

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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Minutes of September 24, 2012

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:

Brandy Arrington	Emma Goodwin	Leonard Lastine	Pam Smith
Nancy Bahnke	Nina Grimes	Sylvia Matson	Emily Stotts
Janet Balice	Robert Grimes	Karen Mehl	Janeen Sullivan
Alice Bioff	Teresa Johnson	Adrienne Michels	Beata Szygulski
Pat Booth	Colleen Johnson	Barbara Nickels	Crystal Tobuk
Faye Buffas	Julie Kelso	Jennifer Reader	
Rochelle Bushey	Marguerite LaRiviere	Pat Robinson	

Approval of January 18, 2012 Minutes

Barb Nickels moved to approve the minutes. No discussion. Minutes approved.

Election of Officers

Barb Nickels moved to retain the current officers in their current positions. Motion passed unanimously. Officers are: Julie Kelso, - President, Pat Robinson - Vice-president, Janet Balice – Secretary, Crystal Tobuk – Treasurer.

Proficiency Scales – Mike Brawner

Mike Brawner is unable to attend the meeting. This discussion is postponed to a future meeting.

PTSA Bylaws

The by-laws have been updated and we are waiting on review from the Alaska State PTA. Once they have been received back from AK PTA, and their suggestions incorporated, they will be presented to our membership for approval. Major changes in the by-laws include changing our name from PTSA to PTA and moving the date of officer elections to May.

2012 – 2013 Budget

Julie presented the proposed budget for the 2012- 2013 fiscal year. Pat Robinson moved to approve the budget. No discussion. Budget approved.

Nome Elementary Library face-lift

Pat Robinson proposed a library face-lift to make the library more inviting. A suggestion was made to access the PTSA fund balance for this project. A committee was proposed to come up with ideas.

First and Seond Grade Spelling Bee

Julie suggested having a spelling bee for first and second graders. The PTSA Spelling Bee currently includes 3rd – 8th graders. We have two trophies left over from the 2012 Bee and several medallions that we could use for a first and second grade bee. Adrienne Michels volunteered to head up the project. Emily Stotts will meet with first and second grade teachers to plan the event.

Nome Elementary Science Fair

Duscussion took place about having a science fair at Nome Elementary. Marguerite LaRiviere will head up a Science Fair committee.

Accelerated Reader

A parent asked if Accelerated Reader was being used at Nome Elementary. Last year, the elementary shared a license with ACSA. The elementary does not have its own license. Nancy Bahnke will research the cost of Acccelerated Reader.

Nome Elementary Reading Incentive Program

Librarian, Nancy Bahnke is working on developing a reading incentive program for the elementary school with an election theme. A meeting will be held with teachers to work out the details.

Nome Elementary Honor Roll

An honor roll at Nome Elementary was proposed, similar to what is being done at ACSA and Nome Beltz. Pam Smith suggested that recognition also be given for effort. A “most improved” award was suggested. NES principal, Robert Grimes will seek feedback from staff.

Room Parent Coordinator

Nome Elementary does not currently have a room parent coordinator. Julie offered to help get the program off the ground.

PTSA Help Box

Suggestion was made for a “help box” to be placed in the elementary teachers’ lounge in which teachers can place projects for PTSA members to complete.

Nome Beltz Volunteer needs

Janeen Sullivan stated that Nome Belz could use parents as tutors. Also, a volunteer is sought to help with an Artists in School grant.

Box Tops

Jennifer Reader is still counting Box Tops for the schools. She will pick them up on October 30.

Meeting adjourned