 Did you participate in any of the following NES PTAC events in 2014 or 2015? (please check all that apply)

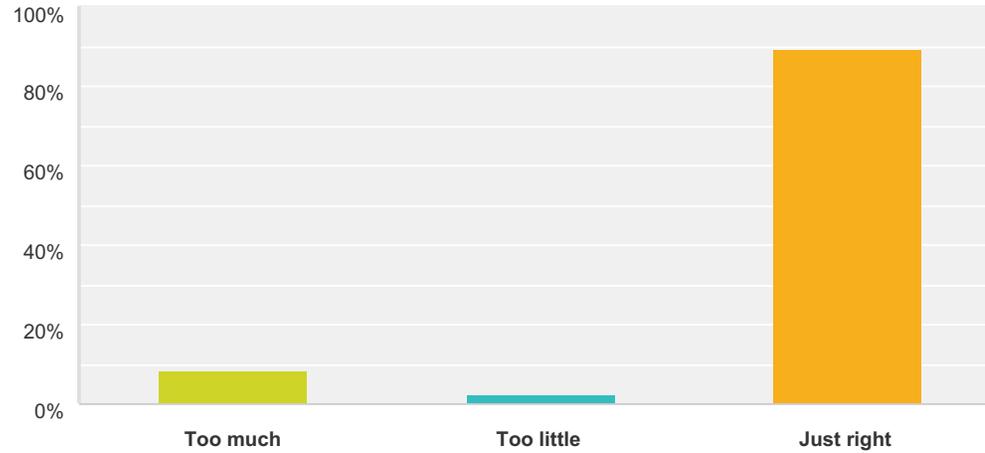
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Answer Choices	Responses
Back to School Movie Night	31.85% 50
Book Fair(s)	84.71% 133
Dining for Dollars	69.43% 109
NES Open House	65.61% 103
Niwot Trot	45.86% 72
Sock Hop	68.15% 107
Talent Show	60.51% 95
I did not participate in any of these events	1.91% 3
<b>Total Respondents: 157</b>	

### Q3 Is the number of events appropriate? Do we try to do too much, too little, about right?

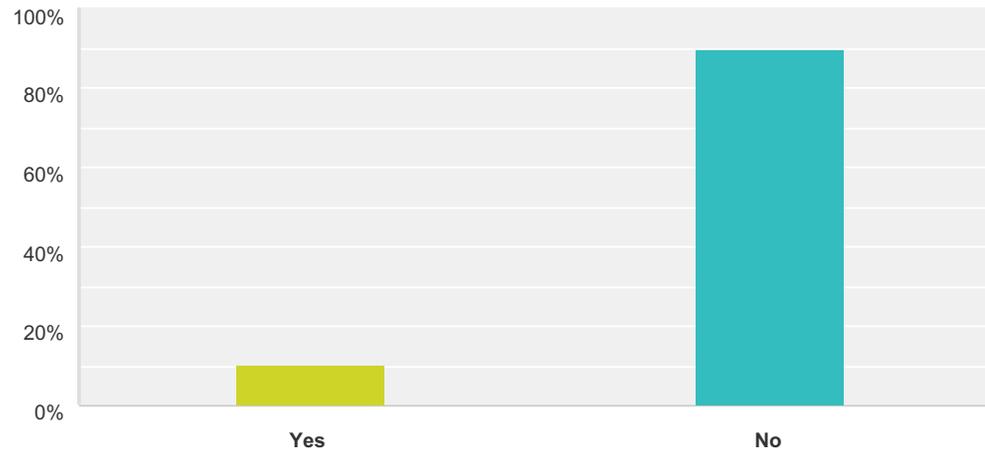
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too much	8.28%	13
Too little	2.55%	4
Just right	89.17%	140
<b>Total</b>		<b>157</b>

### Q4 Are there activities / events that you feel the PTAC should STOP doing?

Answered: 157 Skipped: 3



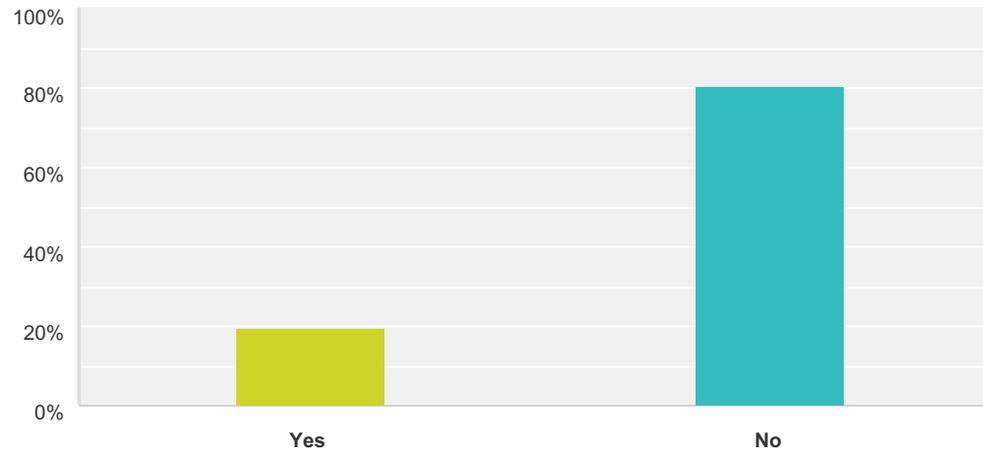
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	10.19%	16
No	89.81%	141
<b>Total</b>		<b>157</b>

#	If yes, which ones and why?	Date
1	All are wonderful, however many times many children are ill behaved (certainly not PTAC fault) which detracts from the enjoyability of the event.	3/19/2015 6:20 PM
2	The Talent Show. It is just too long.	3/19/2015 5:16 PM
3	Movie Night - TV and movie watching shouldn't be positioned as a treat by the school. We are trying to teach our kids that things like reading a book are special, not watching TV/movies. Sock Hop - not sure how much interest there is in that.	3/19/2015 2:40 PM
4	Talent show	3/19/2015 10:34 AM
5	The Silent Auction seems like it's an extra thing to ask of parents, and it doesn't seem like it's financially necessary.	3/12/2015 12:59 PM
6	Seems like different activities are a good fit for different people and that's nice	3/9/2015 2:43 PM
7	But I do feel I'm being asked for money too often. Too many fund raisers, dining for dollars and such.	3/6/2015 7:47 AM

8	I prefer to keep the Sock Hop as just a fun, family night WITHOUT also having a silent auction at the same time. The auction doesn't really seem to be necessary as the PTAC has enough money for the year and the auction hasn't even happened yet. Also, having parents in the auction during the Sock Hop means that there are more children being left unsupervised in the rest of the school.	3/5/2015 11:47 PM
9	too many dining for dollars	3/5/2015 1:58 PM
10	The directory. All our communications with other students' families has resulted in email lists provided by their teachers. All the teacher and staff information is provided online. It stays in our drawer and is recycled when the next year's directory arrives.	3/5/2015 1:47 PM
11	The activities those working them feel are a too time-consuming/under received. I don't expect the PTAC to work miracles.	3/5/2015 12:31 PM
12	Internet safety is something the district should be funding	3/5/2015 12:13 PM
13	It's not fair to find the library & not the computer lab, art, music & PE classrooms. Money should go to all.	2/23/2015 5:08 PM
14	Talent Show, it is a lot of drama There is TOO MUCH going on at Sock Hop	2/23/2015 4:51 PM
15	Disappointed that our tax and mil levy dollars don't pay for paras and all field trips.	2/23/2015 8:51 AM
16	Talent show. It doesn't benefit the whole school and isn't inclusive except for the 5th grade farewell.	2/22/2015 9:09 AM
17	I'm really not sold on all the tech in the classrooms. The motives are pure, but now we have these devices, which to some extent seem to drive what we do. By buying the tech, PTAC to some extent perpetuates that burden.	2/20/2015 3:38 PM
18	Sock hop	2/20/2015 1:53 PM
19	I felt that after contributing to the round up last year, that asking for another donation for the silent auction was inappropriate.	2/19/2015 1:15 PM
20	The sock hop is not a good fit for our family. With children on younger side, it is too loud, stimulating and too crowded. The movie night doesn't work for us either...too late for our younger children.	2/18/2015 9:22 PM

### Q5 Are there activities / events that you feel the PTAC SHOULD be involved in?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	19.75%	31
No	80.25%	126
<b>Total</b>		<b>157</b>

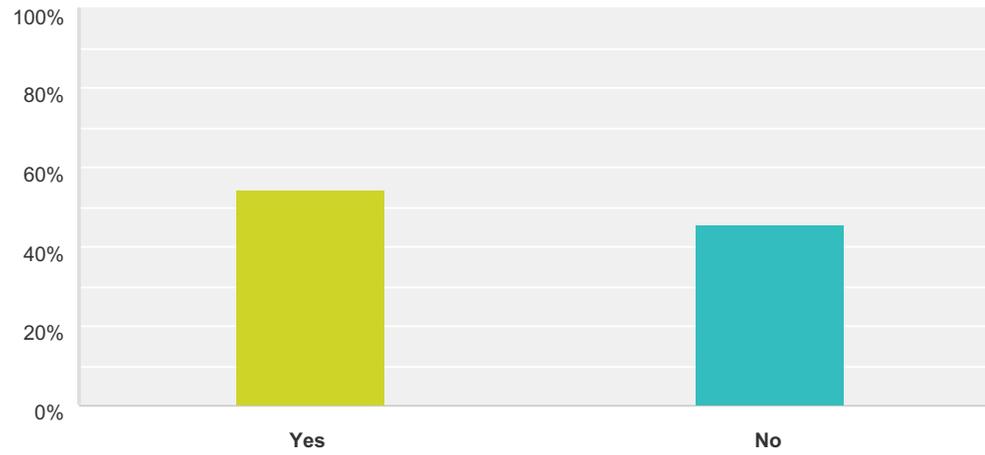
#	If yes, which ones and why?	Date
1	Multicultural events	3/20/2015 1:19 PM
2	community/elderly/home-bound assistance to teach compassion and helping others.?	3/20/2015 10:59 AM
3	What ever happened to Skate Night?	3/19/2015 7:04 PM
4	Only if something arises that is a good fit for the mission of the PTAC. You do an incredible job.	3/19/2015 6:20 PM
5	Some type of community charity day activity to start instilling in our little ones that there are people less fortunate and we should do what we can to help others.	3/19/2015 2:40 PM
6	Anti bullying & Internet Safety programs	3/16/2015 12:22 PM
7	Father/Daughter dance	3/10/2015 2:49 PM

