

NES PTAC General Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

1/17/18 9:15 am

Board Members in attendance: Nancy Pitz, Pilar LaFaye, Riki Frea, Rita Ayer, Nikki Lee, Jess Sekley, Eve Bonn, Angela Hudgins, and Susan Granstrom

Parents in attendance: 1 member

Presenters: Erin Jeffreys & Laura McDonald representing Grassroots St. Vrain & Cammie Edson representing Boulder County Transportation Department/Trip Tracker

At 9:15, Riki Frea led the call to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Board members were introduced, and an overview of agenda was provided.

Principal's Update

- Construction Update
 1. The front entrance of the school will be updated with double doors that lead into the office area without direct access to the rest of the building. This change will provide a more secure entrance. The updated lobby area will feature 2 digital screens for announcements. Construction is slated to begin on May 25th, the day after school is dismissed. Due to construction, there will be no summer activities at NES.
 2. Other changes include the removal of the sink islands in 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade classrooms. The islands will be replaced with sinks that are against the wall. The carpet in sections of the building will be replaced and walls will be painted.
 3. All construction is funded by money raised from the bond measure approved in 2016.
- Nancy announced that there has been a lot of communication district-wide about the importance of attendance. A flyer was distributed.
- Nancy reminded attendees that SVVSD's 'A Day of Excellence' workshop is on Saturday 1/20 and distributed a flyer with the day's agenda.
- Nancy noted that all available dates for WATCH D.O.G.S. have been filled.

Grassroots St. Vrain Presentation

1. Erin Jeffreys gave a presentation on the history of Grassroots St. Vrain & explained the group's mission of communicating education funding policies in Colorado to help voters make informed decisions.

2. Erin showed videos that explained school funding and discussed how property taxes impact school funding. She also discussed the marijuana tax.
3. For more information on Grassroots St. Vrain please visit their website @ <https://grassrootsstvrain.org/> The videos can be found @ <https://grassrootsstvrain.org/learn/>

Trip Tracker Presentation

1. Cammie explained that the goal of the Trip Tracker program is to reduce the number of single family drivers at school and to promote alternate methods of transportation. The benefits include improved air quality, decreased traffic, and increased physical activity. Participants are reimbursed with Trip Tracker bucks that can be used like real money at participating businesses. Those businesses are reimbursed at 50% by Boulder County Transportation.
2. The participating schools receive infrastructure support from the county. NES has the cycletrack on Morton Road and the county is also evaluating additional infrastructure to enhance safety and promote walking/biking.
3. Trip Tracker personnel will be at NES on 2/9 for Winter Walk/Bike to School Day to promote bike safety.
4. Cammie distributed a flyer summarizing Trip Tracker data from year 2, 2016/17.
5. For more information on Trip Tracker, please visit their website @ <https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/multi-modal/trip-tracker/>

Minutes compiled by Rita Ayer, VP