

**NOME PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**  
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**Minutes of December 4, 2013**

President, Julie Kelso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Nome Elementary School library. The following individuals were in attendance:

Janet Balice, Julie Kelso, Bob Grimes, Nina Grimes, Janeen Sullivan

**Approval of 11-13-13 Minutes**

Minutes approved without change.

**Wellness Team**

PTA members, Julie Kelso and Crystal Tobuk attended the first Wellness Team meeting on Nov. 21. Kelsey Beecher of Nome Community Center led the meeting. The first order of business for the team is to review the current wellness policy of Nome Public Schools. Kelsey thought the policy was overall adequate, but could use some more specific language as far as accountability and reporting. The district's lunch program is being reviewed this year by USDA.

**Nome Elementary School Curriculum Committee**

PTA members, Julie Kelso and Sarah Miller attended the meeting on Nov. 26. Four NES teachers were in attendance. The first goal is to develop a rubric for evaluating the various textbook series. In future, Julie will attend the math meetings and Sarah will focus on reading.

**Safe Routes to School**

Safe Routes to School met on Nov. 14 at Nome Eskimo Community. Mr. Grimes and Julie were in attendance. Several scenarios for changing traffic movement around the elementary were discussed. There will be a public meeting on December 12. The lack of lighting at K and 5<sup>th</sup> was a topic of discussion. A light at that corner has since been installed.

**Arrgh You Ready to Read?**

A pirate-themed movie will be shown for those students earning the top prize in this NES reading incentive program. Julie will solicit help from PTA members to make and serve popcorn.

**Grandparents' Day**

Mr. Grimes stated that he did approach the teachers about Grandparents' Day, but there was not a lot of interest. It's a busy time of year now with holiday programs, so that may be one of the reasons that teachers were unwilling to commit at present. We'll try again after the first of the year.

**Nome Public Schools' Calendar Committee**

Janeen said that it is time for the NPS calendar committee to meet again and asked for volunteers to serve on the committee.

**Adjourn**