8	district wide art show	3/9/2015 9:22 AM
9	More speaker events and parent education events, and more info on events sponsored by SVVSD.	3/7/2015 2:06 PM
10	I would like to see more money be put toward enrichment programs rather than more technology. Even if they are after school activities. Other schools in the district have very cool programs that are not present at Niwot. Just because we have been funding the same programs for the last 8 years doesn't mean we can't change it up a bit. Can we think outside the box and bring some of these programs to Niwot? What about an all school play? Or 5th grade outdoor classroom camping trip at the Cal-Wood education center?	3/6/2015 10:38 AM
11	Supporting the education of our students and teachers. Coming along side the teaching staff and administration and helping where they see PTAC can benefit the kids.	3/6/2015 7:47 AM
12	This may remove the anonymousness of my reply, but there is an "Hour of Code" program <a href="http://hourofcode.com/us">http://hourofcode.com/us</a> that introduces people 4 to 104 to computer programming.	3/6/2015 7:26 AM
13	Since the Niwot community is blessed financially, maybe more charitable events to help the less fortunate.	3/6/2015 5:09 AM
14	Per above	3/5/2015 9:17 PM
15	community service	3/5/2015 1:58 PM
16	I'd like to bring exiting back to the schools	3/5/2015 1:52 PM
17	If possible, improve the NES website. It could be such a great resource if redesigned.	3/5/2015 1:47 PM
18	Spaghetti Dinners to raise money.	3/5/2015 12:52 PM
19	Perhaps I missed it, but I would like to know more about the standardized tests the students are taking.	3/5/2015 12:31 PM
20	I think that PTAC should organize grade level or classroom parent get togethers at the beginning of the year. I have heard from parents new to the district that the parent social at the beginning of the year is all grade levels and did not help them meet parents in the grades their students are in. I know a couple schools in Boulder that have a meet other parents in your grade happy hour events with and then without kids. This allows parents to meet other parents that their children may play with etc.	3/5/2015 12:18 PM
21	I would like to see more coordination between Niwot HS and Niwot Elementary such as Spirit Day at NES being the Friday of Homecoming week.	3/2/2015 12:25 PM
22	More all school events - cookout, campout, fall festival?? (to develop a bigger sense of community)	2/23/2015 8:51 AM
23	More after school enrichment (have more influence on quality of community school offerings)	2/20/2015 1:53 PM
24	Other than what they already do. I think the PTAC does a great job staying involved in all activities at NES.	2/19/2015 12:37 PM
25	I thought the internet safety was a wonderful resource and would love to see more safety resources (an example- Feather Berkhouer, "Parenting Safe Children."	2/19/2015 10:49 AM
26	Encouraging less traffic around our school. Increasing safety of student access to school. Maximizing use of yellow school buse . Promoting more families to walk, bike.	2/19/2015 7:00 AM
27	We do not attend a lot of events because we have a special needs child and a lot of activities are too much for him. Too much sensory overload and too wild .	2/18/2015 9:13 PM

28	More activities that help families meet other families. I think it is hard to connect to parents and I would love more activities to help us get to know eachother	2/18/2015 8:29 PM
29	Honestly can't think of more.	2/18/2015 8:25 PM
30	The mind-up program, started by Goldie Hawn. Or some mindfulness community activity to train the neural networking of our children.	2/18/2015 7:01 PM

### Q6 Have you ever attended a PTAC meeting?

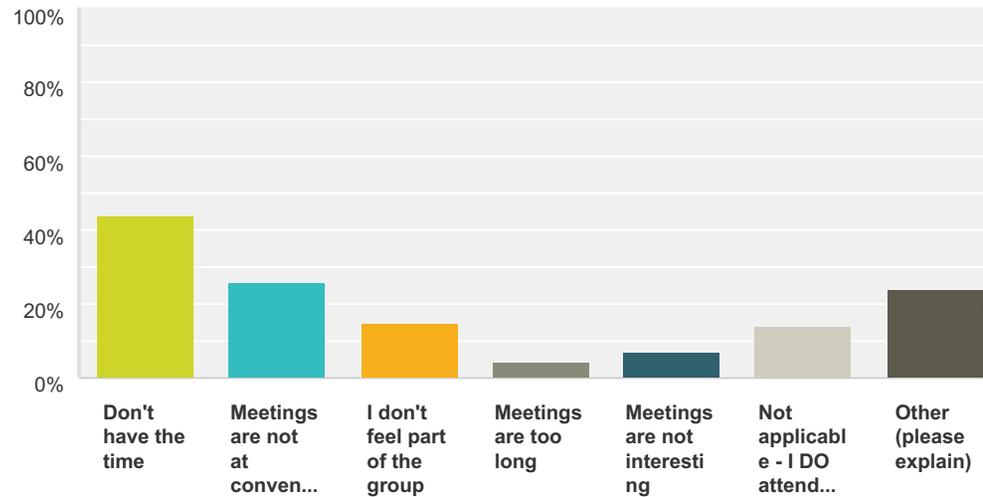
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	54.19%	84
No	45.81%	71
<b>Total</b>		<b>155</b>

### Q7 If you do not attend PTAC meetings, why?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	
Don't have the time	43.87%	68
Meetings are not at convenient times	25.81%	40
I don't feel part of the group	14.84%	23
Meetings are too long	4.52%	7
Meetings are not interesting	7.10%	11
Not applicable - I DO attend meetings!	14.19%	22
Other (please explain)	23.87%	37
<b>Total Respondents: 155</b>		

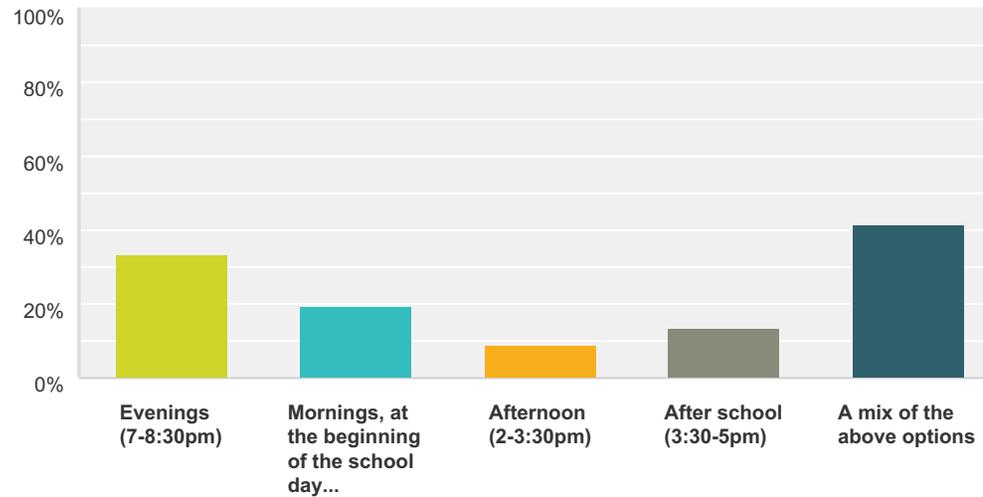
#	Other (please explain)	Date
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1	Past bedtime for younger kids :(...hopefully soon!	3/20/2015 9:32 PM
2	N/a	3/19/2015 10:07 PM
3	Evenings are too difficult with travelling spouses and after school activities. Could we hold these meetings while the kids are at school?	3/19/2015 7:08 PM
4	The times should be moved around so that for someone who can never make a Tuesday night. It would at least be possible to get to it. If they are always on the same night and Tuesdays are always bad then I never get to attend.	3/19/2015 5:18 PM
5	Expect to go when we reach kindergarten. Preschool is rather remote from all of it.	3/19/2015 9:37 AM
6	dont know when they are	3/19/2015 9:27 AM
7	As a new parent of a preschooler at Niwot, I feel we aren't established enough in the school just yet.	3/16/2015 8:58 PM
8	I do not live in Niwot. I drive back and forth to the school to pick up my kids and volunteer. By the time evening comes, I don't have the energy to drive back to school for a meeting.	3/16/2015 7:39 PM
9	I attended a few meetings.	3/16/2015 3:50 AM
10	I have other monthly meetings that always conflict with PTAC meeting.	3/6/2015 7:51 AM
11	Taking it slowly. We're just coming into this highly rated, apparently very well run school. My suspicion is the PTAC really has their act together and has little to gain from my passive listening at this time. Lazy people don't usually put together well thought out surveys.	3/6/2015 7:36 AM
12	And...it may sound like a cop-out but I feel like there is a consistent group who attend often, have the time, have strong opinions, and, in general, are making good decisions. So all is well and prioritizing attending the meetings when I am as busy as I am therefore feels unnecessary. Of course I know that it wouldn't work for everyone to take that approach but for now, seems that is the case.	3/5/2015 9:22 PM
13	Difficult to attend with small children and schedules	3/5/2015 4:29 PM
14	I feel like I am very involved and know what is happening at the school already by volunteering as well as emails. So taking time away from family when we have so little to begin with doesn't seem necessary.	3/5/2015 2:04 PM
15	My wife does	3/5/2015 1:53 PM
16	I am more interested in the educational aspects of the school versus the movie nights, sock hop, etc. I feel as if the PTAC is a social organization, rather than educational, and my interests lie with the educational aspects of the school.	3/5/2015 12:33 PM
17	I attend the meetings when I am available	3/5/2015 12:21 PM
18	We usually have children's activities scheduled at the time of PTAC meetings.	3/2/2015 12:27 PM
19	Was told a few years ago that I was not welcome to sponsor a page in directory and have decided I would not waste my time with PTAC.	2/23/2015 4:54 PM
20	For working families the 6-8pm time is our only family time. Trying to balance kids activities with a tiny bit of quality time makes prioritizing these mtgs difficult.	2/20/2015 1:57 PM
21	I try, but a conflicting event always seems to pop up.	2/19/2015 1:07 PM
22	Once I am home, I really don't want to go out again.	2/19/2015 12:40 PM
23	No good excuse, other than evenings get busy with family activities and dinner, and I work full time so cannot make day time meetings.	2/19/2015 11:30 AM

