

Niwot Elementary School's PTAC General Meeting Minutes Tuesday September 15, 2015

Link: [September 2015 General Meeting Presentation](#)

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Donna Blondeau with 15 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the May 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as posted.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & PTAC COMPLETED ACTIVITIES:

Presented by Donna Blondeau, PTAC President

- PTAC Executive Board Members
 - Principal - Nancy Pitz
 - Teacher Representative - Pilar LaFaye (5th grade)
 - President - Donna Blondeau
 - Vice President - Joyce Frailey
 - Vice President of Fundraising - Riki Frea
 - Treasurer - Bobbi O'Donnell
 - Recording Secretary - Julie Jensen
 - Communications Secretary - Patricia Lady
- PTAC Completed Activities:
 - Kindergarten popsicle party
 - Back to School teacher luncheon
 - Back to School Open House
 - School Supplies delivered to classrooms
 - NES New Family Meet and Greet
 - Buddy Family Program
 - 4 Families
 - NES Super Spirit Day
 - Summer Learning Program

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Presented by Laura Spratt, NES Assistant Dean

- Upcoming events:
 - Trip Tracker - Committee Chair - Marni Ratzel
 - Watch D.O.G.S. kick off pizza party - 9/22; Committee Chair - Mark Stauch
 - 100 Mile Club starts 9/22
 - Sign up online; do not have to attend every one.
- Update on Traffic:
 - Nancy wants to say thank you to all NES for their patience. The first few weeks of the school year are always challenging.
 - During after school pick up time, there is a recurring problem with cars idling in the upper lot waiting on parking spaces to become available. When the lot is full, cones are moved to block the entrance.
- Staffing:
 - Health clerk position is now full time.
 - Current Health Clerk, Dianne Happe does not want to be full time.
 - Additional person hired for 2+ hours a day.
 - 7 hour Para-professional for Special Education hired.
 - Enrollment - 463 K-5th; 510 including Pre-school.

TREASURER'S UPDATE: Presented by Bobbi O'Donnell, PTAC Treasurer

Financial slideshow was presented highlighting the balance sheet, income highlights and expenditures since July 1, 2015; surplus balance and recommendations for spending.

(See link above and for financial slides. Financials are always posted on the PTAC website)

- Income Highlights:
 - Cougar Campaign - \$17,692.88
 - Spirit Wear - \$3,299.30
 - Directory - \$2,800.00
 - Whole Foods bags - \$5,675.50
 - Grocery cards - \$895.00
 - Niwot Trot - \$600.00
- Expenditure Highlights:
 - Grocery cards - \$300.00
 - Hospitality - \$493.18
 - Niwot Trot - \$550.00
 - Watch DOGS - \$321.87
 - Teacher grants - \$794.67
 - Spirit Wear - \$2,834.10

- Surplus spending:
 - \$10,000 - Tech Para (3hrs/day = 15 hours/week)
 - \$300 - Document camera for Mrs. Burke's classroom.
 - \$200 - Improvements and supplies for Teacher's Lounge.
 - \$3,000 - Red Cat microphone systems for Music Room and cafeteria
 - \$4,301 - 17 Chrome books
 - FREE - Science Garden clean up
 - \$5,806.97 - Remaining surplus monies to reduce fundraising requirements for the 2015/16 school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Presented by Joyce Frailey, VP and Riki Frea, VP of Fundraising.

- Summer Learning: 76 students completed 306,571 minutes of reading over the summer.
- Volunteer Fair: Will take place 9/18 at 6:30 before the Outdoor movie. 4 committees will participate: Summer learning, Grocery cards, Kiss-n-catch, and Open House.
- Cougar Campaign: As of 9/15/15, we are 65% of our budgeted amount with total raised at \$23,575 from 89 families or 24% of our NES families.
- Directory: Anticipate directory being distributed by mid October.
- Grocery cards: 90 days of inactivity, have to get new one.
- Corporate Cash: Shop through Amazon Smile and designate NES; we get .5% back.
- Niwot Trot: Presented by Gretchen Johnson, Niwot Trot Committee Chair
 - New this year:
 - Every NES student finisher gets a medal.
 - Highest percentage of class participation gets to have 'scooter city' for PE class.
 - All NES students get bibs.
 - Sanctioned race to count towards 100 mile club.
 - Swag bags provided by Nitelze for overall 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade boy and girl finisher.
 - 1st place boy and girl from every grade also gets a NES water bottle and bag.

SHAUN MANZANARES, NES Counselor

- Buddy Benches
 - Both Buddy Benches have been installed. Priority the first part of the year is to educate students on what they are for and best ways for them to be utilized. Shaun is working on signage to use with the benches.

- Curriculum - Each class gets approximately 1 visit each month from Mr. M.

- Kelso's Choice (K-2): Help students handle conflict resolution.
- "Don't bite the hook"
 - Ignore
 - Agree with the hook
 - Be a broken record
 - Say something crazy
- Safeside Superchick
 - Movies about stranger safety and Internet safety.
 - Promote being healthy and making healthy choices.
- Have you filled your bucket today?
- Drug awareness week (end of October)

MARNI RATZEL, Trip Tracker Committee Chair

Trip Tracker is well underway! Marni provided us with a brief overview of the Trip Tracker program that began in August. Students may sign up and join any month of the school year and start tracking those trips.

- For consideration next year: After 1st year of program, Boulder County wants 10% of total Trip Tracker bucks paid back to them.
- Investigating open enrollers having spots on the buses.
- Incentives: Water bottles? T-Shirts? Stickers?

MARK STAUCH, Watch D.O.G.S. Committee Chair

Mark Stauch provided us with an overview of a new program Watch D.O.G.S. that will kickstart on Tuesday September 22 with a pizza party. Watch D.O.G.S. stands for Dads of Great Students and is a way to have more fun, positive male presence in our school. Dads sign up for all day shifts during the school year.

NEW BUSINESS: Presented by Donna Blondeau, PTAC President

Proposal for PTAC to support the 5th grade Artist in Residence program. Anna Freeman has an artist lined up for a quilt making project. Each 5th grader will make a square for the quilt and then all of the squares will be combined together.

CLOSING:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Jensen, *PTAC Recording Secretary*

