

NES PTAC General Meeting Minutes
"Internet Safety"
Feb 20, 2018 7pm

Executive Board Member Attendees: Nancy Pitz, Pilar LaFaye, Riki Frea, Rita Ayer, Eve Bonn, Jessica Sekley, Nikki Lee, Angela Hudgins, and Susan Granstrom

6 Parent Attendees

At 7pm Riki Frea, President, announced a call to order.

Principals Update- Nancy Pitz

In the aftermath of the February 14th school shooting in Florida, Nancy spent this evening discussing pertinent safety procedures at Niwot Elementary School. She went into detail discussing the different types of drills performed within the school. By law, the school performs monthly fire drills, also known as evacuation drills. Three additional types of drills practiced are lockdown, lockout, and seek shelter. Scenarios are explained to the children depending on grade and maturity. Lockdown procedures are those of current concern. The lockdown procedure includes four options for students: evacuate, 'locks, lights, out of sight', block and obstruct, disperse and distract.

Nancy shared information about the building construction that will take place this summer.

A parent asked Nancy how threats are handled within the school. Nancy explained the district's policy. First, it depends on the age of the child. If the child is in preschool it is taken differently than if a 5th grader makes threats on campus. If the child is old enough that the threat is a concern, it was explained that there is a protocol of questions provided from the district in order to determine level of threat. After completion, the investigation is sent to the district for evaluation. Suspension and expulsion are used if necessary. Some investigations require suspension during the review process.

Teacher's Update- Pilar LaFaye

Provided emails from the teachers thanking the PTAC for providing student enrichment and teacher grants. Calwood is officially scheduled for next October for the then- 5th graders.

President's Update- Riki Frea

Riki went over a few important upcoming dates and financial points.
Sock Hop and Silent Auction, Friday 2/23/18.
Dining for Dollars: Lucky Pie in Niwot on March 6th
Talent Show on March 22nd
Usborne Book Fair April 23rd-27th

Reviewed Income and Expenses to date - July 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018
(see financial documents at www.niwotptac.com for numbers)

Mentioned weekly newsletters and Facebook pages as a reminder to the parents.

Joe McBreen, Chief Technology Officer, SVVSD for Internet Safety offered a presentation on Internet Safety

He opened with an explanation of the difference between the 'circle of control', 'circle of influence', & 'circle of delusion'. Joe gave an analogy for technology in that it is similar to a glass of water with a drop of food coloring, and there is no returning. So, how shall we address such technological challenges with our children? The goal in raising children should be to ultimately raise a 'healthy adult'. He went in depth about responsibility and how it changes over the time of raising a child.

Many of Joe McBreen's resources can be found at <https://tech.svvsd.org> and commonsensemedia.org/educators.

Minutes compiled by Susan Granstrom