24	I have attended very few because of the times. A little one that goes to bed early, after school sports	2/19/2015 10:53 AM
25	7-8:30 pm is a very inconvenient time for families with young children.	2/19/2015 10:43 AM
26	Conflicts at same time.	2/19/2015 7:44 AM
27	I generally trust the elected officers, and if I do have specific issues, I would attend the meeting.	2/18/2015 10:22 PM
28	schedule conflicts	2/18/2015 10:04 PM
29	Difficult to get out in the evening with young children. Even with childcare, it is too hard at bedtime.	2/18/2015 9:25 PM
30	Tuesdays do not work for us, it's homework night.	2/18/2015 9:08 PM
31	My work schedule doesn't seem to allow the time	2/18/2015 8:41 PM
32	We have very young children and work late- we can't make the times of the meetings right now	2/18/2015 8:38 PM
33	bad night for me	2/18/2015 8:36 PM
34	I have no idea what is going on and what needs to be decided until the niwot notes come out.	2/18/2015 8:10 PM
35	I already volunteer at other organizations.	2/18/2015 8:08 PM
36	I have too many kids....	2/18/2015 7:41 PM
37	We work until 7 most nights- tired, hungry...	2/18/2015 7:07 PM

### Q8 What is an ideal time to hold PTAC meetings?

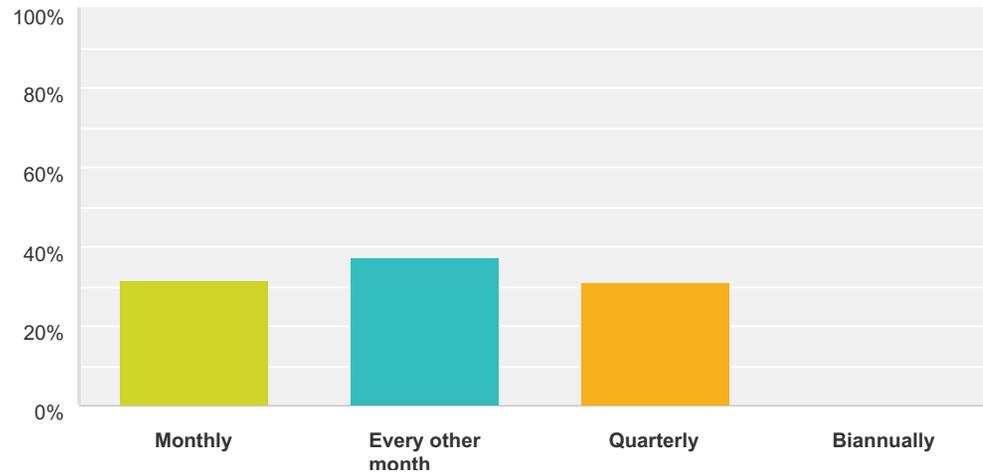
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Answer Choices	Responses
Evenings (7-8:30pm)	33.55% 52
Mornings, at the beginning of the school day (9-10:30am)	19.35% 30
Afternoon (2-3:30pm)	9.03% 14
After school (3:30-5pm)	13.55% 21
A mix of the above options	41.29% 64
<b>Total Respondents: 155</b>	

### Q9 What is an ideal frequency for PTAC meetings?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
Monthly	31.61% 49
Every other month	37.42% 58
Quarterly	30.97% 48
Biannually	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>

**Q10 Traditionally, we have had low turnout for monthly PTAC General Meetings. What would motivate you to attend PTAC meetings more often?**

Answered: 155 Skipped: 5

#	Responses	Date
1	fewer meetings to place more importance the opportunity - video and put on website to allow on demand viewing when convenient	3/21/2015 10:20 AM
2	See above	3/20/2015 9:32 PM
3	Maybe serve cookies & coffee, have a session at the beginning where people shake hands to meet their neighbors, possibly consider offering a give away eg) everyone who attends is entered to win a gift certificate, parking space for a month, etc.	3/20/2015 3:37 PM
4	Better times	3/20/2015 2:26 PM
5	Small group discussions. Maybe grouped into upper and lower grade levels.	3/20/2015 1:39 PM
6	Offering supervised kids activities (movie, arts&crafts...) while parents are at meeting	3/20/2015 1:21 PM
7	less frequency	3/20/2015 10:59 AM
8	Timing, I do not want to be out at a meeting until 8:30 at night. I work full time and spend my evenings with my children and this is at or past their bedtime.	3/20/2015 10:40 AM
9	Different meeting times	3/20/2015 7:49 AM
10	I'm not sure	3/20/2015 5:11 AM
11	qw	3/19/2015 11:10 PM
12	Time of meetings, child care	3/19/2015 10:11 PM
13	NA	3/19/2015 10:07 PM
14	More speakers.	3/19/2015 9:43 PM
15	Honestly, it is the time of day. Sports, dinner, baths and bed are all non-negotiable for many of us especially when doing everything on your own when a husband travels. I find the meetings very informative when I can get there and I do enjoy them. I am able to attend district meetings that are held during the day and would like to be able to be present at our own school meetings.	3/19/2015 7:08 PM
16	See above	3/19/2015 5:18 PM
17	A specific, more detailed agenda (listing not just the main or a generic topic, but the key areas of focus within the topic as well) that's directly disseminated in an e-mail with a reminder about the meeting a few days ahead. (Don't embed this information in another e-mail.)	3/19/2015 2:40 PM

18	No	3/19/2015 1:46 PM
19	Hu	3/19/2015 12:13 PM
20	Not sure...	3/19/2015 11:50 AM
21	More inclusive	3/19/2015 11:03 AM
22	Not sure	3/19/2015 10:36 AM
23	Not much	3/19/2015 9:49 AM
24	If they were in the morning and shorter.	3/19/2015 9:47 AM
25	Preschool is rather remote from all of it. That seems reasonable to me. We aren't really part of most of the activities, and that makes sense. I will start attending once we are in kindergarten.	3/19/2015 9:37 AM
26	dont know	3/19/2015 9:27 AM
27	N/a	3/18/2015 9:18 PM
28	I think once my child is in Kindergarten, certainly, and when my baby is older and I have more free time. Also, tagging on a special speaker or topic would be interesting.	3/16/2015 8:58 PM
29	Offering meetings at different times of the day may help.	3/16/2015 7:39 PM
30	childcare and maybe occasionally a family dinner before the meeting option (pre-purchase tickets). Maybe local restaurants would like to cater for reasonable price for advertising?	3/16/2015 3:50 AM
31	Feeling like my opinion and voice mattered. That I wasn't there just to watch a "show" (like the traffic/parking pattern meetings felt like).	3/15/2015 11:58 AM
32	Snacks?	3/12/2015 1:00 PM
33	Food, a more social atmosphere	3/12/2015 11:46 AM
34	Quarterly could increase attendance.	3/11/2015 8:30 PM
35	During school hours	3/10/2015 2:50 PM
36	??	3/10/2015 8:30 AM
37	Having a better understanding of what PTAC does, why it does those things, what are the options (ie: what happens to programs if PTAC isn't funding/running them?) etc.	3/9/2015 2:44 PM
38	?	3/9/2015 11:19 AM
39	Have them during school hours.	3/9/2015 10:43 AM
40	To attend would be agreeing to give more/volunteer more/donate more at the school. I don't have time for this. I feel like we already give/donate/volunteer plenty	3/9/2015 9:24 AM
41	morning or day time meetings	3/8/2015 8:02 PM
42	Hold the meeting at different times	3/8/2015 6:54 PM

43	More speakers. Less reading aloud of info that could be distributed electronically or on a notice board.	3/7/2015 2:07 PM
44	Have them quarterly.	3/7/2015 8:37 AM
45	Meetings during school hours (which I realize would not be ideal for everyone, so perhaps just occasionally)	3/6/2015 4:32 PM
46	Better weather!	3/6/2015 10:52 AM
47	Guest speakers of interest	3/6/2015 10:41 AM
48	If I truly felt that my voice would be heard, I might attend. It seems to be so structured that ideas are not heard or immediately cast aside.	3/6/2015 10:40 AM
49	I like helping directly in the classroom and I give the majority of my volunteer hours to other organizations. And I work. I'm not sure I would make attending meetings a priority. I donate. I help in class. I support many of your programs. But I don't want to be pulled in more than that. I am content to read your meeting minutes.	3/6/2015 7:51 AM
50	As a Kinder-parent, the experience of putting your first child into school is a lot to adjust to, so in the Fall when school starts, you're a bit overwhelmed. Also, during orientation, we hear all the awesome things that the PTAC is doing: para's, iPads, raising money, etc. Frankly, I believe you have a "staying on top" problem - obviously a ton of work has gone into this school and this organization; it is easy to relax on our laurels and challenging to find ways to get people like myself involved. Also, I'm not sure that I understand how my participation in a General Meeting impacts my child's learning experience, and that may be something that may be communicated.	3/6/2015 7:36 AM
51	Drawing, raffle, etc.	3/6/2015 5:10 AM
52	Being made to feel that feedback from all parents is welcome and encouraged during the meeting.	3/5/2015 11:52 PM
53	I don't think I could be motivated to go more but I will give that thought. Quarterly vs monthly would make me feel like they were more important. ??	3/5/2015 9:22 PM
54	I don't think they need to be monthly. The newest tees are very informative and if issues come up between quarterly meetings a special meeting could be held.	3/5/2015 4:29 PM
55	Not as often-	3/5/2015 4:06 PM
56	Early evening is best	3/5/2015 3:51 PM
57	Not sure	3/5/2015 2:59 PM
58	Don't know	3/5/2015 2:45 PM
59	Different times. Advanced notice of agenda.	3/5/2015 2:16 PM
60	A need for parents to attend. Not just the "business" aspect of it like running down the numbers. PTAC seems to run smooth and efficient as it is.	3/5/2015 2:04 PM
61	food	3/5/2015 2:00 PM
62	Have some fun!	3/5/2015 1:53 PM
63	Combine the PTAC meetings with speakers, principal updates, or other educational topic.	3/5/2015 1:47 PM
64	Include school information and decisions. Not just find raising ideas	3/5/2015 1:42 PM

