Narragansett High School
PTO Minutes: September 26, 2019  NHS Media Center

Number in Attendance: 11
In addition, we welcomed Marjana Catanzaro (robotics club) as well as students from NHS FFA, along with their teacher, Meredith Ashworth.

Agenda Items
Call to Order: 7:03pm

Minutes: May 10, 2018 reported by Jill Reardon. Minutes accepted by Jane Edmonds and Maria Rocchio

Dan Warner:
- This is the last year for common tasks.
- New Computer Lab
- Narragansett High School is expanding its CTE (Career and Technical Education) Pathway Program for students in district and across Rhode Island! New in 2019 is the Education Program. Along with the other pathways of Agricultural Science, Information and Computer Technology and Mechanical Trades- Plumbing there are 66 out of district students are participating. Students just need to take a designated number of classes, about 4-5, to qualify except for Plumbing with does require a bigger commitment. The Plumbing program has not been very popular, PTO discussed changing the name from Plumbing to Mechanical Trades and having guest speaker come in and discuss all the great opportunities tradesmen after High School.

Spending and Requests for Funds:
- Treasurer Report: Submitted by Beth-ann Myers. Accepted by PTO members Jill Reardon and Denise Corson

Request for Funds:
- NHS FFA: Meredith Ashworth and two students represented the Narragansett chapter of the FFA (Future Farmers of America) in their requests for financial assistance for their trip to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis. There are 28 students attending this trip, and some are competing nationally. The students and Mrs. Ashworth explained the itinerary, the competitions, and the roles that the students will play as they represent Narragansett, as well as RI, in this conference. The FFA is part of the agri-science pathway at NHS. The group explained other fundraising that they had completed and requested $2,800 ($100 per student). After deliberation, the PTO agreed to contribute $1,400 ($50 per student). Have fun, Future Farmers – and represent us well!
- Kathleen Couchon (science teacher at NHS) Requested funds to introduce a VR/AR (augmented reality) to her freshmen classes. This would allow the classes to explore experiences outside of the classroom. The students would also be able to use their technology knowledge to create their own VR/AR apps. Requested 6 cubes at a total cost of 179.40. Request Approved
- NHS Robotics requested $350.00 to cover the qualifier registration fees for the robotics competitions. Request approved
Mariner Market Place 11/16/2019:

BIG NEWS: As many of us know, our dedicated president, Denise Corson, will be “graduating” from NHS this year with her son Colby. Although we do not yet have a president for 2020-2021, Heather Kisilywicz has agreed to shadow Denise in order to possibly take the reins for Mariner Marketplace 2020. Thank you to Heather – our PTO relies on this amazing fundraiser and truly appreciates your generosity and commitment!

Here’s what’s up for Mariner Marketplace 2019

- MJ Kanaczet has offered to chair the Food Committee.
  We are currently seeking volunteers to ask for food donations from restaurants and local businesses. PTO has a list of past participants, but we are looking for anyone new to also donate. Look for a Sign-Up Genius to volunteer for this committee
- Heather Kisilywicz will organize a Sign-up Genius. This will include student volunteers and food donations, in addition to all other volunteers.
- Michelle Frank will be helping with marketing. Be on the lookout for flyers and advertisements. Hopefully, we can involve some students to help get the word out. **This is a great opportunity for students to earn volunteer hours!** Students can earn 2 hours for volunteering to hang up posters and can earn even more by helping on the day of the event.
- Beth-ann will be helping with volunteers. Dorothy mentioned asking FFA to have students volunteer for setup and clean on Saturday since these are difficult times to fill.
- Raffle- since all vendors must donate and item, we do not need to request a lot of items from the community except for food donations to the Café. A request will go out to parents for donations. Committee members asked to donate a few bottles of wine for raffle baskets.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Reardon (Secretary)