

Nord PTO Meeting Minutes
August 14th 2019
Nord Middle School

Meeting order: 6:07p.m.

Principal: Ms. Jiovanazzo

- ❖ Thank you for your support with the library updates. Everything looks great and we are excited for the students to start utilizing the space. We purchased new bookshelves for the books, which required us to cut back on the amount of books in the library. Mrs. Wagner went through all the books and cleared out those that haven't been checked out in years or were old and outdated. We then purchased new books using library funds.. We are looking into donating the old books to nursing homes, little libraries, or organizations who provide books to families in need.
- ❖ Camp Fitch Sept 25-27 (5th grade) - I thought it would be nice to make up and give all the Camp Fitch parent volunteers Goody bags as a thank you for helping out.

Teacher Report: None

BOARD:

President: Jen Denn (nordpto1@gmail.com; 440-309-5321)

- ❖ We had several people graciously volunteer for Board positions after the last meeting in May, so we need to nominate and vote them in.
~Sarah Crosby nominated Jen Denn for President, Dawn Clappas for Vice President, Darcie Parsons for Treasurer, and Heather Pearch and Lyndsey Donat for Co-Secretaries; Traci Patton seconded. Vote: Yes
- ❖ Open House will be Monday, August 19th. 3rd graders will be 5:30-6:30 and 4th/5th, 7:00-8:00. We need volunteers to help at the membership table. There is a sign up sheet if anyone is interested. Tablets will be available to use to sign up online. Hank Dutton (3rd grade parent) designed 1st Day of School Pages to be given to all kids to color and use for 1st day pictures. We are also planning on a raffle for a teacher to win a school supply basket at Open House. Nancy Penano volunteered to make the basket. Each membership sign up will be given a raffle ticket to enter their teacher's name to win the basket. The teacher will also present a small gift to the student who nominated them.
- ❖ 2019-2020 Budget & Goals
 - We discussed the budget and submitted it for approval.
~Sarah Crosby made a motion to approve the budget, Traci Patton seconded. Vote: Yesf
 - I asked Ms. J what projects/goals she would like us to support this year with fundraising. Here is the list with estimated cost where applicable:
 - New gym bleachers: \$35,000
 - New gym floor: \$50,000
 - Couch for library media center: \$3,000
 - Sign for outside near street: \$20,000
 - Safety doors for classrooms: \$1,100 per door
 - Sensory Trail for hall: \$\$ depends on what we want to do
 - Sensory room: \$\$ depends on what we do

Proposed Project Budget:

Purchase safety interior doors:***	\$11,000
(We will discuss re-allocating these funds at our Sept meeting)	
Couch for media room:	\$ 3,000
Sensory Trail:	\$ 1,000
Teacher Lounge:	\$ 1,000
Flexible Seating/Furniture:	<u>\$4,700</u>
Total:	\$20,000

~Stephanie Boggs made a motion to approve the project budget, Sarah Crosby seconded. Vote: Yes

***** Post meeting update - the district will be covering the safety/security portion so we will be discussing amending this at the next meeting.**

Vice President: Dawn Clappas (dclappas@gmail.com; 440-983-7776)

❖ Open Committees

- Community Fundraising (Marco's Monthly Pizza Night and Pizza Box Nights)- Nancy Penano volunteered to Chair
- Community Support Initiative- Lyndsey Donat volunteered to chair
- Social Events (Dances)
- Reading Club -Stephanie Boggs suggested having the L/A teachers pass out the reading logs and prompt kids to read and fill them out. Prizes would be issued according to L/A class, not homeroom. We will discuss any additional budget needs later in the year, once we see how participation/prizes are going. Prizes will be given out during lunch periods. Volunteers will be needed to help during lunches. Nancy Penano and Amanda Messer volunteered to chair.

Treasurer: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com), 440-667-5202)

- ❖ Bank Account Balance: \$22,006.91
- ❖ Checkbook Balance: \$21,084.50
- ❖ **Transactions since May Meeting:**
 - Deposits: \$ 92.85
 - Payments : \$ 33,582.16
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Secretary: Heather Perch (pearch896@gmail.com, 724-312-9704)

(Heather was not in attendance, Dawn Clappas took over Secretary duties for this meeting)

- ❖ Please sign in on the attendance sheet
- ❖ **~Amanda Messer made a motion to waive the reading of last meetings minutes, Nancy Penano seconded. Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Please email me any agenda information by the Monday before the PTO meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Monsters: The Game will be November 3rd @ 1pm. We have chosen the lowest price point for the tickets with the sale price as \$20.00/ticket. 50 kids will be able to go out on the ice and hold the American Flag during the National Anthem if we meet our 100 ticket goal.

Community Fundraising:

- ❖ Amazon Smile & Giant Eagle: if you are new to Nord be sure and sign up for Amherst and tell family and friends to do so as well!

Staff Appreciation: Welcome Back Breakfast for 1st day back - Heather Pearch coordinated

Meeting adjourned: 8:13pm

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS REFERENCE

Apparel Sales: Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

Book Fair: Lauren Price (laurenmfries@hotmail.com; 440-453-5053) & Sarah Yoder (sarahyoder81@gmail.com)

❖ Dates: October 10th - after school/during conferences

Community Fundraising: Open

❖ Marco's Pizza Box Night - monthly Pizza night, classroom winner and Pizza box night

❖ Amazon Smile & Giant Eagle: this is mostly electronic and is split between all PTO's

Community Support Initiative: Open

Field Day: Jen Wolf (jynn6@yahoo.com; 330-687-8205)

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Fundraising: Walk a Thon: Jen Wolf (jynn6@yahoo.com; 330-687-8205)

❖ Sept 20th (rain Date is Oct

Homecoming: Margo Wamboldt (margo.dw@gmail.com; 505-553-5964)

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Staff Appreciation: Heather Pearch (pearch869@gmail.com; 724-312-9704)

❖ Welcome Back Breakfast for 1st day back - volunteer?

Membership: Dawn Clappas (dclappas@gmail.com; 440-983-7776)

Social Events

Dances: Heather Perch (pearch896@gmail.com, 724-312-9704) and Darcie Parsons (darcia16@hotmail.com, 440-667-5202)

❖ Dates: March 6th and March 13th

Monsters: Sarah Crosby (srhcrosby@gmail.com; 440-396-8174)

❖ November 3rd @ 1pm - need to decide on seat location and pricing

Social Media: Erin Kinser (erin_kinser@amherstk12.org)

❖ Be sure to "Like" and share FB posts and retweet our tweets

Kalahari: Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

Reading Club: OPEN