65	A different meeting time and less than monthly :-)	3/5/2015 1:35 PM
66	Probably would not attend	3/5/2015 1:34 PM
67	.	3/5/2015 1:08 PM
68	If I lived closer to Niwot	3/5/2015 1:00 PM
69	Pot Luck Dinner's and provide a fun learning class for the kids. Science, Art...	3/5/2015 12:55 PM
70	not sure	3/5/2015 12:40 PM
71	not sure	3/5/2015 12:37 PM
72	If topics related to education were addressed.	3/5/2015 12:33 PM
73	Different times	3/5/2015 12:32 PM
74	Flexible meeting times, friendly environment	3/5/2015 12:31 PM
75	specific key agenda items and more convenient times	3/5/2015 12:23 PM
76	Right afterschool	3/5/2015 12:23 PM
77	Great question!	3/5/2015 12:21 PM
78	Do you send out an agenda so parents will know what is going to be discussed and then know whether or not it will be helpful.	3/5/2015 12:20 PM
79	Not sure, sorry!	3/5/2015 12:18 PM
80	After school day ends	3/5/2015 12:15 PM
81	coffee cookies scotch bottles of scotch	3/5/2015 12:14 PM
82	Morning meetings.	3/5/2015 12:14 PM
83	Quarterly meetings	3/4/2015 7:50 AM
84	Make the meeting more inclusive. It comes across as if only "certain" people are welcome, and the committees are not open to anyone joining. I was very excited to get involved, but after attending a few meeting I feel that outsiders are not welcome- just the same group of parents.	3/3/2015 11:40 AM
85	Speakers with ties to education, internet safety etc	3/2/2015 7:47 PM
86	Not conflicting with evening/family time.	3/2/2015 12:27 PM
87	I attend them each month. Fun drawings for those that attend	3/1/2015 10:03 PM
88	Unsure.	2/25/2015 11:32 AM
89	Evenings can be challenging with kids activities etc.	2/24/2015 9:29 PM
90	Sorry, I don't have the time.	2/23/2015 8:10 PM
91	?	2/23/2015 5:10 PM

92	Many times school meetings tend to be a lot of chit chat, keep to meeting agenda with short meetings.	2/23/2015 4:54 PM
93	I am motivated but the timing is off.	2/23/2015 4:25 PM
94	Maybe have the students perform - art, singing, poetry - anything to drive their parents to attend? Make it more of a social event (allow wine)?? Host at someone's house (more intimate)?? Personally invite parents to attend (call or email)?	2/23/2015 8:55 AM
95	?	2/22/2015 4:44 PM
96	Guilt!	2/22/2015 9:13 AM
97	It is just an issue of having little time due to general busyness	2/21/2015 6:42 PM
98	I think that evenings are probably the most egalitarian time for meetings, since that way working parents can attend, but it's a hard time of day for those with young kids--the target audience.	2/20/2015 3:39 PM
99	Offer remote webex options. These virtual meetings are easy and low cost to run. They can also be recorded. Or, offer meetings at 7:30-8:30am while kids can be in Cougar Club.	2/20/2015 1:57 PM
100	Just run out of time, I am still interested. Also, I trust the PTAC and think they are doing a great job, and don't always need my input.	2/20/2015 8:37 AM
101	After school would be easier for me.	2/19/2015 10:08 PM
102	Motivation from within myself to be involved.	2/19/2015 6:53 PM
103	My daughter is in kindergarten this year and we are just learning the ropes. When she becomes more involved in school activities, I'm sure I will too.	2/19/2015 3:50 PM
104	evenings are hard	2/19/2015 2:05 PM
105	An agenda with specific goals for each meeting	2/19/2015 1:39 PM
106	I work full time. It is hard to give up the little time in the evening I have with my kids. Plus, sports practice makes things more difficult.	2/19/2015 1:16 PM
107	Like I said above - I do try, but am overwhelmed with after school commitments. That's why I like the 2-3:30 meeting idea!	2/19/2015 1:07 PM
108	This has always been a problem. I am not sure that there is an answer.	2/19/2015 12:40 PM
109	Maybe quarterly meetings would be more appealing and provide more information. Good to find some way to make parents want to participate and provide their input.	2/19/2015 11:30 AM
110	For me, it is usually scheduling conflicts that prevent me from coming.	2/19/2015 11:23 AM
111	If they were during school hours, centered around drop-off or pick-up times.	2/19/2015 10:53 AM
112	More convenient meeting time.	2/19/2015 10:43 AM
113	not sure - to be honest	2/19/2015 10:42 AM
114	not sure	2/19/2015 10:16 AM
115	An agenda description available to view before the meeting.	2/19/2015 9:40 AM
116	I work full time and so my evenings with my kids are our time together. It is difficult for me to justify attending a meeting unless the topic is of utmost importance to me, because it involves me being away from my kids for the time.	2/19/2015 8:46 AM

117	Babysitting, snacks, raffles	2/19/2015 8:22 AM
118	I would not be able to.	2/19/2015 8:05 AM
119	Just a few thoughts....Social event time before. Introductions. Opportunity for open comment period. Share agenda in advance.	2/19/2015 7:44 AM
120	Not sure?	2/19/2015 5:45 AM
121	Have topical guest speakers at meetings.	2/18/2015 10:22 PM
122	I would go if the meetings didn't interfere with my kids activities.	2/18/2015 10:09 PM
123	i would like to attend meetings, but i always seem to have a scheduling conflict	2/18/2015 10:04 PM
124	Send out a brief email with bullet points of agenda items	2/18/2015 9:52 PM
125	Perhaps a daytime meeting if there was childcare for my young children not in school.	2/18/2015 9:25 PM
126	not sure	2/18/2015 9:17 PM
127	?	2/18/2015 9:12 PM
128	Honestly, I love to volunteer... I am more interested coordinating & executing fun events. I would rather spend my time at events vs. meetings.	2/18/2015 9:08 PM
129	I have missed only two meetings this year, due to business obligations. I attend to find out what is going on in what is a big part of my daughter's "world," and to be supportive - with, I hope, valid +/- input when I feel I need to give it. The only thing that puts a damper on the meetings for me are the parents that take an inordinate amount of time complaining or speaking about issues they have that don't necessarily affect the larger culture of NES - which is, unfortunately or not, what needs to be considered in a public school system. The meetings I have attended have been well run and certainly worth my time. I'm sorry I don't have an answer to what more you can do to increase attendance. Knowing that most people like "free," my husband and I would be willing to underwrite the entire cost of child care and "dinner" - maybe starting at 6pm instead of 7 (or "breakfast" if in the mornings) next year if that would motivate folks to attend. The food might initially bring them in, but I would guess they would ultimately grasp the informational reward and the social/community benefit. If you haven't already tried this, we would be happy to invest in a test run next year.	2/18/2015 9:06 PM
130	More time!	2/18/2015 8:53 PM
131	All about being able to make the schedule, but that's just because of my crazy job!! :-)	2/18/2015 8:41 PM
132	?	2/18/2015 8:38 PM
133	Not sure...maybe a time other than evenings.	2/18/2015 8:37 PM
134	---	2/18/2015 8:36 PM
135	If I felt more a part of the school.	2/18/2015 8:36 PM
136	I'm very shy and feel like I would bring anything interesting yo the table. I'm not a very good leader	2/18/2015 8:30 PM
137	Pre-publish the agenda and last minutes so we know what is going on and if we need to voice a concern or comment. I love and appreciate the hard work the PTAC does, (and the sock hop!!!) but I worry that you work too hard.	2/18/2015 8:10 PM

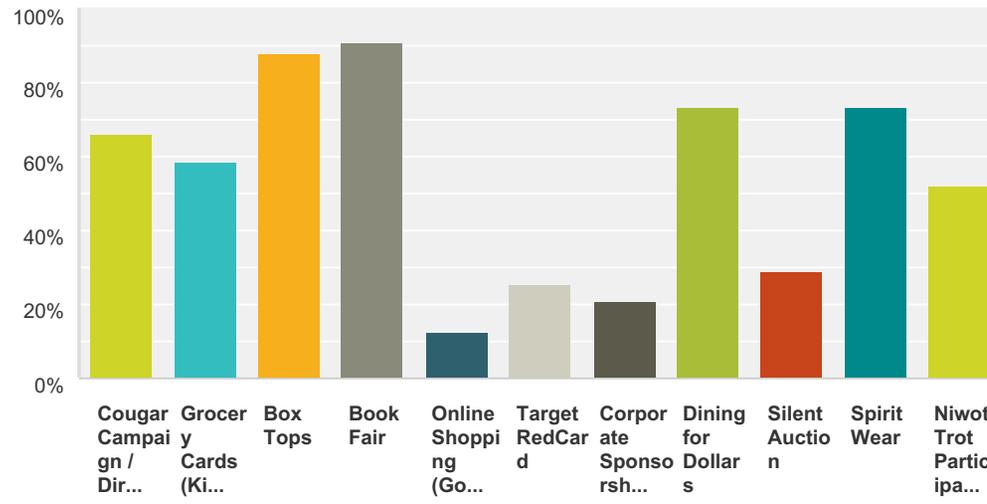
138	If the PTAC would not represent what the parents want. The PTAC is doing a great job.	2/18/2015 8:08 PM
139	I only attend if the topic personally pertains to my child .	2/18/2015 8:08 PM
140	Less often	2/18/2015 7:58 PM
141	not sure	2/18/2015 7:50 PM
142	When my eldest child is able to babysit the others, I will be there.	2/18/2015 7:41 PM
143	Less frequent	2/18/2015 7:36 PM
144	Just my opinion but the meetings are extremely boring.	2/18/2015 7:31 PM
145	Keep them brief and to the point. Schedule them when I am already at the school, I'm not driving all the way back over there at dinner time.	2/18/2015 7:27 PM
146	Hold meetings in morning. I am always busy with kids after school/evenings	2/18/2015 7:21 PM
147	Time. I work FT	2/18/2015 7:20 PM
148	Better notice of the agenda	2/18/2015 7:16 PM
149	If i had a friend to go with i would go	2/18/2015 7:09 PM
150	?	2/18/2015 7:07 PM
151	?	2/18/2015 7:04 PM
152	Not sure	2/18/2015 7:02 PM
153	I don't really understand what is discussed and covered at the meetings... and as a working parent, I don't want to go and feel guilty that I can't contribute much time volunteering for committees, etc... so I prefer to read minutes or ask around for general updates, etc... but if there could be a combo speaker event/ptac meeting... that might encourage to sit through the ptac meeting to then hear the speaker	2/18/2015 7:01 PM
154	earlier meetings	2/17/2015 8:22 AM
155	You do a nice job of enticing parents with timely topics and important information. Mane gear it more towards parent community building? Gosh--no idea--same old issues.	2/16/2015 8:54 PM

