**NFS PTO Teacher Grant Guidelines**

The primary goal of the PTO in awarding teacher grants is to provide enrichment for NFS students in a way that the staff considers most helpful.  To help staff in thinking about what types of grants to apply for, to communicate with the PTO where this money goes, and to help the PTO Board when making decisions about grant applications, we offer the following guidelines:

* In awarding grants, we will strive to spread resources out to as many students as possible. Thus, we may put an application towards the end of the list if that teacher, or the targeted group of students, have already benefited from a grant in the current school year.
* In awarding grants, we ask staff to apply only for those items/resources/experiences that will not be funded through the district or school budgets.
* We will consider whether the grant funds an item or resource that is durable and can be enjoyed by several generations of students.  That being said, we will also consider single experiences, particularly if it brings something to students that they might otherwise not enjoy.  We think about both lasting items and unique experiences in terms of the impact they have on students.
* We will strive to provide funding to diverse topics: science, math, art, literature, physical education, etc.
* We love to see staff thinking outside of the box to bring something unique to our students that draws on the passions of our wonderful staff!  If it connected to the curriculum and is innovative, you're on the right track.
* Our budget, including the amount for teacher grants, is set at the beginning of the school year.  We want to give staff flexibility in asking for funds any time a great idea or opportunity arises.  While we may have flexibility to augment funds for teacher grants towards the end of the year, please keep in mind that applications submitted during the first half of the school year might have a better chance of being funded.