

Northstar Middle School NAC Meeting Minutes

Date | time 02/21/2017 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Peggy Sue Reilly

Decisions

Voted to approve the following:

- Minutes of January NAC meeting
- Grants #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 as submitted; grants #6, and 10 with modifications..

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The January meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Principal's Report

- Snow day makeups: The last day of school will be Friday 6/23 and four Wednesdays will become full days. Details coming from the district.
- 2017-18 applications: There were 559 applicants for the 30 places in 6th grade. President Peggy Sue Reilly stated that additional information about the school, including an FAQ for parents, is being added to the website to help applicant families.

Head Teacher's Report

- With only a few assignment grades in Skyward so far this session, a student's grades might look higher or lower than usual. If parents have concerns, they are encouraged to contact the teachers.

President's Report

- Instead of the regular NAC meeting in June, Peggy Sue is considering inviting incoming 6th grade parents to meet with current parents.

Treasurer's Report

President Peggy Sue Reilly gave the Treasurer's report: Treasurer Cushla McKenzie was absent because of illness. Peggy Sue displayed the budget spreadsheet for review.

Expenses

- District transportation costs could increase next year, increasing the cost of field trips.
- Conference week expenses are still being received.

Income

- Matching funds: The district has set up a matching fund account for each school. The Northstar account contains approximately \$2000. Peggy Sue is working with the district to determine how the funds will be transferred to NAC. Parents are requested to allocate funds to the original NAC account: Treasurer Cushla will send information.
- Annual contributions: most have been received.
- Everyday Giving: Cushla is investigating additional options.

See the listing <http://www.lwsd.org/school/nsms/NAC/Pages/NAC-Officers.aspx> for the current NAC Officers & Committee Chairs. The following Committee Chairs presented information at this meeting:

Grants – Megan Hayton

Emergency coordinator Tanya MacFarlane demonstrated the lanterns that were purchased with the fall grant.

Grants Coordinator Megan Hayton summarized the grants program and considerations. A budget of \$7500 was available. Megan described each of the applications and took questions and comments on each application:

- #1, Mindful meditation. Head teacher Bob Herold stated that students responded well to the previous sessions, and these new class will help to cement the skills learned for stress management.
- #2, iFly. An option with families of the students in the flight class paying part of the cost was suggested. This activity cannot be a whole-school field trip this year: all field trips have been booked.
- #3, Standing desk for the office. The district will not pay for this.
- #6, MATLAB. Installation on the students' computers would have to be approved by the district, and annual renewal of the license would become part of NAC's operating budget. To determine the students' interest and aptitude, conference week classes were suggested.
- #7, Pool party. A proposal was made to have the pool party as the final field trip so that all students could attend for the whole time and all staff would be available to chaperon.
- #10, Gaga ball pit. Principal Nell Ballard-Jones has not received an update from the district since the site visit reported in the January minutes: the composite material will have to be used but installation costs and the operating budget are not known.

The following grants were approved as submitted:

- #1: Mindful meditation
- #2: iFly. Three options were voted on and the majority of attendees voted to fully fund this activity:
 - Fully fund activity: 8 votes
 - Fund half and ask families to pay half: 4 votes
 - Ask families to pay and fund scholarships up to \$500: 2 votes
- #3: Standing desk for the office
- #4: Lanterns
- #5: Cameras
- #7: Pool party (date to be determined)
- #8: Cooking class for conference week
- #9: Glass fusion class for conference week

The following grants were approved with modifications:

- #6: MATLAB: Two options were voted on and the majority of attendees voted for a trial class:
 - Conference week trial: 13 votes
 - Fund grant: 1 vote
- #10: Gaga ball pit: Approved the additional allocation of \$1128 to meet the cost of the composite material.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Kudos

Megan Hayton for coordinating the grant applications and approvals.

Jessica Evertt and Colleen Kroeger for organizing a fun February dance.

Important Dates

Thursday	9 th March	Field Trip: Olympia
Friday	10 th March	No school: LEAP day
Tuesday	14 th March	NAC Meeting at 7 pm

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8:11pm.

Next Meeting – 3/14/2017 7:00 PM, Northstar

Meeting Minutes: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/nsms/NAC/Pages/NAC-Meeting-Minutes.aspx>

Attendance:

NAC MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR THE DATE OF: 21st February 2017

Name	Name
Christine Waskett	
Tanya Maltovar	
Jeffrey Richter	
Kristin Trace	
Leanne Cornell	
Jude Harris	
Megan Hayton	
Robert Frost	
Lani Vanderlip	
Philipp	
Najim Khalid	
Heather Cramer	
Sabrina Mix	
Joanne Wells	
Fred Fournio	
Jennifer Bosworth	
Kristina Adad	