**Q11 Currently, the fundraising goals for the approved budget income projection are achieved along the following distribution (by percentage of total budget income):**

- 46% = Cougar Campaign
- 31% = Fundraising Activities (such as Book Fair, Niwot Trot, Directory Sponsorship, Spirit Wear)
- 15% = Corporate Cash (such as Grocery & Target cards, Box Tops, Dining for Dollars, Online Shopping)
- 8% = Community Events (such as Sock Hop, Talent Show)

**For the past few years, the PTAC has chosen the following fundraising options for families to help support our school. Please indicate in which of the following efforts you have participated in the past (check all that apply):**

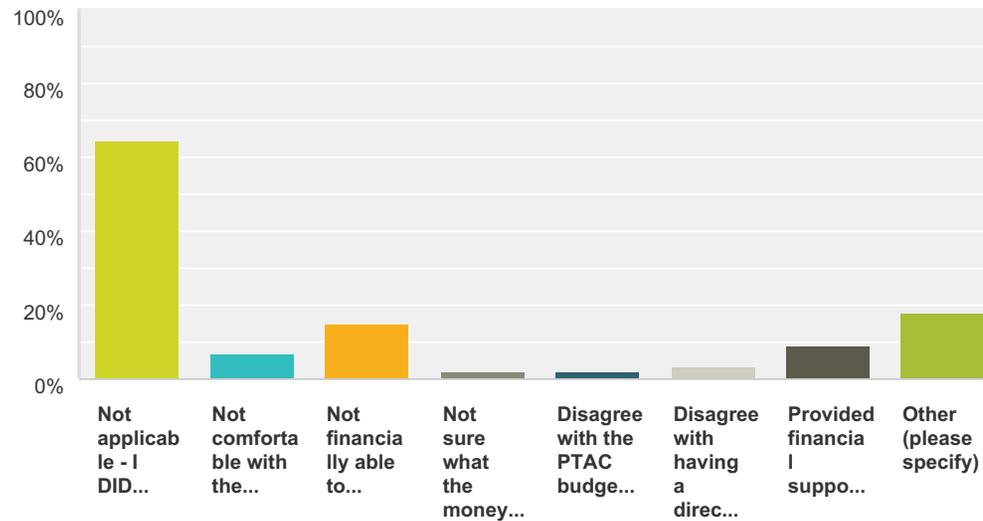
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Answer Choices	Responses
Cougar Campaign / Direct Ask	65.79% 100
Grocery Cards (King Soopers, Niwot Market)	58.55% 89
Box Tops	88.16% 134
Book Fair	90.79% 138
Online Shopping (GoodShop.com, AmazonSmile)	12.50% 19
Target RedCard	25.66% 39
Corporate Sponsorship (Directory, Niwot Trot)	21.05% 32
Dining for Dollars	73.68% 112
Silent Auction	28.95% 44
Spirit Wear	73.68% 112
Niwot Trot Participation	51.97% 79
<b>Total Respondents: 152</b>	

**Q12 This year, less than 50% of families contributed to the Cougar Campaign, which is the PTAC’s largest single fundraiser. We would like to understand why so many families chose not to provide their support. If you did not participate in the Cougar Campaign this school year, please tell us why:**

Answered: 152 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
Not applicable - I DID participate!	64.47% 98
Not comfortable with the suggested amount	7.24% 11
Not financially able to participate	15.13% 23
Not sure what the money is used for/not familiar with the budget	1.97% 3
Disagree with the PTAC budget spending	1.97% 3

Disagree with having a direct ask campaign	3.29%	5
Provided financial support in other ways	9.21%	14
Other (please specify)	17.76%	27
<b>Total Respondents: 152</b>		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	participated, but I feel there is so much money being put into the pot, while less expensive than a private school, this is public. I think there should be more paras in class rooms to assist the kids in thier weak areas.	3/20/2015 11:03 AM
2	Again, it's timing, we've just gotten through the expenses of summer and back to school. It's not easily able to turn around and immediately contribute another \$250.	3/20/2015 10:44 AM
3	There were many families that I know did not participate. A common thread among them was they no longer felt a part of the community, citing issues such as being unhappy with the unrestrained growth of the school and the enormous changes at the beginning of the year that they were not allowed to be involved in. I believe several have been shopping for other schools for their kids. It is a shame to lose people who were committed simply because they no longer feel valued.	3/19/2015 7:17 PM
4	I would love to participate by having an automatic withdrawal from my checking or charge to my credit card of a set amount each month - like NPR does.	3/19/2015 12:16 PM
5	dont know if we did	3/19/2015 9:29 AM
6	Claim it is only fundraiser for classroom then the classroom s ask for money for several different things. By the end of Sept with more then one kid you spend a great amount of money.	3/18/2015 9:23 PM
7	We didn't give the full amount suggested but we plan to give more next time because having the paraprofessionals etc. is very important. This is not our assigned school and I feel lucky to have my son attending here. Also, this is on top of the tuition we already pay for preschool.	3/16/2015 9:14 PM
8	I don't like the push to NOT use a credit card to give to the campaign. If someone is giving you money, you shouldn't complain about the way it's given to you. It makes you sound ungrateful and whiney because you didn't get those extra couple of cents or dollars and it makes the giver feel like they his or her donation isn't as "good" as the other guys. A credit card just works better for some people.	3/15/2015 12:14 PM
9	Just moved to Niwot this past year, have not thought about amount fair to contribute.	3/11/2015 8:33 PM
10	We give back to the school by taking time off work to volunteer every week in the classroom. So we feel we give in other ways. But as far as fundraising, I would much rather hand over a bit of money than having our kids go door to door for fundraising.	3/6/2015 10:50 AM
11	When you have several children the suggested amount is quite a lot. Maybe just asking for donation would cause more to give? Also the time frame that it is done isn't the best time to me. There are a lot of spending for families being done at the beginning of school. I better time I think might be after taxes for some. They may have some "extra" money.	3/5/2015 2:19 PM
12	We did participate but the motivation wasn't super strong to do so since the PTAC has been raising more money than expected in the past couple of years.	3/5/2015 1:50 PM

13	This year was the first for our family at NES. I typically like to wait and see how things progress at school before making any significant monetary donation. My only suggestion, if you haven't already, would be to make the option to donate open during the school year, as opposed to only offering it during a restricted period of time. I know that after clothing and purchasing school supplies/paying fees for two children at the beginning of the year, it can be hard to donate more money during that same time.	3/5/2015 12:44 PM
14	Sorry...Make me sooo guilty! Loss of job!	3/5/2015 12:25 PM
15	teacher	3/5/2015 12:17 PM
16	I do think the suggested donation is too high. This is public education, and while the amount of money the state/federal government is giving to the school is clearly not enough, by suggesting so much out of pocket expense, the government thinks they're giving us enough because the school does not ask for more.	2/25/2015 11:36 AM
17	I sent in \$100. I couldn't financially afford to donate more all at once. Perhaps ask for half the amount in the fall then Half in the winter or yearly spring.	2/23/2015 8:16 PM
18	Paras tend to work w/ low kids. My kids are in high classes & never receive para support. That should change. Paras should work with all kids.	2/23/2015 5:13 PM
19	Reference above response on directory.	2/23/2015 4:58 PM
20	It feels like the climate/spirit is changing - not the close community it once was.	2/23/2015 9:00 AM
21	we pay for full day kindergarten and donate supplies, snacks and time to the classroom regularly.	2/19/2015 3:53 PM
22	May have been a the wrong time of year or perhaps break down requested amounts so not one lump sum.	2/19/2015 1:43 PM
23	The direct ask was supposed to replace other fundraising, yet we are still asked during the year for more money, which is inappropriate. Either the direct ask is it, or not.	2/19/2015 8:08 AM
24	Is there a way to give to the cougar campaign/roundup on a monthly basis?	2/18/2015 8:13 PM
25	not sure	2/18/2015 7:58 PM
26	We participated.	2/18/2015 7:43 PM
27	I contributed.	2/18/2015 7:04 PM

### Q13 What suggestions do you have for other methods of raising funds for NES PTAC?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Love the fact that we can do the cougar campaign vs. traditional fundraising	3/21/2015 10:22 AM
2	I'm not aware of anything.	3/20/2015 9:34 PM
3	Farm to table dinner, parents only appetizer/drinks/silent/auction or include as a lovely farm to table dinner. Larger corporate sponsorship from businesses that are in our area.	3/20/2015 3:40 PM
4	.	3/20/2015 2:27 PM
5	I don't have any suggestions.	3/20/2015 1:41 PM
6	calendar sales, school flea market/parking lot sale - what ever left goes to local charities.....	3/20/2015 11:03 AM
7	I don't have any other suggestions	3/20/2015 10:44 AM
8	Involve the teachers in emailing more about cougar campaign	3/20/2015 7:50 AM
9	None at this time	3/20/2015 5:13 AM
10	N/a	3/19/2015 10:13 PM
11	N/a	3/19/2015 10:08 PM
12	I think that if we strengthen the feeling of inclusion and promote communication the funds will flow back in as they have in the past. I'm not sure new families are plugged in enough yet to be big participants yet either.	3/19/2015 7:17 PM
13	I don't know	3/19/2015 5:20 PM
14	One suggestion is to make clear what the deadline for participation in the Cougar Campaign is. I think a lot of people just missed it because it came up so suddenly at the start of the school year when things are extra busy.	3/19/2015 2:40 PM
15	More fundraising events. Carwashes, easier access ability to grocery cards etc...	3/19/2015 1:49 PM
16	Hh	3/19/2015 12:16 PM
17	car washes	3/19/2015 11:54 AM
18	Z	3/19/2015 11:04 AM
19	Yard sale Book sale Hand me down clothes sale	3/19/2015 10:39 AM

