

Nord PTO Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019
Nord Middle School

Meeting order: 9:05am

Principal: Ms. Jiovanazzo

- ❖ Off to a great school year. Pickups/ drop offs along with busses going smoothly.
- ❖ Approved reallocation of funds to move safety funds to flexible seating for classrooms **Lauren Price made motion Amanda Messer seconded Vote: Yes**
 - Discussed flexible seating options for classrooms and media center and finding out when the district buys furniture to possibly help cover the cost of some of the furniture
 - Media couch -\$3000
 - Bar stools/wiggle chairs -\$130/chair
 - Yoga balls
- ❖ Playground requests-teacher's grant?
 - Gaga ball staples-contacting JVS about replacing
 - Balls
 - Ipad for indoor recess time
- ❖ Jen Wolf suggested also finding out about moving Powers school playground to Nord to enhance or replace the current playground at Nord
- ❖ Discussed family in crisis
 - Voted to increase from \$50 to \$100 per family possibly gift card or money then possibly having donation by families if more is needed **Lisette Pagan made motion Janelle Polonkay seconded Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Discussed possible Winter/Spring fundraiser
 - Stoller Fundraising Company-Butter Braids
- ❖ We will be participating in the District wide Holiday Apparel Sale

Teacher Report: None

BOARD:

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

- ❖ Jen was not in attendance, VP Dawn Clappas ran meeting

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

- ❖ Budget-
 - Increased Staff Appreciation budget +\$500 to help cover the bus garage for staff appreciation week as this year Nord PTO is responsible to provide for them. **Amanda Messer made motion Janelle Polonkay seconded. Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Community Fundraising-
 - Powers PTO will be the coordinator of shared programs Box Tops and Shoparoo. Agreed with Powers PTO to split all of the proceeds between the 3 schools

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

- ❖ Bank Account Balance: \$21,403.71
- ❖ Checkbook Balance: \$20,573.79

❖ **Transactions since August Meeting:**

- Deposits: \$ 713.94
- Payments: \$1,229.75

Secretary: Heather Perch (pearch896@gmail.com, 724-312-9704) Lyndsey Donat (lynwlod@gmail.com)

- ❖ Please sign in on the attendance sheet
- ❖ **Lauren Price made a motion to waive the reading of last meetings minutes, April Pine seconded. Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Please email Heather Perch (pearch896@gmail.com) or Lyndsey Donat(lynwlod@gmail.com) any agenda information by the 1st of each month, before the PTO meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Monsters:

- ❖ The Game will be November 3rd @ 1pm Our game will have a kids giveaway with free tickets to Castaway Bay given at the door.
- ❖ 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:

- ❖ Lissette Pagan (440-989-6160) volunteered to co-chair with Heather Perch
- ❖ We will provide meals for upcoming conferences October 10th and November 7th as well as February 11th for 50/60 staff members from 5-7pm
- ❖ 80 staff members for teacher appreciation week
 - Will have signup genius for families to help provide drinks and desserts to help off-set costs between all 3 conferences

Walk a Thon:

- ❖ September 20th Rain date: October 4th
 - Volunteers needed to walk with classes, water stations, and stay to count profits

Social Events:

- ❖ Dances: April Pine agreed to chair, Heather Perch and Darcie Parsons will co-chair
- ❖ Under the Sea theme
- ❖ Dates: March 6th and March 13th

Apparel Sales:

- ❖ District wide Holiday Apparel Sale with 1 chairperson per PTO and 1 overall chairperson. Everyone agrees on items and splits profits equally.

Membership:

- ❖ Families: 141
- ❖ Staff: 33

Book Fair:

- ❖ Dates: October 10th after school/during conferences
- ❖ Discussed whether we will opt for Scholastic dollars or cash from the bookfair revenue

Reading Club:

- ❖ September calendars are due Oct 1st. Prizes will be awarded week of Oct. 26th

Other

- ❖ November 17th dedication ceremony for new Powers Elementary
- ❖ 2 dates will be available for final walk thru of old Powers Elementary for families to visit. First date set for Sunday, September 29th and later date tba for November/December

Meeting adjourned: 10:09am

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS REFERENCE

Apparel Sales: Amanda Messer (amesser@gmail.com) & Lyndsey Donat (lynwlod@gmail.com)

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

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: Lyndsey Donat

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

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

Homecoming: OPEN

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

Lissette Pagan(440-989-6160)

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

Social Events

Dances: Chair~April Pine

Co-Chairs~Heather Pearch (pearch896@gmail.com, 724-312-9704) and Darcie Parsons (darcia16@hotmail.com, 440-667-5202)

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

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: Nancy Penano (nancypenano@hotmail.com)