20	I participate in the cougar campaign so I don't have to buy anything kids are selling don't go that route!	3/19/2015 9:52 AM
21	N/a	3/19/2015 9:51 AM
22	-	3/19/2015 9:40 AM
23	dont know	3/19/2015 9:29 AM
24	Do the round up at a different time of year! !!	3/18/2015 9:23 PM
25	Maybe more nudges via email or other communications for things like the Cougar Campaign. Maybe make it easy to pay in installments? Don't know if this is already done???	3/16/2015 9:14 PM
26	I love the idea of the cougar campaign. I am not a huge fan of fund raising efforts throughout the year. However, I understand it may be necessary if not enough families contribute. If you increase the time period of the cougar campaign - do you think it would increase participation?	3/16/2015 7:42 PM
27	unsure	3/16/2015 3:55 AM
28	none - just don't complain about how the money is given to you.	3/15/2015 12:14 PM
29	None	3/12/2015 1:03 PM
30	None	3/12/2015 11:47 AM
31	So far looks like PTAC is on track	3/11/2015 8:33 PM
32	Adult only dinner/auction, gift cards,	3/10/2015 2:53 PM
33	??	3/10/2015 8:33 AM
34	I don't know - what a tough job! Not sure why the percentage of participation is SO low for Cougar Campaign - that's terrible - surprised that people don't feel more of a sense of responsibility to provide for their kids education.	3/9/2015 2:49 PM
35	?	3/9/2015 11:20 AM
36	I feel that more families would participate in the Cougar Campaign if the suggested donation amount was not so high. Many people probably don't donate any amount because they are scared away when they see the \$225 suggested amount. If you lowered the amount to \$100-\$150, you would probably see more participation.	3/9/2015 10:52 AM
37	Kids carnival. Different game in every classroom. Kids buy tickets to play. Parents run games and give out trinkets. Dance in the gym. Larger silent auction	3/9/2015 9:27 AM
38	?	3/8/2015 8:02 PM
39	?	3/8/2015 6:57 PM
40	Selling of Tshirts to raise funds (each kid that contributes gets to wear a shirt). Penny wars (collecting spare change (gives the kids a chance to get involved and feel empowered as well).	3/7/2015 2:09 PM
41	Book fair for adults.	3/7/2015 8:40 AM
42	Not sure	3/6/2015 4:34 PM

43	Garage sale	3/6/2015 10:54 AM
44	An idea might be that instead of all the pressure to pay a lump sum at the beginning of the year, to set up a monthly payment plan. That might help spread out the costs for someone who cannot pay that amount in September. I also think even more transparency of where the money is going would be helpful. I think that people are concerned that we are paying most of the money toward Para's. Even though they are extremely important, we wouldn't need them if our class sizes didn't keep growing. It seems like a catch-22, and a lot of parents were upset that the class sizes got bigger this year. If more money went directly to the kids (rather than 5%) you might get more participation.	3/6/2015 10:50 AM
45	For the campaign I think focusing on the paraprofessionals and technology and how that sets us apart from other schools. for some it may help to think about the donation as being way more affordable than private school!	3/6/2015 10:44 AM
46	I don't know. This is really tough. I'd love to see more participation in Cougar Campaign and then be asked less for the other programs throughout the year. I thought you all did a great job communicating this year about the need for fundraising and how the dollars are used. I was very disappointed in the turn out. But you are always asking for money through the many options detailed above. And we had a surplus, so maybe folks thought it wasn't necessary. Maybe the cougar campaign is too early in the school year and people are overwhelmed about being asked right when school starts. I'm sorry. I really don't know.	3/6/2015 7:57 AM
47	honestly not sure	3/6/2015 7:38 AM
48	None	3/6/2015 5:13 AM
49	none	3/6/2015 12:06 AM
50	I had heard the sock hop was not a fundraising event but I think it should be. I don't have any other suggestions top of mind though--sorry.	3/5/2015 9:25 PM
51	There seems to be a feelin of needing to give early in the year--maybe let people settle in and start fundraising a month or 2 later to allow acclimation	3/5/2015 4:33 PM
52	na	3/5/2015 4:07 PM
53	none	3/5/2015 3:52 PM
54	Not sure	3/5/2015 3:00 PM
55	Make public who contributes to cougar campaign.	3/5/2015 2:48 PM
56	None.	3/5/2015 2:19 PM
57	Make it more fun like the cowboy roundup and not so serious	3/5/2015 2:19 PM
58	not sure	3/5/2015 2:03 PM
59	Show direct relationship w fund raiser and intended use of proceeds	3/5/2015 1:56 PM
60	n/a	3/5/2015 1:50 PM
61	None	3/5/2015 1:45 PM
62	Not sure. Seems like you do enough but need more participation from families.	3/5/2015 1:39 PM
63	like the cougar campaign/ round up. no buy no sell.	3/5/2015 1:35 PM
64	.	3/5/2015 1:11 PM

65	Spaghetti Dinners \$7.00 a plate. 100 Mile Club is \$10 per student per year registration Spring Carnival \$5.00 fee Spring Carnival \$5.00 fee Spaghetti Dinners \$7.00 a plate.	3/5/2015 1:07 PM
66	Not sure	3/5/2015 1:01 PM
67	I know that I greatly appreciate not being solicited multiple times during the year for things like cookie dough and magazines. My daughter's school does this and it's really inconvenient. I would much rather make a larger, one time donation to the school. Another idea that I have would be to raffle a reserved parking space in the parking lot for use during the school year.	3/5/2015 12:44 PM
68	not sure	3/5/2015 12:43 PM
69	not sure	3/5/2015 12:41 PM
70	I don't think the PTAC should be raising the enormous funds they are raising. This is a public school. I'd happily march on the steps of the capital building instead of cutting out box tops, etc.	3/5/2015 12:36 PM
71	NA	3/5/2015 12:34 PM
72	N/A	3/5/2015 12:25 PM
73	none at this time	3/5/2015 12:24 PM
74	none	3/5/2015 12:24 PM
75	I am not sure, I like the once a year donation rather than all the other ones some schools do	3/5/2015 12:21 PM
76	I think you are doing great!	3/5/2015 12:21 PM
77	none at this time	3/5/2015 12:17 PM
78	sell take and bake pizzas to families and make by hand	3/5/2015 12:16 PM
79	No opinion.	3/5/2015 12:15 PM
80	I don't mind the cougar campaign - just need more info on what the money is used for.	3/5/2015 10:47 AM
81	Not sure	3/4/2015 7:53 AM
82	If want to keep a direct ask system- break it up over the school year. Back to school can hit a family budget pretty hard, it is off putting to then be asked for a specific amount per family for the PTAC. Comes across as give it to us now so we don't have to work on it later.	3/3/2015 11:46 AM
83	I think we have a good mix of methods and should focus on those.	3/2/2015 7:50 PM
84	a private school that we attended raised \$220,000 per year with an annual gala/live auction fundraiser	3/2/2015 12:30 PM
85	n/a	3/1/2015 10:04 PM
86	No suggestions.	2/25/2015 11:36 AM
87	I don't have any other ideas.	2/24/2015 9:35 PM
88	I think your doing good.	2/23/2015 8:16 PM
89	More dances	2/23/2015 5:13 PM

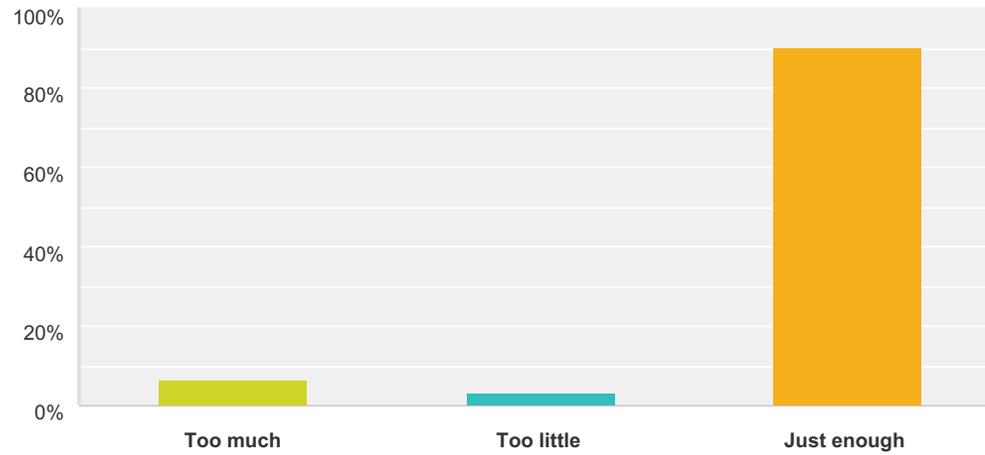
90	Perhaps not being cliquish, banning other from sponsoring because they don't approve of business because they are ignorant.	2/23/2015 4:58 PM
91	MORE FIELD TRIPS and other activites brought into Niwot ie AVID 4, assemblies , less technology the district and bonds fund technology	2/23/2015 4:28 PM
92	Very concerned that the Niwot locals contribute but the non local families do not at the same level.	2/23/2015 9:00 AM
93	?	2/22/2015 4:45 PM
94	I think direct campaign is a good idea and am sorry so few participated. I am curious about why it was so low this year. Perhaps there is an impression that the school is wealthy enough.	2/22/2015 9:18 AM
95	Kids art show	2/21/2015 6:48 PM
96	none	2/20/2015 3:40 PM
97	Make Niwot trot larger. Make it easier to change out grocery cards (onsite day at NES maybe). Do dining for dollars in Boulder not Longmont.	2/20/2015 2:00 PM
98	None, I dislike fundraisers.	2/20/2015 8:38 AM
99	I think we have plenty!	2/19/2015 10:09 PM
100	Keep the cougar campaign going. Spend more time educating parents about the fact that they are not asked to sell anything to fund raise.	2/19/2015 6:56 PM
101	Raffles, in school carnival.	2/19/2015 3:53 PM
102	the grocery card should be directly tied to the donation instead of having to use the gift card. I have shopped at Smith's which is also owned by the same people who own King S. and you do not have to use a gift card to give to the school. It is just tied with your account.	2/19/2015 1:43 PM
103	I like the cougar campaign coupled with the fundraisers that don't cost me anything but help the school - like the grocery cards, target redcard & boxtops.	2/19/2015 1:19 PM
104	Back to school shopping for clothes and supplies, having just paid for a bunch of summer actives, skiing season pass payments come out in September - all these expenses make Cougar Campaign just one more on the list. I better be able to pay in October, but maybe moral isn't as high then...?	2/19/2015 1:14 PM
105	I like things the way they are. Enjoyed the silent auction last year.	2/19/2015 12:43 PM
106	Earmark a campaign for a purpose. If people believe in the purpose and the results of the purpose they may be more inclined to support.	2/19/2015 12:18 PM
107	Although we did participate in the Cougar Campaign, and have all years that our children have attended Niwot, the "suggested" donation has increased every year, and may be too much for families to contribute. Although it is always encouraged to contribute what you can, I think the initial amount requested discourages families from participating, especially if you have a single child at the school, and other families have multiple children attending.	2/19/2015 11:35 AM
108	I cannot think of any new ideas at this time. I think the current activities in place are great!	2/19/2015 11:26 AM
109	I really, truly support the Cougar Campaign because of it's simplicity, no fundraising expectations. I like feeling like I'm making a difference in the school where my children spend so many hours each week! PARA's are a priceless resource & it's disappointing to see such poor participation certain years. There have been years that we had to dig deep to come up with the Cougar Campaign money due to hospital bills, etc...but we believe in the cause and budgeted for it regardless. I wish the entire school community felt the same way.	2/19/2015 11:03 AM

110	none	2/19/2015 10:46 AM
111	None. I think the PTAC does a great job	2/19/2015 10:45 AM
112	none	2/19/2015 10:43 AM
113	none	2/19/2015 10:17 AM
114	I truly think the PTA C does a great job with fundraising.another possible idea to consider is a plant and flower sale in the spring before Mother's Day or earthday	2/19/2015 8:57 AM
115	Not sure other suggestions. I feel like the perception is that our school is very well-off financially and so I wonder if that is why participation in Cougar Campaign is lower than expected. Stress the need for the funds more, show what the monies provide our school. I love that the Cougar Campaign makes it so our kids don't have to go door to door with wrapping paper, candy bars, etc... People need to be reminded of that.	2/19/2015 8:51 AM
116	None.	2/19/2015 8:08 AM
117	Not sure	2/19/2015 5:46 AM
118	I do not have any other suggestions at this time	2/18/2015 10:25 PM
119	make the trot more of a community event, not just our school	2/18/2015 10:12 PM
120	i don't have any suggestions	2/18/2015 10:07 PM
121	Yard sale Food truck	2/18/2015 9:55 PM
122	I don't know but am very happy with the Direct Ask campaign as opposed to selling goods. I prefer to give a larger amount directly than lots of selling opportunities as well.	2/18/2015 9:27 PM
123	none	2/18/2015 9:19 PM
124	?	2/18/2015 9:14 PM
125	I like the programs we have in place.	2/18/2015 9:09 PM
126	???	2/18/2015 9:07 PM
127	Corporate sponsorship?	2/18/2015 8:55 PM
128	Something I've been a part of at our previous school....but worked wonderfully... School garage sale. All bring their 'booth' to set in parking lot then open it to the community. Either 100% of proceeds or a portion of proceeds back to school. Usually close up with ice cream truck or something.	2/18/2015 8:45 PM
129	?	2/18/2015 8:40 PM
130	---	2/18/2015 8:39 PM
131	Not sure.	2/18/2015 8:39 PM
132	Be more specific as to what the money is being used for.	2/18/2015 8:38 PM
133	I love the dining for dollars. I love ish we had more of those. The kids love yo see teachers outside the school	2/18/2015 8:33 PM

134	I think the email and the note campaign could be more persistant. Maybe extend the period for the ask until Thanksgiving. Many budgets are stretched at the beginning of the school year.	2/18/2015 8:13 PM
135	I am really not a fundraiser. I need to raise funds for a STEM girl conference I help organize and I do not like it. I like it that we give once a year, and are not constantly ask to donate.	2/18/2015 8:11 PM
136	If we were to do a fund raiser I would suggest innisbrook gift wrap .	2/18/2015 8:11 PM
137	NA	2/18/2015 8:00 PM
138	not sure	2/18/2015 7:58 PM
139	I'd have to think on this.	2/18/2015 7:43 PM
140	Spend less	2/18/2015 7:37 PM
141	Don't have any suggestions at the moment.	2/18/2015 7:33 PM
142	None	2/18/2015 7:30 PM
143	No other suggestions. Happy with present fundraiser	2/18/2015 7:23 PM
144	I don't really know at this time.	2/18/2015 7:22 PM
145	Online donations, find mail or in person handoff inconvenient	2/18/2015 7:20 PM
146	None	2/18/2015 7:11 PM
147	It seems like the methods in place are good ones- no better suggestions.	2/18/2015 7:10 PM
148	Please do NOT implement tedious fundraisers... I would suggest that you remind parents throughout the school year about how to make a Cougar Campaign donation though... just because someone didn't/couldn't contribute at the beginning of the year doesn't mean that they can't/won't at some future point... and for working parents... it's a great way to feel like we are contributing even if we can't physically be there in person	2/18/2015 7:05 PM
149	?	2/18/2015 7:05 PM
150	Make the grocery cards and target card easier to access. Maybe online orders	2/18/2015 7:04 PM
151	offer a monthly payment, even as low as \$20/mo	2/17/2015 8:24 AM
152	Threaten parents with kids going door to door with wrapping paper and cookie dough as an alternative.	2/16/2015 8:57 PM

### Q14 How much communication do you feel you receive from NES PTAC?

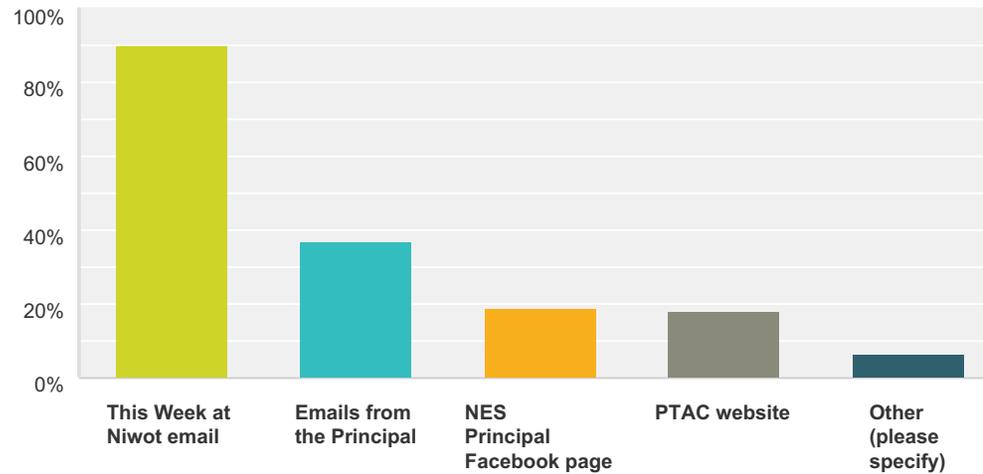
Answered: 152 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
Too much	6.58% 10
Too little	3.29% 5
Just enough	90.13% 137
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>

### Q15 How do you prefer to receive information from PTAC?

Answered: 152 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
This Week at Niwot email	90.13% 137
Emails from the Principal	36.84% 56
NES Principal Facebook page	19.08% 29
PTAC website	17.76% 27
Other (please specify)	6.58% 10
<b>Total Respondents: 152</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	any and all communication is welcome to keep up to date on important highlights.	3/20/2015 11:04 AM
2	NES webpage	3/19/2015 10:50 PM
3	I appreciate being kept in the loop about my son's school activities.	3/16/2015 9:15 PM

4	PTAC Facebook page	3/6/2015 12:46 AM
5	Less paper fliers would be ideal.	2/19/2015 11:04 AM
6	simple text message reminders about an event the day before it happens or before a deadline	2/19/2015 8:59 AM
7	love the weekly email!	2/18/2015 10:12 PM
8	Why do NES staff emails require opening a pdf or attachment? There is a reason there is a "body" to the email. It is annoying and very 18th century to have to open something to read it. cut and paste baby... i'll show you how to use it!!!	2/18/2015 8:15 PM
9	I like paper reminders	2/18/2015 8:00 PM
10	I'm in front of my computer all day and email is always the best way for me to see something!	2/18/2015 7:06 PM

**Q16 As a parent or staff member at NES, you are a member of the PTAC and we sincerely want to hear from you. Do you have other ideas or feedback for the NES PTAC? Please let us know!**

Answered: 77 Skipped: 83

#	Responses	Date
1	Please keep the PTAC meetings at night. As a 2 parent working family it will be impossible to attend during the day. I think families may not see the tangible affects of contributing to Cougar Campaign. Continued 'touches' are important to show how it directly affects their child. I also think that requiring parents to sit through a Grass Roots St Vrain presentation would educate a lot of people re: how education is funded in Colorado, how little money our state allocates compared to others and thus the need for the Campaign. Thanks for all the hard work that you do!	3/20/2015 3:43 PM
2	key note no child is left behind or should be felt left out or treated different. I think more education and or speakers on being different, acceptance and compassion for others would be good for kids to hear.	3/20/2015 11:06 AM
3	I think y'all do a great job. I wish I could volunteer more than I can.	3/20/2015 10:45 AM
4	I would like less funding on technology.	3/20/2015 7:52 AM
5	I think the cougar campaign does ask for a lot of money. Not sure how to adjust this but many families can not afford it. Maybe time of year would make a difference.	3/19/2015 10:16 PM
6	I think the PTAC does a great job!	3/19/2015 10:09 PM
7	I feel the return for SpiritWear doesn't justify the cost or effort. Disseminate meeting minutes from the PTAC monthly meeting (vs. only posting them online somewhere) to increase readership and interest in meetings. Have an anonymous online feedback "box" where parents can raise issues/questions that they want to discuss at a PTAC meeting. PTAC activities (12%) and Family Events (5%) account for too much of the overall budget and should be pared down.	3/19/2015 2:43 PM
8	No	3/19/2015 1:50 PM
9	Z	3/19/2015 11:05 AM
10	No feedback at this time	3/19/2015 9:53 AM
11	The head and members of PTAC are always so unapproachable!	3/19/2015 9:53 AM
12	dont know	3/19/2015 9:29 AM
13	No	3/18/2015 9:24 PM
14	Thanks for all you do!	3/16/2015 3:56 AM

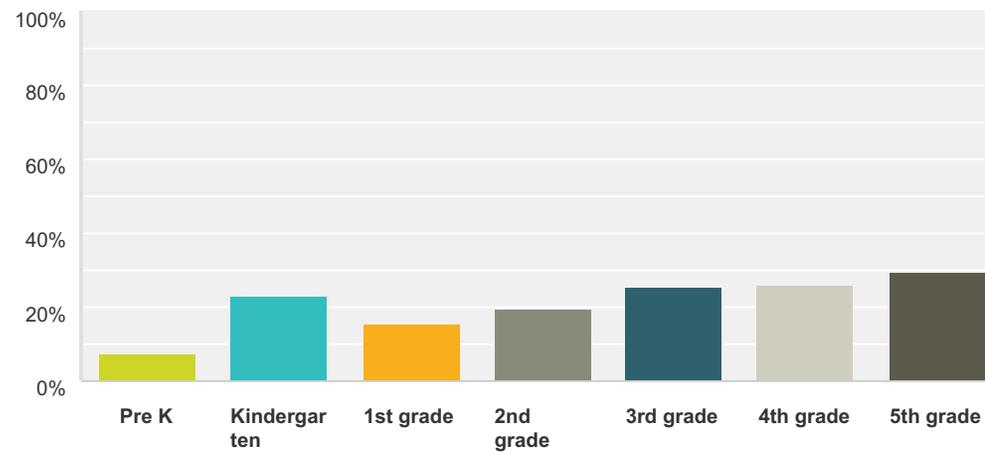
15	I really appreciate the time and effort of the PTAC Board and the many, many parent volunteers! Thank you so very much for helping to make our school community so great!	3/12/2015 1:06 PM
16	Grade level (class) get togethers for parents to get to know each other.	3/10/2015 2:57 PM
17	While I think that it's great that you are checking in for people's thoughts, I feel uncomfortable rating what is important for funding because that shouldn't be up to me when I don't understand the whole picture. For example - what is "character education" - that could be something I think is fantastic or far from it. I also don't know what happens to my kid's ability to get an education without the paras - they are amazing, so I wouldn't want to NOT fund them (hence I contribute to Cougar Campaign) but if I don't pay - what happens? Also, very frustrating that people who don't contribute get to dictate how funds are spent. I'm sure none of these thoughts are new to all of you who are trying to help and lead, so thanks for all you do for the school.	3/9/2015 2:55 PM
18	No	3/9/2015 10:54 AM
19	The image of the school is shaped by the front office staff (and community school staff!!) who interact with parents. If they are curt, or outright RUDE to parents when they come to the school, that affects very greatly how much those parents feel a part of the community and how much they are willing to support the school.	3/9/2015 9:30 AM
20	na	3/8/2015 8:03 PM
21	I think the PTAC generally does a fantastic job, and I appreciate their efforts greatly.	3/6/2015 4:35 PM
22	I feel that too much teacher/principal time is spent on the traffic issue. I feel this takes away time they should be concentrating on education. Why can't parents help with this? I don't think there is enough parent volunteers in the classroom anymore, especially 3-5th grades. Except for room parents and parties, it seems the teachers don't really want the parents in the classroom. But maybe the teachers just don't want the added stress of trying to find something for the parents to help out with. Can't PTAC help with this somehow so that more parents are there helping with the education side of things rather than parties? And I don't mean science garden volunteers, I mean weekly classroom participation.	3/6/2015 10:58 AM
23	Keep up the good work!	3/6/2015 7:39 AM
24	Keep up the good work!	3/6/2015 5:14 AM
25	no	3/6/2015 12:46 AM
26	no	3/5/2015 3:53 PM
27	Not at this time	3/5/2015 3:02 PM
28	No	3/5/2015 2:49 PM
29	no	3/5/2015 2:04 PM
30	I do not like the Para concept - I would prefer more classes with fewer kids in each!	3/5/2015 2:00 PM
31	No	3/5/2015 1:47 PM
32	I think you do an awesome job. Thank you!	3/5/2015 1:40 PM
33	not specifically	3/5/2015 1:39 PM
34	.	3/5/2015 1:11 PM

35	Spaghetti Dinners \$7.00 a plate. Spring Carnival \$5.00 fee	3/5/2015 1:07 PM
36	No	3/5/2015 1:01 PM
37	No	3/5/2015 12:35 PM
38	N/A	3/5/2015 12:25 PM
39	not at this time	3/5/2015 12:24 PM
40	Keep focusing on Technology, Para support!	3/5/2015 12:22 PM
41	I believe the PTAC is doing an incredible job and am thrilled with the support you provide our staff!	3/5/2015 12:18 PM
42	scotch	3/5/2015 12:17 PM
43	None at this time.	3/5/2015 12:16 PM
44	As a new parent to NES I have experienced frustration with communication about activities. I understand that if you have been involved in the school for a few years, you know what things are, and how they are done. Still don't know if the talent show is for everyone, or just certain groups? It may feel redundant, but take a few moments and with the eyes of a new parent, look over what information is put out there for activities- is it easily understood about how, where and why this is happening? Open up the PTAC to new voices- there may be some great new and fresh ideas out there for the school- if people would only feel invited to join.	3/3/2015 11:55 AM
45	Great work and thank you for all the hours you put in to make our school excellent!	3/2/2015 7:51 PM
46	Reduce classroom sizes. Put a maximum on the number of students per class per grade and do not allow open enrollment above those levels. For example, when we first walked in the doors of NES, the class sizes were: kindergarten: 20/class, first grade: 22/class, second grade: 24/class, third - fifth grades: 26 per class. The class sizes as well as open enrollments have become way too excessive which has diminished a sense of community within the school.	3/2/2015 12:34 PM
47	I am sad to hear that a school with so many parent volunteers and parents who want their voices heard that there is such little turn out at the meetings. YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!	2/23/2015 4:29 PM
48	Thanks for all that you do!	2/22/2015 4:46 PM
49	nope	2/20/2015 3:41 PM
50	NA	2/19/2015 1:43 PM
51	I think the PTAC is AWESOME! Thank you!!	2/19/2015 1:15 PM
52	You are doing a great job.	2/19/2015 12:44 PM
53	na	2/19/2015 12:19 PM
54	I think that more and more families have two, full time working parents, and have difficulty finding things that they feel that they can do to become involved in at the school with the amount of free time available. It would be great if there were a list of opportunities for parents to get involved, but be able to contribute during their evenings, weekends, or as time allows since day time events are challenging to take on.	2/19/2015 11:40 AM
55	I am very impressed by the work the PTAC does. While I cannot contribute in the same way as the active members of the PTAC, please know that you have my support and I always work to advocate and encourage people to get involved!	2/19/2015 11:28 AM

56	i appreciate your involvement in NES - i try to help in the classroom and how i can...just limited on funds and time	2/19/2015 10:52 AM
57	Thank you for all you do!	2/19/2015 10:49 AM
58	None at this time	2/19/2015 10:18 AM
59	I appreciate the hard work by the PTAC and all the volunteers	2/19/2015 9:00 AM
60	Not at this time	2/19/2015 8:52 AM
61	Not at this time	2/19/2015 5:47 AM
62	It is disappointing that less than 50% participated in the cougar drive. Perhaps if there were clearly defined levels of participation, then the people who didn't give at all may feel better about giving at a pre-designated lower level instead of just winging it with a "give what you can" note.	2/18/2015 10:35 PM
63	Make emails shorter with links if you want more info. Love getting the emails at the beginning of the week.	2/18/2015 9:56 PM
64	I think you have done a great job with communication and with the new parking situation and Cougar campaign and grocery cards this year!! I would like to see the PTAC work with the principal to help toward better nutrition in our school. I know that is challenging because there are restrictions with the district, but I would like to see Niwot be a leader and I think it is possible.	2/18/2015 9:30 PM
65	?	2/18/2015 9:15 PM
66	Love you.	2/18/2015 9:09 PM
67	No	2/18/2015 8:41 PM
68	None at this time.	2/18/2015 8:40 PM
69	I so love the work you do and I am grateful for all the hard work and effort that goes into your efforts. (A special thanks to Riki for the king soopers card) I think that PTAC money should be spent only on efforts that benefit the entire school rather than a select group of students. I would never ask for the school or other families to support our swim & soccer team, or ski club, why should they support Odyssey of the Mind?	2/18/2015 8:22 PM
70	I really appreciate the work you are doing. It is wonderful.	2/18/2015 8:13 PM
71	NA	2/18/2015 8:00 PM
72	No	2/18/2015 7:38 PM
73	I think you guys do a great job. It is a very small close knit community that enjoys doing things together. Maybe charge a little more to do things for parents???	2/18/2015 7:24 PM
74	Thank you all for stepping up. I know you don't hear it enough.	2/18/2015 7:21 PM
75	You guys are doing a great job! Keep up the good work! P.S. for the question below... I have twins- will my response count twice?	2/18/2015 7:08 PM
76	?	2/18/2015 7:06 PM
77	The mind-up program is something that I really would like to see.	2/18/2015 7:05 PM

**Q17 In what grades are your children currently enrolled at NES? To encourage participation in this survey, the PTAC is sponsoring a contest for the grade level with the most responses. By telling us your child(ren)'s grade level, their grade will get credit for your survey input and the chance to win a piece of NES Spirit Wear!**

Answered: 149 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Pre K	7.38% 11
Kindergarten	22.82% 34
1st grade	15.44% 23
2nd grade	19.46% 29
3rd grade	25.50% 38
4th grade	26.17% 39

5th grade	29.53%	44
<b>Total Respondents: 149</b>		